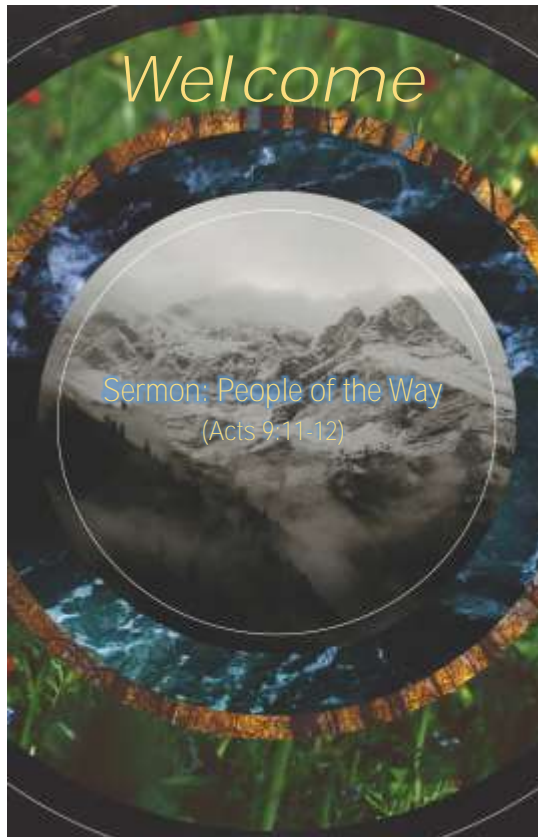


First Presbyterian Church

May 22, 2022



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8:30 A.M. PRAYER AND COMMUNION

Preparation

Prelude

He Leadeth Me

McKechnie

Adoration

Call to Worship

*Hymn

Children of the Heavenly Father

1. Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.
2. God his own doth tend and nourish; in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them; in his mighty arms he bears them.
3. Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;
Unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.

*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

Acts 9:1-12

Remarks

Rev. Dr. David H. Green

People of the Way

"The Lord said to him, 'Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.'" (Acts 9:11-12)

Dedication

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn #411

Arise, Your Light is Come

1. Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God,
Which shines on you today.
2. Arise, your light is come!
Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captives' liberty,
Good tidings to the poor.
3. Arise, your light is come!
All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the broken-hearted ones
And comfort those who mourn.
4. Arise, your light is come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing;
God's power will make us strong.

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

With Trumpets and Horns

Handel

*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

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Confession

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we try to hide from you because we have done wrong. We live for ourselves and turn from our neighbors. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and free us from selfishness. Lead us to choose your will and obey your commandments through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

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Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

He Leadeth Me

McKechnie

*Doxology

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

*Choral Response

Anthem

This is My Father's World

arr. Berry

Proclamation

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 10:27-32

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

*Hymn #10

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Announces that the Lord is nigh.

Awake and harken, for he brings

Glad tidings of the King of kings!

3. We hail you as our Savior, Lord,

Our refuge and our great reward.

Without your grace we waste away

Like flowers that wither and decay.

4. Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,

And make us rise to fall no more.

O let your face upon us shine

And fill the world with love divine.

Scripture Reading

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Sermon

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*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

With Trumpets and Horns

Handel

*Please stand if able.

This Week's Scripture Readings

Scripture Reading #1 (11:00 only):

Proverbs 10:27-32

²⁷ The fear of the Lord prolongs life, but the years of the wicked will be short.

²⁸ The hope of the righteous brings joy, but the expectation of the wicked will perish.

²⁹ The way of the Lord is a stronghold to the blameless, but destruction to evildoers.

³⁰ The righteous will never be removed, but the wicked will not dwell in the land.

³¹ The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut off.

³² The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked, what is perverse.

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

Acts 9:1-12

¹ But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

³ Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. ⁴ And falling to the ground, he **heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"**

⁵ **And he said, "Who are you, Lord?"**

And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸ Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” ¹¹ And the Lord said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.”

Notes



Today is 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.

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 a.m., or on the fourth Saturday, from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. 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.

Nursery Staff Opening

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

Vacation Bible School July 11-15

We are in the planning phases of this year's exciting VBS program. We hope you will mark your calendar with the above-referenced dates and plan to help FPC present a fun summer adventure for our community children. Please contact Dena Sowden to volunteer. If you would like to register your child, visit vbspro.events/p/monumentalvbs22.

Watch for details in our upcoming news publications.

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 (Wilmerly), Virginia R. (Smith), Dana K. (Shorts)

Good Things to Know

Attendance

Sunday, May 15th

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

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 100

Online Worship Attendance - 41

Total Attendance - 163

Today's Worship Leader

Mark Sowden

Save the Date

May 22-29	Family Promise (Off Campus)
May 24	PW Leader Meeting
May 30	Memorial Day PDS/Church Office Closed
June 3-11	Youth Mission Trip
June 19	Father's Day/Session Meeting
July 4	Independence Day-Church Office Closed
July 11-15	VBS

Calendar of Weekly Events

<p><i>Sunday</i> <i>May 22</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 & 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 (<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>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><i>Monday</i> <i>May 23</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Afternoon Bible Study (Youth Commons Area)</p>
<p><i>Tuesday</i> <i>May 24</i></p>	<p>7:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Zoom Meeting ID: 844 897 863, Password: 77304)</p>

<p>Wednesday May 25</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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