

# First Presbyterian Church

September 4, 2022



*Welcome*

Sermon: Resting

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the Lord from now on.’

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‘that they may rest from their labors,  
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(Revelation 14:13)

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

### Preparation

Prelude

*Corde Natus*

*Archer*

### Adoration

Call to Worship

\*Hymn #442

The Church's One Foundation

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation by water and the word;  
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.
  
2. Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.
  
4. Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
  
5. Yet she on earth has union with God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

## 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

Revelation 14:6-13

Remarks

Rev. Dr. David H. Green

Resting

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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 #415

Come, Labor On

1. Come, labor on!  
Who dares stand idle, on the harvest plain  
While all around him waves the golden grain?  
And to each servant does the Master say,  
Go work today.
  
2. Come, labor on!  
Claim the high calling angels cannot share—  
To young and old the Gospel gladness bear;  
Redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly.  
The night draws nigh.
  
4. Come, labor on!  
Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!  
No arm so weak but may do service here:  
By feeblest agents may our God fulfill  
His righteous will.

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

*Arabesque #1*

*Debussy*

\*Please stand if able.

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***A Warm Welcome to FPC's New  
Accompanist, Rolethial McKelvey***



Rolethial McKelvey is a Houston native that had the privilege of beginning piano lessons at age four. Rolethial continued studying privately while simultaneously playing in the jazz band at Johnston Middle School (renamed Meyerland Performing and Visual

**Arts Middle School). Rolethial attended Houston's High School for the Performing and Visual Arts, where she studied classical piano during school, as well as continuing to study privately.**

At age sixteen, Rolethial began her teaching career, as she worked with Houston Independent School District's 'Summer Academy for Scholarship in the Arts'.

**Rolethial received her Bachelor's Degree from Sam Houston State University, and play for the University's Chorale. Afterwards, she continued influencing Houston's youth while working as a consultant for both Houston's High School for the Performing and Visual Arts and Johnston Middle School between 2010 – 2012.**

Presently, Rolethial is a solo pianist, accompanist, and the Director of Piano Studies at Meyerland Performing and Visual Arts Middle School.

*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). There you can fill out the Visitor form online, or you can do so now, 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

*Introit I*

*Folts*

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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.

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

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Welcome and Announcements

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory                      *Let Us Break Bread Together*                      Hogan

\*Doxology

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

\*Choral Response

*Proclamation*

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Revelation 14:6-13

Sermon

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Gentle Shepherd

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us,  
For we need You to help us find our way.  
Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us,  
For we need Your strength from day to day.  
There's no other we can turn to  
Who can help us face another day:  
Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us,  
For we need You to help us find our way.

\*Closing Response

\*Postlude

*Arabesque #1*

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## ***This Week's Scripture Reading***

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

Revelation 14:6-13

<sup>6</sup> Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup> **And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."**

<sup>8</sup> **Another angel, a second, followed, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who made all nations drink the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality."**

<sup>9</sup> And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice, **"If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, <sup>10</sup> he also will drink the wine of God's wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. <sup>11</sup> And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name."**

<sup>12</sup> Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.

<sup>13</sup> **And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"**

# *Notes*



### *Meeting of the Congregation*

On September 11<sup>th</sup>, after the 11:00 worship service, the Session has called for a meeting of the congregation for the purpose of: 1) receiving a report and recommendation with regard to financing the church's debt, and 2) discussing a proposed cell phone tower on the church's property.

### *Passing the Plate*

Starting September 11<sup>th</sup>, we will be passing the plate for offerings in the 11:00 worship service. We will need six volunteers to assist with this effort. Please call Chuck Pohla to volunteer, at (936) 788-3214.

### ***Christmas Boxes for the Houston International Seafarer's Center***

As part of an annual city-wide faith community outreach project, Presbyterian Women will fill, wrap and deliver shoe boxes with toiletries and personal items **to the Seafarer's Center. These boxes benefit those on ships that visit Houston** in the weeks before Christmas, and who are, by occupation, almost always away from their own homes in the holiday season. Congregation-wide support is what makes it possible for us to meet a goal of 100 boxes.

