

# First Presbyterian Church

May 1, 2022



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## Communion Sunday

## **8:30 A.M. PRAYER AND COMMUNION**

### Preparation

Prelude

*Festive Voluntary*

*Lau*

### Adoration

Call to Worship

\*Hymn #148

At the Name of Jesus

1. At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow,  
Ev'ry tongue confess him King of glory now;  
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,  
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.
2. At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,  
All the angel faces, all the hosts of light,  
Cherubim in heaven, stars upon their way,  
All the heav'nly orders in their great array.
4. Bore it up triumphant with its human light,  
Thro' all ranks of creatures to the central height,  
To the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast,  
Filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

\*Call to Confession

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the Good News.  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

\*Gloria Patri

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

## Proclamation

Scripture Reading

Luke 3:1-14

Remarks

Rev. Dr. David H. Green

### Prepare the Way

*“As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,*

*“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:*

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.*

*(Luke 3:4)*

## Dedication

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn #150

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1. Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend; to us He'll condescend;  
His love shall never end; Alleluia! Amen!
3. Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,  
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

*Flourish on "Salzburg"*

*Wagner*

\*Please stand if able.



*Visitors, Welcome to FPC*

First Presbyterian Church of Conroe welcomes you. If you are interested in learning more about our church, or wish to become active in our ministry teams and activities, please visit our website at [fpconroe.org](http://fpconroe.org) and fill out the Visitor form online, or on page 17 of this bulletin. We appreciate you joining us for services today, whether online or in person.

WELCOME

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# 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

## Preparation

Opening Music

## Adoration

Introit

*Bless His Holy Name Forever*

*Kaiser*

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## Confession

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\*Prayer of Confession

Almighty God: in love you spread good gifts before us, more than we need or deserve. We confess that we always want more and that we never share as freely as you give. Forgive our stubborn greed, and our destructiveness. In mercy, help us enjoy your goodness and to thank you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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\*Gloria Patri

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory                      *His Mercy is More*                      *Rouse*

\*Doxology

**\*Prayer of Dedication and the Lord's Prayer**

\*Choral Response

*Proclamation*

Scripture Reading

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Sermon

Rev. Dr. David H. Green

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Come, great God of all the ages,  
Make Your earthly mission known;  
Speak through every deed and person,  
Let Your way and will be shown.  
Guide the church to true commitment;  
Give direction now, we ask;  
Fit us for the work of building,  
Dedicate us to the task.

\*Postlude

*Flourish on "Salzburg"*

*Wagner*

\*Please stand if able.

## ***This Week's Scripture Reading***

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Scripture Reading:

Luke 3:1-14

<sup>1</sup> In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, <sup>2</sup> during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup> As it is written in the **book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. <sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, <sup>6</sup> and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."**

<sup>7</sup> He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, **"You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?**

<sup>8</sup> Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>9</sup> Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

<sup>10</sup> And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" <sup>11</sup> And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise."

<sup>12</sup> Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" <sup>13</sup> And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do."

<sup>14</sup> Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."



# *Notes*



*Thank You!*

The FPC Youth Group wants to extend a huge THANK YOU!! to everyone who supported the Annual Youth Auction. This congregation is so amazing and generous and we couldn't do God's work without you.

### ***Annual "Support Our Missions" Sunday***

We, at FPC, can be humbly proud that we have been able to sustain our many mission programs for the homeless during the pandemic years, as well as during years of strong pressures on our church budget.

We have responded annually to donating to the major source of funding for our **Mission Ministry... our MISSION SUNDAY SPECIAL OFFERING, which will be on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

Envelopes will be provided at the rear of the Sanctuary, or you may donate via the website, noting that your contribution is for Mission Sunday.

This year, all funds collected will be used to support Family Promise of Montgomery County. We have supported this program, which provides shelter, meals, counseling, and independence training to local homeless parents with children, since its inception in 2001. The Family Promise program, which equips people to help themselves, has been hugely successful, with over 90% of the graduates of this program having left with full-time employment.

Much more is needed to keep our Mission programs going, and we need your support now! Please contribute on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### ***Mother's Day Brunch***

**FPC Youth Group will be hosting a Mother's Day Brunch on May 8<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School hour (9:30-10:30 a.m.). Don't worry, the kids will be bringing brunch to your classroom, so you don't have to miss anything.** We will also be serving in the Family Life Center for those not attending Sunday School Class.

If you would like to help serve our Moms, contact Mark Sowden for information.

## *Graduating Seniors Sunday*

Senior Sunday is coming soon! Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, **we'll recognize our high school graduates** during the 11:00 a.m. service, with a reception in the FLC hallway afterwards. We hope you will be there to celebrate this great milestone for our class of 2022!

