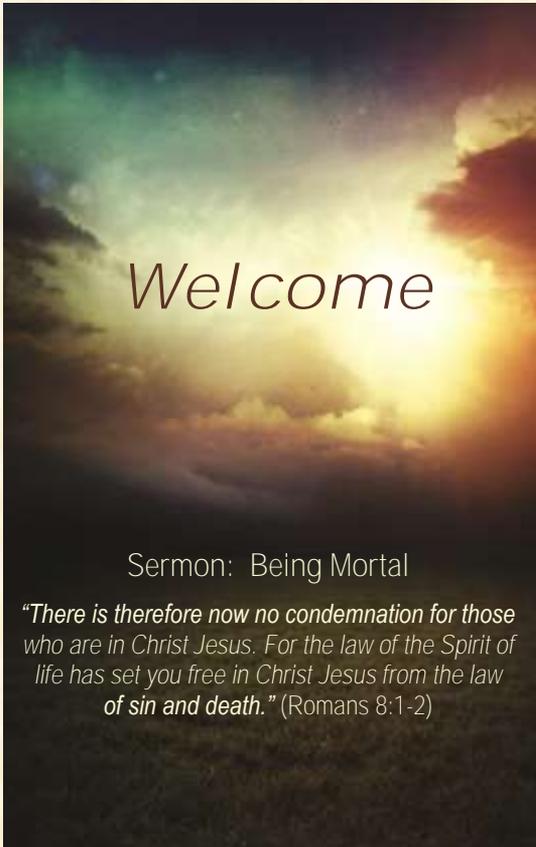


First Presbyterian Church

July 24, 2022



Welcome

Sermon: Being Mortal

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8:30 A.M. PRAYER AND COMMUNION

Preparation

Prelude

Sabbath Song

Eliot

Adoration

Call to Worship

*Hymn #151

Crown Him with Many Crowns

1. Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.
2. Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.
3. Crown Him the Lord of peace; Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end; and round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.
4. Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

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

Romans 8:1-8

Remarks

Rev. Dr. David H. Green

Being Mortal

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Dedication

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn #341

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels, descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
(Refrain)

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Minuet in A

Haydn

*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 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

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparation

Opening Music

Adoration

Introit

Reign In Us

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*Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, your love is hidden by our sins. Your mercy is lost in the blindness of our hearts. Deliver us from our proud thoughts and vain desires. Help us to admit our faults, confide in your grace, and find in you our refuge and strength through Jesus Christ your Son.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

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Welcome and Announcements

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *I Believe in Miracles* Sewell

*Doxology

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

*Choral Response

Anthem *Rejoice and Sing* Zabel

Proclamation

Scripture Reading Psalm 146

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

Hymn #184 How Blest Are Those

1. How blest are those whose great sin has freely been forgiven.
Whose guilt is wholly covered before the sight of heaven.
Blest those to whom our Lord God will not impute their sin,
Whose guilt has been forgiven, whose heart is true again.

3. So let the godly seek You when troubling times are near;
No storm or flood shall reach them, nor cause their hearts to fear.
In You, O Lord, I hide me, You save me from all ill,
And songs of Your salvation my heart with rapture fill.

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:1-8

Sermon

Rev. Dr. David H. Green

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*Closing Response

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This Week's Scripture Readings

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

Psalm 146

¹ Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! ² I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³ Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. ⁴ When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. ⁵ Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, ⁶ who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; ⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free; ⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. ⁹ The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the LORD!

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

Romans 8:1-8

¹ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Notes



Family Promise Thanks

The First Presbyterian Church Mission Committee would like to express our appreciation to all our members who were willing to come to the new Family Promise Guest Center (109 Commercial Circle, Bldg, E) during the February 6-13 and the May 22-29 weeks to prepare meals, be a dinner host, and spend the night in the new host room. We helped two families, with a total of five children, during the February week. During the May week, we helped three families, with a total of five children. First Presbyterian Church was the first church to host at our new location. Thanks to our Fellowship Committee, especially Audrie Christie, the new kitchen was well stocked during our first week. The mothers and children were more relaxed on Saturday evening, as they did not have to pack and move to a new location on Sunday. The new center feels more like home to all the families. Our next Family Promise week begins on August 28th.

Thank you volunteers for making this possible: Jean and Danny Ball, Barbara Barton, Penny Bell, Betty Blott, Susan Buckley, Audrie Christie, Karen Clark, Shirley Dukes, Bobby Ezell, Martha Haines, Kellye Heasley Helleck, Mary Ann Hoskins, Pat Hudson, Judy Hughes, Ann Johnson, Donna Kattner, Joan and Tom Lowery, Judy Lucas, Krishna and Tom Mangos, Charline Muller, Catherine and Steve Scheffler, Paula Shepherd, Marilyn and Don Stewart, Marty Taylor, Pat Voorhees, Mary Watrous, and Susan and Tom Young.

Nursery Staff Opening

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

Financial Report
(May 2022)

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

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.

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 17th

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

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 140

Online Worship Attendance - 30

Total Attendance - 199

Today's Worship Leader

Sharon Walker

Today's Flower

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Jay & Kristie Swoboda, in honor of the 35th anniversary of their first fateful date.

