

First Presbyterian Church

July 17, 2022

Welcome



Sermon: Being Brave

"But don't be upset, and don't be angry with yourselves for selling me to this place.

It was God who sent me here ahead of you to preserve your lives. (Genesis 45:5)

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VBS Sunday

8:30 A.M. PRAYER AND COMMUNION

Preparation

Prelude

Adoration

Call to Worship

*Hymn

The Old Rugged Cross

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

2. Oh, the old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary. [Refrain]

3. In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
Such a wonderful beauty I see;
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me. [Refrain]

4. To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;
It's shame and reproach gladly bear.
Then He'll call me some day To my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share. [Refrain]

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

Genesis 45:1-8

Remarks

Rev. Dr. David H. Green

Being Brave

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It was God who sent me here ahead of you to preserve your lives. (Genesis 45:5)***

Dedication

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn

When the Roll is Called Up Yonder

1. When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound, and time shall be no more,
And the morning breaks, eternal, bright, and fair;
When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

Refrain:

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2. On that bright and cloudless morning when the dead in Christ shall rise,
And the glory of His resurrection share;
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3. Let us labor for the Master from the dawn till setting sun,
Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care;
Then when all of life is over, and our work on earth is done,
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*Charge and Benediction

*Please stand if able.

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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 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

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparation

Opening Music

Adoration

Introit

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*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we are not an obedient church. We ignore your law and fail to do your will. We resist your love and cannot hear the cry of others. Forgive us, we pray, and free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Welcome and Announcements

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *How Great Is Our God*

*Doxology

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

*Choral Response

Anthem

I'll Worship You

Sowden

Proclamation

Scripture Reading

Psalms 89:1-2

Joshua 1:6-9

Psalms 147:1-6

Romans 8:38-39

Psalms 66:5-7

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!
2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged: Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful, Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
3. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge – take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there.

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*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Response

Power in the Blood

*Postlude

*Please stand if able.

This Week's Scripture Readings

Scripture Readings from Vacation Bible School (11:00 a.m. only):

MONDAY:

God loves you no matter what.

Psalm 89:1-2 (NLT): **"I will sing of the LORD's unfailing love forever!**

Young and old will hear of your faithfulness. Your unfailing love will last forever. Your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens."

Psalms 89:1-2

Bible Story: **Joseph's family feuds.** (*Genesis 37*)

TUESDAY:

God is with you everywhere.

Joshua 1:6-9 (NLT): **"Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who** will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. This is my command – be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Bible Story: Joseph is imprisoned. (*Genesis 39-40*)

WEDNESDAY:

God is in charge.

Psalm 147:1-6 (NLT): **"Praise the LORD! How good to sing praises to our**

God! How delightful and how fitting! The LORD is rebuilding Jerusalem and bringing the exiles back to Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds. He counts the stars and calls them all by name. How great is our Lord! His power is absolute! His understanding is beyond comprehension! The LORD supports the humble, **but he brings the wicked down into the dust."**

Bible Story: Joseph gets new responsibilities. (*Genesis 41*)

THURSDAY:

God is stronger than anything.

Romans 8:38-39 (NLT): **“I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow – not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below – indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”**

Bible Story: Jesus dies and comes back to life (*Luke 23-24:12*)

FRIDAY:

God is surprising.

Psalms 66:5-7 (NLT): **“Come and see what our God has done, what awesome miracles he performs for people! He made a dry path through the Red Sea, and his people went across on foot. There we rejoiced in him. For by his great power he rules forever. He watches every movement of the nations; let no rebel rise in defiance.”**

Bible Story: Joseph reunites with his family (*Genesis 42-45*)

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

Genesis 45:1-8

¹ Joseph could stand it no longer. There were many people in the room, and he said to his attendants, **“Out, all of you!”** So he was alone with his brothers when he told them who he was. ² Then he broke down and wept. He wept so loudly the Egyptians could hear him, and word of it quickly carried to Pharaoh’s palace.

