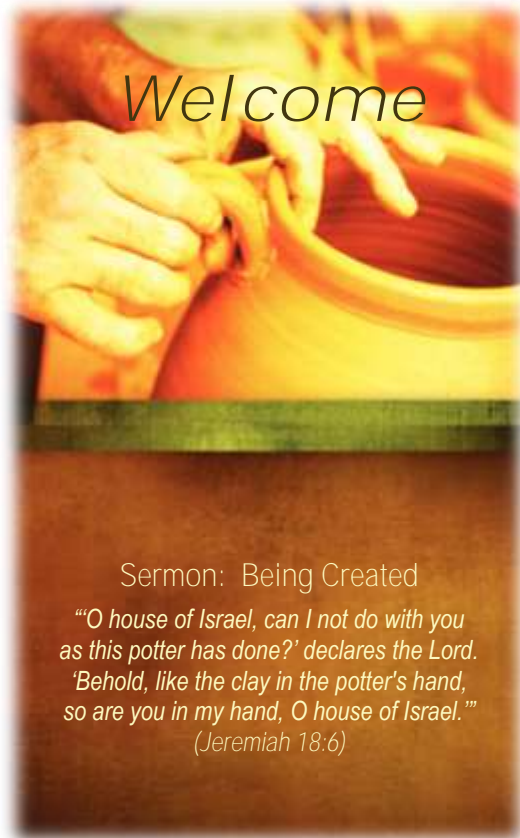


# First Presbyterian Church

June 26, 2022



## Sermon: Being Created

*"O house of Israel, can I not do with you  
as this potter has done?" declares the Lord.  
'Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand,  
so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.'"  
(Jeremiah 18:6)*

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

### Preparation

Prelude

*O Perfect Love*

*Thygerson*

### Adoration

Call to Worship

\*Hymn #524

Holy Spirit, Lord of Love

1. Holy Spirit, Lord of love,  
Who descended from above,  
Gifts of blessing to bestow  
On Your waiting church below.  
Once again I love draw near  
To Your servants gathered here;  
From their bright baptismal day  
You have led them on their way.
2. When the sacred vow is made,  
When the hands on them are laid,  
Come in this most solemn hour  
With Your strengthening gift of power.  
Give them light Your truth to see;  
Give them life Your own to be,  
Daily power to conquer sin,  
Patient faith the crown to win.

### Confession

\*Call to Confession

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

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

\*Gloria Patri

Welcome and Announcements

Proclamation

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 18:1-6

Remarks

Rev. Dr. David H. Green

Being Created

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‘Behold, like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand,  
O house of Israel.’” (Jeremiah 18:6)*

Dedication

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn #210

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

1. Our God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home:
2. Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received its frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God,  
To endless years the same.

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

*How Firm a Foundation*

*Scott*

\*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 [fpcconroe.org](http://fpcconroe.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

*Introit X*

*Folts*

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\*Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we are blinded by sin and cannot see your mercy. Help us to confess our faults and to be confident in your grace. Open our lives so we may find our refuge and strength through Jesus Christ your Son.

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Welcome and Announcements

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *God's Care* *Logan*

\*Doxology

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

\*Choral Response

Anthem *Rejoice and Give Thanks* *Williams*

*Proclamation*

Scripture Reading

Romans 9:1-5, 14-21

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Children's Time**

**Hymn #175**

**The Lord's My Shepherd, All My Need**

1. **The Lord's my Shepherd, all my need will surely be supplied;**  
By quiet streams and through green fields the Lord will be my guide.
2. The Lord revives me, guides my feet on pathways that are right,  
And I shall fear no evil though I walk through darkest night.
3. Your rod and staff, they comfort me; in presence of my foes  
You feed me; you anoint my head and my cup overflows.
4. Your goodness and Your mercy, Lord, shall surely follow me,  
**And I will dwell in God's own house for all eternity.**

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 18:1-6

Sermon

Rev. Dr. David H. Green

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

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Scripture Reading (11:00 a.m. only):

Romans 9:1-5, 14-21

<sup>1</sup> I am speaking the truth in Christ – I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit – <sup>2</sup> that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup> For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup> They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. <sup>5</sup> To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

<sup>14</sup> What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! <sup>15</sup> **For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."** <sup>16</sup> So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy. <sup>17</sup> **For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth."** <sup>18</sup> So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.

<sup>19</sup> **You will say to me then, "Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?"** <sup>20</sup> But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, "Why have you made me like this?"

<sup>21</sup> Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use?