If you would like to make a contribution toward the purchase of items for the boxes, please make checks payable to the church with a notation that it is for "Seafarer's boxes". **Shopping will be underway through October, with packing** being done on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please call Susan Buckley for additional information as to how you can help (936) 224-3115.

### *Supper Club Invite*

Saturday Supper Club will resume in September. We meet once a month, usually **the second Saturday, during the school year at someone's home.** Hostess provides entrée, water and iced tea. Others bring side dishes, dessert and wine. Anyone interested in joining us, please contact Janet (936) 232-5636 or Chuck Pohla (936) 788-3214.

## *Preparing for Fall With a New Bible Study*

We probably all heard at least one of these statements: “The Bible is just an old book and not to be trusted”, “All religions are basically the same”, “Christ was just a good moral teacher, but He certainly did not rise from the dead!”. How did you answer such statements? This study is designed to teach you how to debunk them and defend the truth. As we prepare for a new season, we would like to invite you to attend this new Bible Study, “Myths of the Bible”, which will be led by FPC’s Parish Nurse, Shirley Dukes. This study will be on Sunday evenings, beginning October 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 5:00-6:30 p.m., with a brown bag meal option. If you would like to attend, please contact Shirley Dukes.

## *Coupons for Military Families*

Please continue to donate manufacturer’s coupons to benefit the families of military personnel. The following is an excerpt from a thank-you letter received from the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society:

**“Many of our families saved more than \$30 per trip and that can really help them financially. Your dedication to the military community is greatly appreciated and we would love to continue receiving coupons.”**

There is a box on the counter in the office where you can drop off your coupons. The manufacturers honor the coupons for up to six months past the expiration date.



## *Voter Registration Sundays*

Today, September 4<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 are designated Voter Registration Sundays. As a congregational and community service, we are offering you the opportunity to register to vote if you are a resident of Montgomery County. If you are new to the county

or have moved within the county, we can assist you in updating your registration status.

NEW this year, in Texas elections, is the addition of new voting machines. The voting process will be a 2-step process. We will share the information with you.

Important elections are coming up. Your vote is important. Let us help you to be prepared. We will have tables in the Narthex before and after both services.

## Prayer List

Members: The family of Gary Weinburger, Ron Bailey, Alice Helms, Polly Miller, Cindy Watson, Joanne Deaver, Sharon Walker, Karen Baughman, Jean Ball, Roy Kessler, Mary Hudson, George Shackelford, Kim Phillip, Flem Keathley, Carolyn Hebert, Paul Ivison, Don Myers, Margaret Carson, Fay Harrison, Clyde Cruikshank, Virginia Tamborello, Ben Hughes, Jeanne Leverette, Virginia Olivier, Tom Braaten

Members' Relatives & Friends: John R. (Hethershaw), Tanya B. (Buckley), Mitch B. (Blott), Eddie S. & Harry S., Jr. (Havens), Randy S. (Spencer), Barbara B. (Das), James M., Patty M., Enrique E. (Moore), 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, August 28<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Prayer and Communion - 43

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 129

Online Worship Attendance - 46

Total Attendance - 218

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

Bobby Ezell

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

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Polly Miller,  
in honor of those who have come before us.

## Calendar of Weekly Events

<p><i>Sunday</i> <i>September 4</i></p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Communion and Prayer (Sanctuary)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Fellowship (Bistro)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Praise band (Gym)</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. Fellowship class (Rm.204). Currently studying the book of Acts and using Max Lucado's book, <i>Life Lessons from Acts</i>.</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 Through Middle Eastern Eyes</i>, by Kenneth Bailey.</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Narthex)</p> <p>10:40 a.m. Praise band (Sanctuary)</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><i>Monday</i> <i>September 5</i></p>	<p>Labor Day Holiday (FPC Office Closed)</p> <p>NO BIBLE STUDY TODAY</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>September 7</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>7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Sanctuary)</p>

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## Save the Date

September 5	Labor Day - FPC Holiday (Office closed)
September 6	PDS Back to School
September 11	Congregational Meeting
September 22	Autumn begins
September 28	Wednesday Night Live Kickoff
October 15-26	Trip to Israel

## 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, Music Director  
Rolethial McKelvey, Accompanist  
Shirley Dukes, Parish Nurse  
Yvonne Rose, Office Manager



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