

First Presbyterian Church

May 15, 2022



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8:30 A.M. PRAYER AND COMMUNION

Preparation

Prelude

How Can I Keep from Singing

Birchwood

Adoration

Call to Worship

*Hymn #288

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1. I sing the mighty power of God
That made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad
And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command,
And all the stars obey.
2. I sing the goodness of the Lord
That filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word
And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed,
Where'er I turn my eyes;
If I survey the ground I tread,
Or gaze upon the skies!

*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

Matthew 7:12-23

Remarks

Rev. Dr. David H. Green

The Way of God

“Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.” (Matthew 7:13-14)

Dedication

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn #391

Take My Life

1. Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Trumpet of Faith

Anderson

*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 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

Call to Worship

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Confession

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we sin against you in thought, word, and deed. We do not love you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We do not love our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have done, amend what we are, and direct what we shall be. Help us to live for the glory of your holy name.

*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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Morning Has Broken* *Blake*

*Doxology

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

*Choral Response

Anthem *There Is a Green Hill Far Away* *Gounod/Ehret*

Proclamation

Scripture Reading

Psalm 16:5-11

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

*Hymn #391

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2. Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

5. Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 7:12-23

Sermon

Rev. Dr. David H. Green

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Celebration of Graduating Seniors

*Hymn

Lord, When I Came Into This Life

1. Lord, when I came into this life you called me by my name;
Today I come, commit myself, responding to your claim.
3. In all the tensions of my life, between my faith and doubt,
Let your great Spirit give me hope, sustain me, lead me out.
4. So help me in my unbelief and let my life be true:
Feet firmly planted on the earth, my sights set high on you.

*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Response

Come, Great God of All the Ages

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

Trumpet of Faith

Anderson

*Please stand if able.

This Week's Scripture Readings

Scripture Reading #1 (11:00 only):

Psalm 16:5-11

⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. ⁶ The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

⁷ I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. ⁸ I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. ¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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

Matthew 7:12-23

¹² **"So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them,** for this is the Law and the Prophets.

¹³ **"Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy** that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. ¹⁴ For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

¹⁵ **"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.** ¹⁶ You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

²¹ "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

²² On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' ²³ And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

Notes



Honoring Our Graduating Seniors

Help us celebrate our graduating Seniors by joining us in the FLC Hallway for a reception after the 11:00 service. Meet our Graduating Class 2022: Anna McNamara, Royce Watson, Sean Corbit, Isabel Phillip, Abby Stewart and Lauren Pattillo.

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 22nd.**

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 22nd.

Nursery Staff Opening

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

Many Hands Make Light Work

...and your hands are needed! Looking for an area in which to serve your church? Look no further than our beautiful grounds here at FPC. They need your tender loving care. The needs to keep our grounds beautiful and welcoming are ongoing and include weed patrol, feeding and pruning our lovely plants and trees, and general clean-up. Choose a shift! We have openings on the second Friday of the month from 7:30 – 9:30 am, or on the fourth Saturday from 8 am to 10 am. No experience required. This short time requirement goes far to keep our grounds clean and beautiful. Please contact either Jocelyn Comstock at jw.comstock@yahoo.com or by phone at (832) 971-3219, or Shirley Dukes at parishrn@suddenlink.net or by phone at (936) 760-8655.

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.

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.

Prayer List

Members: Bettye Wakefield, 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), Lynda H. and Emily T. (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 (Wilmlerly), Virginia R. (Smith), Dana K. (Shorts)

Good Things to Know

Attendance

Sunday, May 8th

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

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 120

Online Worship Attendance - 29

Total Attendance - 179

Today's Worship Leader

Sally DeStefano

Today's Flower

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Pat & Mary Hudson,
in honor of their 60th anniversary.

Save the Date

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 3-11	Youth Mission Trip
June 19	Father's Day
July 11-15	VBS

Calendar of Weekly Events

<p><i>Sunday</i> <i>May 15</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. Mother's Day Brunch (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 & U Sunday School Class (young adults and university age students) (Pastor's office and Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86497519299?pwd=cktiTmZ5SEM1SWZpNWRLUWhwS1lxQT09 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 www.facebook.com/fpcConroe or YouTube.com/fpcConroe)</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Session Meeting (Rm. 105)</p>
<p><i>Monday</i> <i>May 16</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Afternoon Bible Study (Youth Commons Area)</p>
<p><i>Tuesday</i> <i>May 17</i></p>	<p>7:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Zoom Meeting ID: 844 897 863, Password: 77304)</p>

<p><i>Wednesday May 18</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>
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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.

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: _____

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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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