Scripture Reading (8:30 and 11:00 a.m.):

Jeremiah 18:1-6

<sup>1</sup> The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: <sup>2</sup> **"Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words."**

<sup>3</sup> So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. <sup>4</sup> And the vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to do.

<sup>5</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to me: <sup>6</sup> **"O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter has done? declares the Lord. Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel."**



# *Notes*



*Celebrate the Fourth!*

Join us in celebrating the birth of our nation. The Fellowship Committee will be serving ice cream after the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, in the Narthex. Please come and enjoy this all-American treat and visit with your fellow FPC brothers and sisters to mark this day of liberty.

*Being Human*

The Summer Sermon Series, *Being Human*, begins Sunday, June 26. The Bible is filled with lessons that cut to the core of what it means to be human. These have something to say about our nature, our purpose, our life, and our hope.

Through this sermon series, we will study a broad selection of readings from the Bible and consider what it means to be human. As we study the Bible, we will be asked to consider a few important questions. What do we learn about God? What do we learn about ourselves? What are we comfortable with that we should be uncomfortable with?

*Exploring Our Faith Sunday School Class*

Exploring Our Faith Sunday school class will begin a new book study on June 26<sup>th</sup> (9:30 a.m., Rm. 206): *Eager To Love: The Alternative Way of Francis of Assisi*, by Richard Rohr.

Financial Report  
(May 2022)

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Revenue	\$60,920	\$53,355
Expenses	\$63,590	\$73,820

## *Can You Spare Only 2 Hours on Only One Saturday*

...to help keep our church landscaping beautiful, so that it is appealing not just to us but also to visitors? We are hoping that if it is only two hours on only one day, that more will volunteer. To beat the heat, we can meet from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. on any Saturday that is convenient for you. Please call Jocelyn Comstock at (832) 971-3219 or Shirley Dukes at (936) 760-8655 and let them know which day you can spare just two hours to help keep our church looking its best.

## *Nursery Staff Opening*

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

## *Annual Background Verification*

The challenge of opening our doors to all who would come, while also providing for our safety, is daunting to say the least. Members of the staff and certain volunteers work hard to implement and maintain best practices. For our shared safety, many of these procedures and practices are hidden from view, but they are always in place.

One of our foundational practices is the annual background verification of all staff members and of all volunteers who work with children. This happens every summer in the weeks leading up to Vacation Bible School. In the past, we have required staff members and volunteers to complete a written authorization form. Beginning this year, this information can be completed online by using the secure link to our service provider, Clear Investigative Advantage Research (<https://ciaresearch.com>).

The church uses two levels of background verification. The first is for those whose work requires driving for the church, including the FPC bus. This background verification checks for criminal records in all 50 states and Montgomery County, in addition to Texas driving records. The second level of background information includes the same information, but without driving records.

To volunteer to work with children and youth, please send an email to Dena Sowden ([dsowden@fpcConroe.org](mailto:dsowden@fpcConroe.org)). She will forward the link that you can use to complete the secure online form.

**If you have questions about the church's process for the annual background verification, the information that is received, or the church's work to secure your personal information, please contact our pastor, David Green, by calling the church office (936) 756-8884. He will be glad to answer your questions.**

# VBS 2022

*Vacation Bible School July 11-15*

We are in the final planning phases of this year's VBS.

Please contact Dena Sowden to volunteer. If you would like to register your child, visit [vbspro.events/p/monumentalvbs22](https://vbspro.events/p/monumentalvbs22).

## Volunteer Orientation

Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m.,  
in the Youth Commons Area



Save the date...

save your place...

for an amazing week of fun!

## Prayer List

Members: Cindy Watson, Joanne Deaver, Sharon Walker, Karen Baughman, Gary Weinburger, Jean Ball, 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), 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, June 19<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Prayer and Communion - 28

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 118

Online Worship Attendance - 23

Total Attendance - 165

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

Sally DeStefano

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

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by John Haller and Sally DeStefano, in celebration of their 36<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

## Calendar of Weekly Events

<p><i>Sunday</i> <i>June 26</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. Exploring Our Faith (<i>Rm. 206</i>) – Studying <i>Eager To Love: The Alternative Way of Francis of Assisi</i>, by Richard Rohr.</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>12:30 p.m. Session Meeting</p>
<p><i>Monday</i> <i>June 27</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Afternoon Bible Study (Youth Commons Area)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>June 29</i></p>	<p>9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Mission Sewing (Rm. 105)</p> <p>5:45 p.m. Handbells Practice (Sanctuary)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Small Group Study (Rm. 206)</p> <p>7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Sanctuary)</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: \_\_\_\_\_

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



*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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