³ **“I am Joseph!” he said to his brothers. “Is my father still alive?”**

But his brothers were speechless! They were stunned to realize that Joseph was standing there in front of them.

⁴ **“Please, come closer,” he said to them.**

So they came closer.

And he said again, “I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into slavery in Egypt. ⁵ **But don’t be upset, and don’t be angry with yourselves** for selling me to this place. It was God who sent me here ahead of you to preserve your lives. ⁶ This famine that has ravaged the land for two years will last five more years, and there will be neither plowing nor harvesting. ⁷ God has sent me ahead of you to keep you and your families alive and to preserve many survivors. ⁸ So it was God who sent me here, not you! And he is the one who made me an adviser to Pharaoh – the manager of his **entire palace and the governor of all Egypt.**”

Notes



Presbytery Grants Awarded to Missions and PW Projects

FPC recently received two Presbytery of New Covenant grant awards of \$2,000 each. These grants help support some of our key mission projects. Since 2016, the Outreach grant has been awarded to FPC six times, and the Lynn Johnson Social Justice grant has been awarded five times. The countless volunteer hours of our church community and their additional donations of money and items are the fundamental resources, with these grants augmenting those efforts, all in the name of Christ and for the Glory of God.

Outreach Grant. The focus of funds from this grant is on the Conroe House of Prayer (CHOP), Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, and Family Promise of Montgomery County. Efforts are aimed to mitigate problems associated with the poor, homeless, and family displacements due to difficult life circumstances. The desired outcome is provision of basic needs for people without stable food supply and lodgings, bringing them into a caring Christian organization/community. Please direct any questions to Missions Chair, Bobby Ezell (936) 539-9515.

Lynn Johnson Social Justice Grant. The focus of funds from this grant is on sex-trafficked/abused girls and boys, typically from ages 12 to 18, who are overcoming the trauma and emotional damage of sex slavery and/or abuse and seeking to reconstruct their lives through healing interventions and a safe place to recover, as well as placement with highly specialized foster or adoptive homes. Other efforts to support this challenged population, such as educational support and special events and assistance for them, also are supported by the grant funds. This project is supported by PW Circles, the Missions Ministry, and other members and volunteers in our church community. Please direct any questions to Sally DeStefano (936) 217-1333.

If you have not been involved in these mission activities, please take a moment to consider how you might help. You do not need to be on the Mission Committee or active in PW Circles to participate.

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: Maria H. (Hughes), Eddie S. & Harry S., Jr. (Havens), Randy S. (Spencer), Barbara B. (Das), James M., Patty M., Enriquer 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, July 10th

8:30 a.m. Prayer and Communion - 26

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 143

Online Worship Attendance - 38

Total Attendance - 207

Today's Worship Leader

FPC Youth

Today's Flower

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Judy Weinburger, in honor of Gary's special birthday, and from Todd Watrous, in celebration of his and Mary's 42nd wedding anniversary.

Calendar of Weekly Events

<p><i>Sunday</i> <i>July 17</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. 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 18</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Youth Commons Area)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>July 20</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>5:45 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</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 24</i></p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Communion and Prayer (Sanctuary) 9:00 a.m. Fellowship (Bistro) 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 (Rm. 206) – Studying <i>Eager To Love: The Alternative Way of Francis of Assisi</i>, by Richard Rohr.</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Wanderers (Parlor) <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>
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Save the Date

- July 25-28 Youth At-Home Mission Week
- August 10 CISD First Day of School
- August 14 Rally Day/Potluck
- August 28-September 3 Family Promise
- September 5 Labor Day - FPC Holiday (Office closed)
- September 6 PDS Back to School



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)

