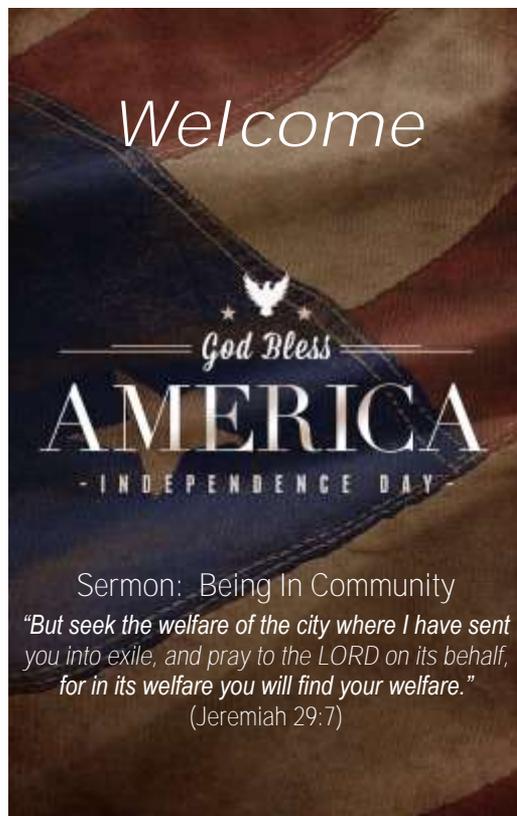


First Presbyterian Church

July 3, 2022



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Communion Sunday

8:30 A.M. PRAYER AND COMMUNION

Preparation

Prelude

Adoration

Call to Worship

*Hymn #561

My Country 'Tis of Thee

1. My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountainside
Let freedom ring.

2. My native country, thee,
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills
Like that above.

3. Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake,
Let all that breathe partake,
Let rocks their silence break,
The sound prolong.

4. Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King.

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 29:1-9

Remarks

Rev. Dr. David H. Green

Being In Community

"But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare." (Jeremiah 29:7)

Dedication

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn #564

America the Beautiful

1. O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain;
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.
2. O beautiful for pilgrim feet, Whose stern, impassioned stress;
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law!
4. O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown they good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea!

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Minuet in A

Haydn

*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.

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11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparation

Prelude

*Chester
Simple Gifts
String Quartet*

*Calhoun
Naughtin*

Adoration

Introit

This is God's Country

Folts

Call to Worship

*Hymn #561

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*Call to Confession

*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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Welcome and Announcements

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *A Tribute to the Armed Services* *Larson*

*Doxology

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

*Choral Response

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*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Response

From Sea the Shining Sea

*Postlude

How Firm a Foundation

Scott

*Please stand if able.

This Week's Scripture Reading

Scripture Reading:

Jeremiah 29:1-11

¹ These are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders of the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. ² This was after King Jeconiah and the queen mother, the eunuchs, the officials of Judah and Jerusalem, the craftsmen, and the metal workers had departed from Jerusalem. ³ The letter was sent by the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.

It said: ⁴ **“Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon:** ⁵ Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. ⁶ Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷ But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. ⁸ For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, ⁹ for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, declares the LORD.

Notes



Celebrate the Fourth - Ice Cream Today

Join us in celebrating the birth of our nation! The Fellowship Committee will be serving ice cream today, after the 11:00 a.m. worship service, 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.

Gratitude from The Baughman Family

Dear FPC Family: Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer shawl made by the women of the church. Your thoughtfulness brings great comfort in a very difficult time. We truly appreciate all your prayers, along with your love and support. We are blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

Being Human

The Summer Sermon Series, *Being Human*, has begun. 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?

Financial Report
(May 2022)

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

Nursery Staff Opening

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

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.

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.

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). 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 the church office or Dena Sowden to sign up (dsowden@fpcConroe.org).

Volunteer Orientation

Wednesday, July 6th, 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: Cheryl R. (Ganek), 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 26th

8:30 a.m. Prayer and Communion - 29

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 90

Online Worship Attendance - 23

Total Attendance - 142

Today's Worship Leader

Bobby Ezell

Today's Flower

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Pat Voorhees, in celebration of her son and daughter-in-law's (Michael & Jean Curran), 40th wedding anniversary, as well as her daughter and son-in-law's (Donna & Eric Veal) 28th wedding anniversary.

Calendar of Weekly Events

<p><i>Sunday</i> <i>July 3</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=cktiTmZ5SEM1SWZpNWRLUWhwS1lxQT09MeetingID:86497519299Passcode: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 www.facebook.com/fpcConroe or YouTube.com/fpcConroe)</p>
<p><i>Monday</i> <i>July 4</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Afternoon Bible Study (Youth Commons Area)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>July 6</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>

<p><i>Sunday July 10</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>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. 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 www.facebook.com/fpcConroe or YouTube.com/fpcConroe)</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Committee Meetings</p>
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Save the Date

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|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| July 4 | Independence Day-Church Office Closed |
| July 11-15 | VBS |
| July 25-28 | Youth At-Home Mission Week |
| August 10 | CISD First Day of School |
| August 28-September 3 | Family Promise |

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: _____

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



God Bless

AMERICA

- INDEPENDENCE DAY -

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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