

***This Week at
First Presbyterian Church
October 10, 2021***



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8:30 AM COMMUNION AND PRAYER

PREPARATION

PRELUDE

PASSACGLIA

ROBERTS

ADORATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN #440**

IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

1. In Christ there is no east or west,
In Him no south or north;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.
2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close-binding humankind.
4. In Christ now meet both east and west,
In Him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth.

CONFESSION

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O Most Patient God, we recognize how much we need you for life itself. But how often have we behaved as if we did not know or even care about you?

**How often have we become the ones who do not carry out justice?
How often have we tried to dominate others even as you stand with them?**

How often have we participated in the desolation of your creation by our treatment of the heavens, the earth and its waters?

Forgive us for these times when we have lost our way. All Loving God, we want to be among those whom you seek. Shower your mercy upon us. Find us, and lead us safely home to faithfulness.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

My friends, when we are lost, all is not lost. God is seeking us, ready to turn our lives around, Gathering us in to the people of God. Let us rejoice in God's mercy!

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 14:1-6A

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CY"**

**NO "NO VACAN-
REV. TOM COOP**

DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***HYMN #138**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

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***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

GRAND CHOEUR

YOUNG

11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

PREPARATION

OPENING MUSIC

ADORATION

INTROIT LORD, HELP OUR HEARTS BE PURE FOLTS

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***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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***GLORIA PATRI**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF COMMITMENT AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

ANTHEM

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

THOMPSON

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 15:3-7

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?

⁵ When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.'

⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

CHILDREN'S TIME

***HYMN #92**

BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock
Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness,
A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat,
And the burden of the day.
2. Upon that cross of Jesus
Mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One
Who suffered there for me;
And from my stricken heart with tears
Two wonders I confess:
The wonders of redeeming love
And my unworthiness.

SCRIPTURE READING

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SERMON

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***CLOSING RESPONSE (SEE SLIDE FOR LYRICS)**

***POSTLUDE**

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THIS SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

JOHN 14:1-6A

¹ "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

³ "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going."

⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life."

Notes



Volunteer Elders Needed

If you are a FPC elder (even if not currently serving on the Session), FPC is seeking five volunteers who would like to attend the upcoming November 20, 2021, Presbytery of New Covenant meeting. The meeting typically starts at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. The location of the meeting has not yet been announced, but there is usually an option to attend via Zoom.

If you are interested, please contact Dr. Green (dgreen@fpcconroe.org) or Sally DeStefano (sally.destefano@gmail.com) **prior to October 17**, so that your name can be proposed as a commissioner at the next Session meeting.

Family Movie Night October 16th

Join us for Family Movie Night to watch “It’s the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown”, or drop the kids off while you enjoy a date night. Shop, go to dinner, or just enjoy some quiet time. Adult supervision provided, along with popcorn and hot dogs. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. and the movie begins at 6:15 p.m. Pick up is at 8:00 p.m. sharp. Don’t miss out. Register at: vbspro.events/p/movienightoct2021 or contact Dena Sowden at DSowden@FPCConroe.org.

Wednesday Night Live (WNL) Dinners are Back

The Fall WNL is back in full swing in the Family Life Center (FLC). A full dinner will be served both on-site and for takeout. Reservations are requested for both. Please make them by 5:00 p.m. each Tuesday. Take-out dinners will be ready for pick-up at 5:00 p.m. and on-site dining will begin at 5:15 p.m.

Regrettably, we must increase the cost of the meal to \$5, due to the increase in both food items and supplies. Children under 12 years old and adults over 75 years of age, are not charged. Reservations can be made through the FPC office (936) 756-8884 or by call/text Shirley Dukes, (936) 760-8655. Your Kitchen Crew looks forward to breaking bread with you once again.

Pumpkin Patch Fun Begins October 15th



It's Pumpkin Patch time again!! Last year's patch was a HUGE success and we're looking forward to having fun again this year, but we need your help. Wagons are a big hit for customers to haul pumpkins in, so if you can lend us your wagon, that would be helpful. We also need help during the days we're open for sales, Tuesday-Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Sunday

12:00 to 7:00 p.m. Helping on sales days will consist mostly of assisting visitors navigate the Patch, taking payments, and just being a representative of FPC. The weekends will undoubtedly be the busiest and will require more help. We'll have hay rides, refreshments, photo ops, games and s'mores.

The delivery day is scheduled for October 15th, at 4:00 p.m., and we can use all the help we can get for unloading and arranging pumpkins. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Dena Sowden at DSowden@fpconroe.org or (979) 255-2096. Please contact Liz Kessler at (713) 818-1006 to assist with refreshments.