### *Nursery Staff Opening*

Now hiring Nursery staff member. Please see Dena Sowden for more information (979) 255-2096.

### *Opportunity for Service*

We need several volunteers that are willing to check inventory of the church coffee and related supplies, and then submit a list of items to be reordered to the church office on a weekly basis. This is not a time consuming project. It can be done in about 15 minutes on Sunday morning. A schedule will be made based on volunteer availability. If you are interested in helping or have questions, please contact Audrey Christie-Fellowship at (562) 334-6189 or [scottishdawn@hotmail.com](mailto:scottishdawn@hotmail.com).

### *Worship Committee Openings*

The Worship Committee has openings for new members. We also welcome any voluntary help with our projects and responsibilities. Any amount of time you could offer would be appreciated and instruction will be provided. Some of our activities are: Ushering, Preparing communion, Candle and banner upkeep. Please contact Janet or Chuck Pohla, or the church office, to volunteer.

### *Volunteer Sound Techs Needed*

Sunday morning help needed. If you would like an opportunity to be more **"hands on" during the worship service, we have just the place for you.** After many years of service, Mary would like to find her replacement for the sound booth. Even if you can only spare one Sunday a month, it would be a great help. No experience is necessary. Contact Dena Sowden for details at (979) 255-2096.

*Please prayerfully consider helping out in one of the above capacities.*

*There are several places to be filled.*

## Prayer List

Members: The family of Margaret Hill, Bettye Wakefield, the family of Kellye Heasley Helleck, Jenny Peterson, Gary Weinburger, Jean Ball, Bill Harshbarger, Roy Kessler, Mary Hudson, George Shackelford, Kim Phillip, Flem Keathley, Carolyn Hebert, Paul Ivison, Lorraine Bosse, Don Myers, Margaret Carson, Fay Harrison, Clyde Cruikshank, Virginia Tamborello, Ben Hughes, Polly Miller, Jeanne Leverette, Virginia Olivier, Tom Braaten

Members' Relatives & Friends: Eddie S. & Harry S., Jr. (Havens), Randy S. (Spencer), Barbara B. (Das), James M., Patty M., Enrique E. (Moore), Alfred H. (Harshbarger), Amy S., Jack W. (Cannon), William W. (Weinburger), Freddy G. (Taylor), Lynda H. and Amy D. (Ebanks), Sherry B. (Harrison), Jeffrey H. & Leah H. (Heasley), Deborah R. (Rose), Katie B. (Pohla), Wendy S. (Adamson), Tim J. (Staff), Krissy P. & family (Kasmiersky), Judy N. (Dukes), Sherry M. (Garrison), Lee H. (Helms), Caleb & Michaela W. (Henderson), Lena & her children (Webb), Gerald H. (Roberts), Tamara B. (Harrison), Leslie M. family and Martha K. (Juhl), Tucker H. (Hudson), Nikkia (Wilmberty), Virginia R. (Smith), Dana K. (Shorts)

## Good Things to Know

### *Attendance*

Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Prayer and Communion - 22

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 131

Online Worship Attendance - 33

Total Attendance - 186

### ***Today's Worship Leader***

Martha Haines

## Save the Date

May 5	National Day of Prayer
May 8	<b>Mother's Day Brunch</b>
May 15	Senior Sunday
May 18	PDS Graduation Day
May 19	PDS Last Day of School
May 22-29	Family Promise
May 30	Memorial Day PDS/Church Office Closed
June 19	<b>Father's Day</b>
July 11-15	VBS

## Calendar of Weekly Events

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Communion Sunday May 1</i></p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Communion and Prayer (Sanctuary)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Fellowship (Bistro)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Bereans Sunday School Class with Bob Shepherd (Rm. 105): Paul's letter to the Colossians.</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Young &amp; U Sunday School Class (young adults and <b>university age students</b>) (<b>Pastor's office and Zoom</b> <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86497519299?pwd=cktiTmZ5SEM1SWZpNWRLUWhwS1lxQT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86497519299?pwd=cktiTmZ5SEM1SWZpNWRLUWhwS1lxQT09</a> Meeting ID: 864 9751 9299 Passcode: 77304))</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Fellowship class with Cara Wood (Rm. 205 or Zoom Meeting ID: 267 960 141, Password: 337014) <i>Warriors of the Word</i>, by Aaron and Emily House.</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Exploring Our Faith (<i>Rm. 206</i>) <i>Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi</i>, by Amy-Jill Levine.</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Wanderers (<i>Parlor</i>) <i>The Answer to Bad Religious Is Not No Religion</i>, by Martin Thielen.</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Narthex)</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Facebook Live <a href="http://www.facebook.com/fpcConroe">www.facebook.com/fpcConroe</a> or YouTube.com/fpcConroe)</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Committee Meetings</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Monday May 2</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Afternoon Bible Study (Youth Commons Area)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Tuesday May 3</i></p>	<p>7:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Zoom Meeting ID: 844 897 863, Password: 77304)</p>