Calendar of Weekly Events

<p><i>Sunday</i> July 24</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 (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 (<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> July 25</p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Youth Commons Area)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> July 27</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</i> <i>July 31</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. 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)) 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. 9:30 a.m. Wanderers (Parlor) <i>Jesus, CEO</i>, by Laurie Beth Jones. 10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Narthex) 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Facebook Live www.facebook.com/fpcConroe or YouTube.com/fpcConroe)</p>
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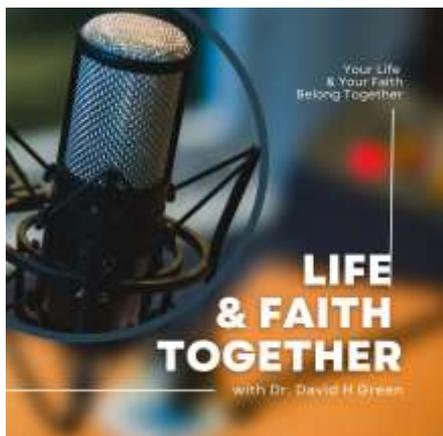
Save the Date

- July 24-28 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



Life and Faith Together:

A New Podcast by David H Green



Life and Faith Together is a new weekly podcast hosted by Dr. Green. Updated on Wednesday mornings, each episode will include a recent sermon or lesson. When Wednesday Night Live returns in the Fall, Dr. Green plans to include bonus content **for a Bible Study on the Lord's Prayer.**

Among the reasons Dr. Green launched this podcast is with the hope that it will create another opportunity for people to connect with our congregation. When asked about this, Dr. Green said, **“One unexpected benefit of the Covid-related events is that we seem to have developed an online congregation. Some of these participants don't even live in Texas. But they are still connecting with us. I hope the podcast gives us another point of connection.”**

Dr. Green's podcast is available, free of charge, at *Apple Podcasts* and other online sources. You can also listen at Dr. Green's website (<https://davidhgreen.com/life-and-faith-together>).

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)

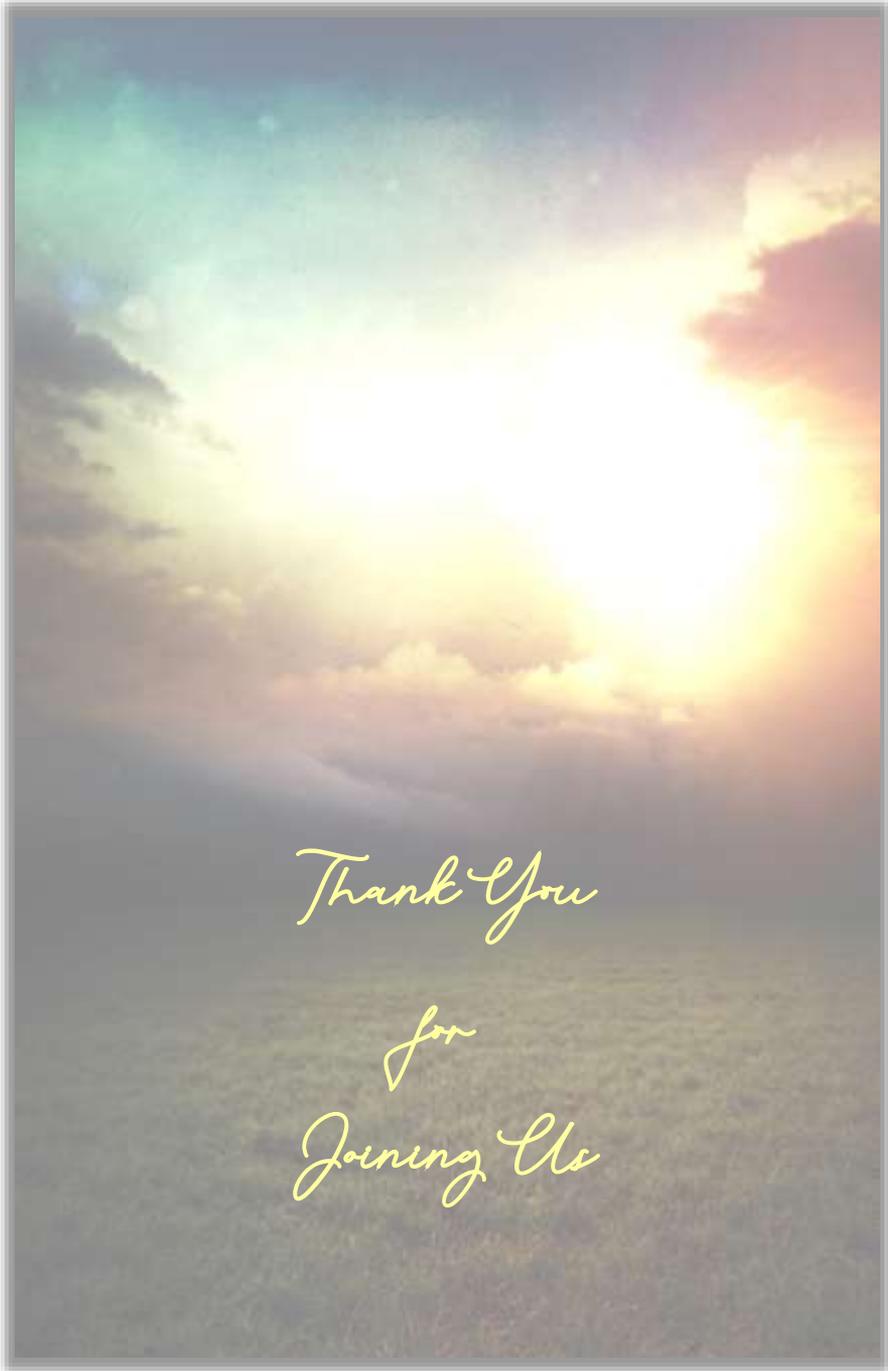
Facebook

Drive by

Website

Friend/Family

Other



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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