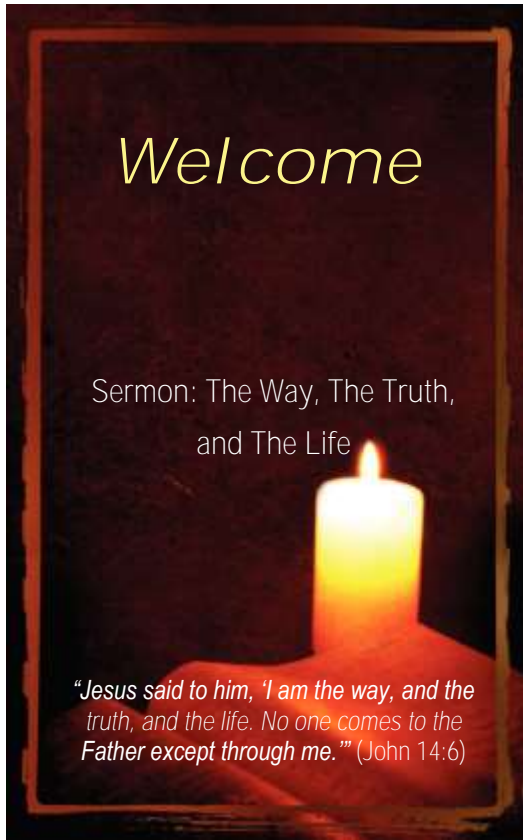


# First Presbyterian Church

May 8, 2022



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

### Preparation

Prelude

### Adoration

Call to Worship

\*Hymn #276

Great is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness!

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Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.  
(Refrain)

\*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

## Proclamation

Scripture Reading

John 14:1-14

Remarks

Rev. Dr. David H. Green

The Way, The Truth, and The Life

*“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through me.’”* (John 14:6)

## Dedication

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn #356

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.
3. O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

\*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

*Great Are You Lord*

Call to Worship

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(Refrain)

### Confession

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, whose ways are not our ways and whose thoughts not our thoughts: we confess to you our sin. We doubt your promises and fear is our constant companion. With your mercy, cleanse us and **forgive us. Help us to love others as you have loved us. In Christ's** name, we pray.

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

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

\*Gloria Patri

Welcome and Announcements

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology

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

\*Choral Response

Anthem *How Great Is Our God*

Proclamation

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:21-23, 27-31

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**Children's Time**

\*Hymn #341

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels, descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)

Scripture Reading

John 14:1-14

Sermon

Rev. Dr. David H. Green

The Way, The Truth, and The Life

*“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life.  
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\*Affirmation of Faith:

The Nicene Creed

WE BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of the bread of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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\*Charge and Benediction

\*Closing Response

\*Postlude

\*Please stand if able.



## ***This Week's Scripture Readings***

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Scripture Reading #1 (11:00 only):

Isaiah 40:21-23, 27-31

<sup>21</sup> Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

<sup>22</sup> It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; <sup>23</sup> who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

<sup>27</sup> **Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?**

<sup>28</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup> He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. <sup>30</sup> Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup> but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Scripture Reading #2 (8:30 & 11:00):

John 14:1-14

<sup>1</sup> **"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.**

<sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup> **And you know the way to where I am going.**" <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup> **Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."**

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.”  
<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup> “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

## Notes



### ***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>.

### *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.

### *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: Bettye Wakefield, 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 (Wilmerly), Virginia R. (Smith), Dana K. (Shorts)

## Good Things to Know

### *Attendance*

Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

8:30 a.m. Prayer and Communion - 33

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 107

Online Worship Attendance - 25

Total Attendance - 165

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

FPC Youth

### ***Today's Flower***

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Kellye Heasley, for all mothers, moms and mommies everywhere, and by Julie Habegger in loving memory of our sweet mother, Doris Myers. We miss you - Julie, Diana and Don.

## Calendar of Weekly Events

<p><i>Sunday</i> <i>May 8</i></p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Communion and Prayer (Sanctuary)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Fellowship (Bistro)</p> <p><b>9:30 a.m. Mother's Day Brunch</b> (FLC and SS Classrooms)</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 (Rm. 206) <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>Jesus, CEO</i>, by Laurie Beth Jones.</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><i>Monday</i> <i>May 9</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Afternoon Bible Study (Youth Commons Area)</p>
<p><i>Tuesday</i> <i>May 10</i></p>	<p>7:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Zoom Meeting ID: 844 897 863, Password: 77304)</p>

<p>Wednesday May 11</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>
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## Save the Date

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



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## 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

## 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)

## 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  
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