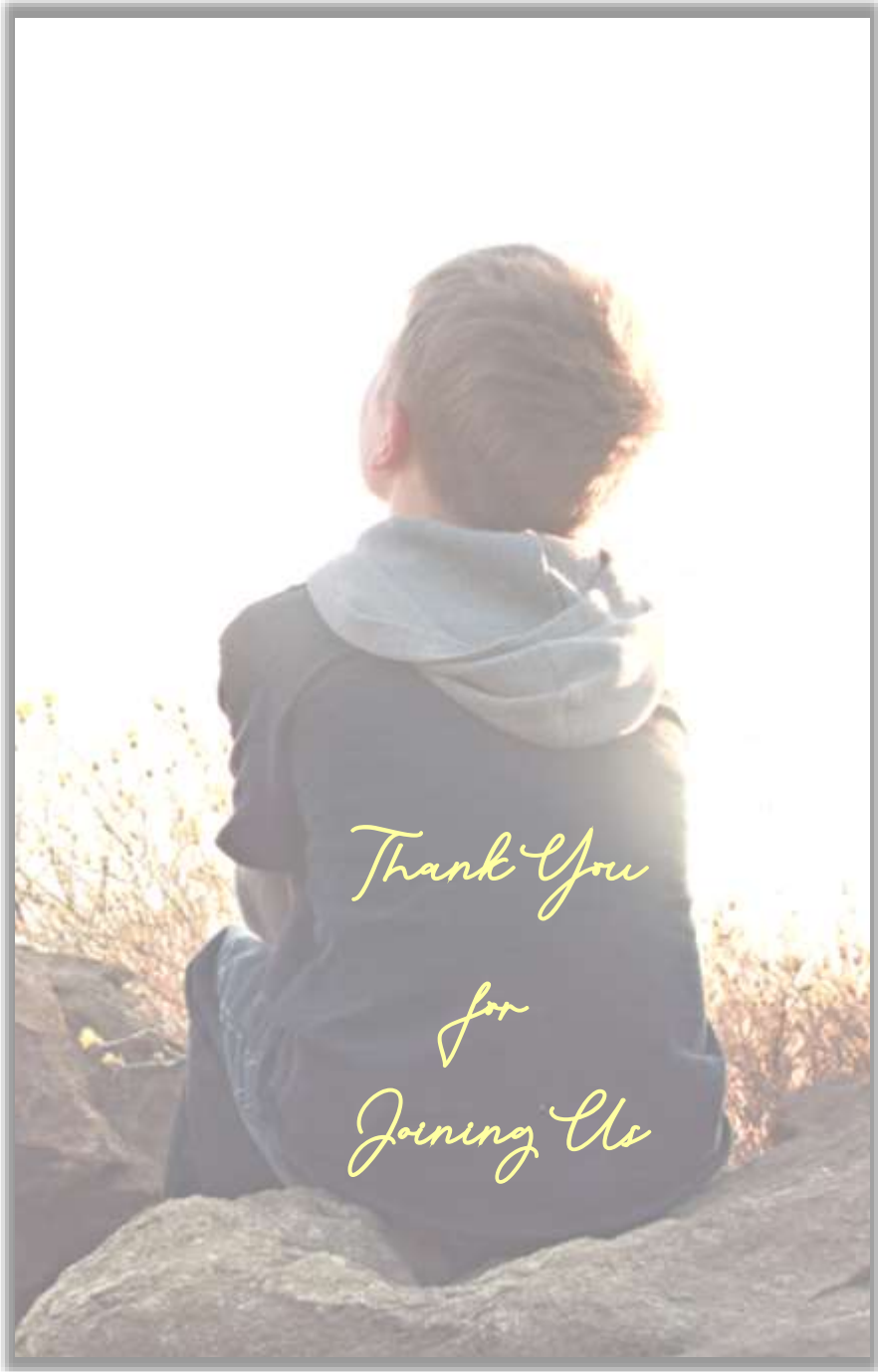
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Website

Friend/Family

Other



Staff and Church Information

Staff

Rev. Dr. David H. Green, Senior Pastor
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Sharon VanSchuyver, Director of Finance and Communications
Stephanie Cooke, Interim Music Director
Shirley Dukes, Parish Nurse
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