<p><i>Wednesday May 4</i></p>	<p>9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Mission Sewing (Rm. 105)  5:45 p.m. Handbells Practice (Sanctuary)  5:45 p.m. The Spark (Gym)  6:00 p.m. Small Group Study (Rm. 206)  6:00 Wednesday Night Bible Study (Rm. 205 or Zoom Meeting ID: 879 2931 2569, Passcode 77304)  7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Sanctuary)</p>
<p><i>Thursday May 5</i></p>	<p>National Day of Prayer</p>
<p><i>Sunday May 8</i></p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Communion and Prayer (Sanctuary)  9:00 a.m. Fellowship (Bistro)  9:30 a.m. Bereans Sunday School Class with Bob Shepherd (Rm. 105): Paul's letter to the Colossians.  9:30 a.m. Fellowship class with Cara Wood (Rm. 205 or Zoom Meeting ID: 267 960 141, Password: 337014) <i>Warriors of the Word</i>, by Aaron and Emily House.  9:30 a.m. Young &amp; U Sunday School Class (young adults and <b>university age students</b>) (<b>Pastor's office and Zoom</b> <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86497519299?pwd=cktiTmZ5SEM1SWZpNWRLUWhwS1lxQT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86497519299?pwd=cktiTmZ5SEM1SWZpNWRLUWhwS1lxQT09</a> Meeting ID: 864 9751 9299 Passcode: 77304))  9:30 a.m. Exploring Our Faith (<i>Rm. 206</i>) Studying <i>Stuff That Needs to be Said</i>, by John Pavlovitz.  9:30 a.m. Wanderers (<i>Parlor</i>) <i>The Answer to Bad Religion Is Not No Religion</i>, by Martin Thielen.  10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Narhex)  11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Facebook Live <a href="http://www.facebook.com/fpcConroe">www.facebook.com/fpcConroe</a> or YouTube.com/fpcConroe)  <b>12:00 p.m. Mother's Day Brunch</b> (FLC and SS classrooms)</p>

## Ministry Leaders

Administration	Jay Swoboda (2022, Chair)
Building & Grounds	Stephan Tibbetts (2022, Chair) David Perciful (2022)
Care-Prayer	Bob Shepherd (2023, Chair)
Discipleship	Mark Sowden (2024, Chair) Jeselyn Graham (2024) Alex Williams (2024)
Fellowship	Audrey Christie (2024, Chair)
Membership	TBD (2022, Chair) Anna McNamara (2022) Abby Stewart (2022) Dena Sowden (2023)
Missions	Bobby Ezell (2024, Chair)
PDS	Sharon Walker (2022, Chair)
Worship	Chuck and Janet Pohla (2023, Chairs)



## Visitor Form

*Thank you for coming! We would love to get to know you.*

Please complete this form and drop it in the offertory box at the back of the church. Or, if you would prefer to complete this form online, please visit our website at [www.FPCCConroe.org](http://www.FPCCConroe.org).

### Member Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_

### Spouse's Information

Spouse's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_

### Children's Information

Children's Names (Please indicate last name if different):

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Getting Involved in the Life of the Church

(Please check all that apply)

- I would like more information about membership
- I would like information about baptism
- I would like to be contacted by a Stephen Minister
- Contact me about getting involved in the church

### Please contact me regarding:

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult Sunday School      \_\_\_\_\_ Bible Studies

\_\_\_\_\_ Children & Nursery      \_\_\_\_\_ Men's groups

\_\_\_\_\_ Women's groups      \_\_\_\_\_ Greeters

\_\_\_\_\_ Handbells/Choir      \_\_\_\_\_ Youth choir

Other:

### How did you first hear about us? (Please circle one)

Facebook

Drive by

Website

Friend/Family

Other

*Thank You  
for  
Joining Us*



## Staff and Church Information

### Staff

Rev. Dr. David H. Green, Senior Pastor  
Dena Sowden, Director of Christian Education  
Sharon VanSchuyver, Director of Finance and Communications  
Stephanie Cooke, Interim Music Director  
Shirley Dukes, Parish Nurse  
Yvonne Rose, Office Manager



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