Sumthin' Pumpkin Challenge October 23rd

What is a Sumthin' Pumpkin Challenge? Glad you asked. This is an opportunity for all of our cooks to earn bragging rights using your best pumpkin recipe. This event will be held on October 23rd, at 1:00 p.m., in the Family Life Center. Details can be found on the Welcome Desk.

Everyone is invited to participate, as there will be Adult and Youth (PK-12th grade) categories. Lots of yum to go around, as well as some awesome prizes. The deadline to enter is October 22nd, so don't delay.

Financial Report (2021 YTD as of September 30, 2021)

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Revenue	\$527,625	\$518,170
Expenses	\$556,465	\$543,590

Prayer List

Members: The family of Mills McNeel, the family of Karlene Griffin, the family of Evelyn Kenward, the family of Pat Smith, Jean Ball, George Shackelford, Margaret Hill, Kim Phillip, Flem Keathley, Carolyn Hebert, Paul Ivison, Leona Cowie, Lorraine Bosse, Don and Doris Myers, Margaret Carson, Fay Harrison, Clyde Cruikshank, Virginia Tamborello, Ben Hughes, Jeanette DeFee, Polly Miller, Jeanne Leverette, Virginia Olivier, Tom Braaten

Members' Relatives & Friends: Sherry B. (Harrison), Mitchell B. (Blott), Margie E. (Hughes), Kellye H. and Jeffrey H. (Heasley), Sabra S. (Swoboda), Deborah R. (Rose), Jack S. and Jay, Katie B. (Pohla), Matt F. (Elms), Wendy S. (Adamson), Harry S., Jr. (Havens), Russell W. (Weinburger), Tim J. (Staff), Krissy P. & family (Kasmiersky), Judy N. (Dukes), Sherry M. (Garrison), Diane B., Pat S.'s family, Lindsey W., Ruby G., Beverly F. (S. Walker), Enrique E. (Moore), Ann (Ebanks), Paul M. (Alan Moore), Lee H. and Gene H. (Helms), Caleb & Michaela W. (Henderson), Lisa & 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, October 3rd

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 18

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 117

Online Worship Attendance - 54

Total Attendance - 189

Today's Worship Leader

Sharon Walker

Save the Date

October 11	CISD and PDS School holiday
October 16-31	Family Movie Night
October 16-31	2nd Annual Pumpkin Patch
October 23	Sumthin' Pumpkin
October 31	Community Memorial Service
October 31	Trunk-or-Treat

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 or email us at yrose@fpcconroe.org. We appreciate you joining us for services today, whether online or in person.

Ministry Leaders

Administration	Jay Swoboda (2022, Chair)
Building & Grounds	Stephan Tibbetts (2022, Chair), David Perciful (2022)
Care-Prayer	Bob Shepherd (2023, Chair)
Discipleship	Anne Spinks (2021, Chair), Mark Sowden (2021)
Fellowship	Shirley Dukes (2021, Chair)
Membership	Donna Stewart (2021, Chair), Anna McNamara (2022), Abby Stewart (2022), Dena Sowden (2023)
Missions	Tom Young (2021)
PDS	Karen Clark (2021), Sharon Walker (2022)
Worship	Chuck and Janet Pohla (2023, Chairs)

Calendar of Weekly Events

<p>Sunday October 10</p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Communion and Prayer Service (Sanctuary)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Fellowship (Bistro)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Fellowship class with Cara Wood: A Bible study on the Max Lucado book, <i>“Life Lessons from Romans”</i> (Zoom Meeting ID: 267 960 141, Password: 330714) https://zoom.us/j/267960141 (or call +1 346 248 7799, 267960141#)</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) (Library)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Exploring Our Faith (Rm. 206) <i>The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided By Politics And Religion</i>, by Jonathan Haidt.</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Wanderers (Parlor) <i>Ecclesiastes: The Search for Meaning in Modern Music</i></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>Monday October 11</p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Afternoon Bible Study (Youth Commons Area)</p>
<p>Tuesday October 12</p>	<p>7:30 p.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Pastor's office and Zoom Meeting ID: 844 897 863, Password: 77304))</p>
<p>Wednesday October 13</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Mission Sewing (Rm. 105)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. FPC Staff Meeting (Zoom Meeting ID available by invitation)</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Live Dinner (Gym)</p> <p>5:45 p.m. Handbells Practice (Sanctuary)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Disciple Bible Study (Room 105)</p> <p>7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Sanctuary)</p>

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Staff and Church Information

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Rev. Dr. David H. Green, Senior Pastor

Dena Sowden, Director of Christian Education

Stephanie Cooke, Interim Music Director

Shirley Dukes, Parish Nurse

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