

Welcome to  
First Presbyterian Church  
November 21, 2021



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

### Preparation

Prelude

Morning Meditation

Logan

### Adoration

Call to Worship

\*Hymn #559

We Gather Together

1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,  
Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.
2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;  
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
Thou, Lord, wast at our side; All glory be Thine!

### Confession

\*Call to Confession

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

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

\*Gloria Patri

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology

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

## Proclamation

Scripture Reading

Genesis 14:17-24

Remarks

Rev. Dr. David H. Green

Bread & Wine

***“And he (Melchizedek) blessed him and said, ‘Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!’ And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.”***  
(Genesis 14:19-20)

## Dedication

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of thanksgiving

\*Hymn #275

God of Our Life

1. God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in Thee;  
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, Thy hand we see.  
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,  
We own Thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.
2. God of the past, our times are in Thy hand; with us abide.  
Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land; be Thou our guide.  
With Thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,  
And faith's fair vision changes into sight.

Charge and Benediction

3. God of the coming years, through paths unknown we follow Thee;  
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone; our refuge be.  
Be Thou for us in life our daily bread,  
Our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

\*Postlude

Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light

Bach

\*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](http://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

Praise Him, O Praise Him

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Merciful God, we do not love you with all our heart and we fail to keep your commandments. Doubt invades our lives, and the burden of our sin is heavy. Forgive our fleeting faith. Open our lives to your service, so that we may love you and serve you with deep joy and great devotion. In the name of Christ we pray.

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

\*Choral Response

Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth

Rutter

Proclamation

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 9:11-22

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Children's Time**

\*Hymn#551

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

1. Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home:  
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied:  
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.
2. All the world is God's own field, fruit unto God's praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown;  
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear:  
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 14:17-24

Sermon

Rev. Dr. David H. Green

Bread & Wine

*"And he (Melchizedek) blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!'*

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\*Closing Response

\*Postlude                      Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light                      Bach

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## ***This Week's Scripture Readings***

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Scripture Reading #1:

Hebrews 9:11-22

<sup>11</sup> But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup> he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup> For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup> how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

<sup>15</sup> Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. <sup>16</sup> For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. <sup>17</sup> For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. <sup>18</sup> Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. <sup>19</sup> For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, <sup>20</sup> **saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you."** <sup>21</sup> And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. <sup>22</sup> Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

Scripture Reading #2:

Genesis 14:17-24

<sup>17</sup> After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). <sup>18</sup> And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) <sup>19</sup> And he blessed him and said,

**"Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; <sup>20</sup> and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!"**



And Abram gave him a tenth of everything. <sup>21</sup> And the king of Sodom said to Abram, “Give me the persons, but take the goods for yourself.” <sup>22</sup> But Abram said to the king of Sodom, “I have lifted my hand to the Lord, God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth, <sup>23</sup> that I would not take a thread or a sandal strap or anything that is yours, lest you should say, ‘I have made Abram rich.’ <sup>24</sup> I will take nothing but what the young men have eaten, and the share of the men who went with me. Let Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre take their share.”

## Notes



### *The Wanderers Sunday School Class*

The Wanderers Sunday School is beginning a new study: *Christmas from the Backside*, by J. Ellsworth Kalas. Join us as we prepare for the coming of Christ by looking at scripture from a different angle.

### *Stewardship Campaign for 2022*

All congregation members should have received a letter, along with a pledge card for the year of 2022. If you did not receive a packet, additional pledge cards can be found on the Welcome Desk for your convenience. Thanks for your continued support for the future vision of First Presbyterian Church.

### **Seafarers' Boxes for Christmas 2021**



Presbyterian Women packed 100 Seafarer's Christmas gift boxes on Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Jean Ball, Betty Blott, Linda Harshbarger, Liz Kessler, Joan Lowery, Cherry Perciful, Suzie Reese, Paula Shepherd, Marty Taylor and Pat Vorhees for joining Susan Buckley at her house to accomplish the task. After dedication of the boxes at Sunday worship on November 7 the **boxes were delivered to the Seafarers' Center in the Port of Houston** by Tom and Joan Lowery. They will now be given out to crew men and women as ships come into the Port throughout the Christmas season.

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We wish to thank the entire congregation for their generous support for this mission project. We could not have filled 100 boxes without your help.



### *One Call Now Updated Information*

As most of you know, One Call Now is the method used to keep church members informed of important information within the church. If you have updates to your cell phone or email address, please fill out a form, and leave it in the church office. Forms can be found on the Welcome Desk.

## An Advent Gift for You!

Sacred Time for Advent is an online gathering to connect with the meaning of the Advent season using Bible reflections, conversation and prayer. Offered by LEAD (Living Every Day as Disciples), participants can choose an open group offered for an hour at various times on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. The program begins on Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup> and will last for four weeks. There will also be a daily devotion email including art, scripture, story and prayer.

This is a gift to you from the Presbytery of New Covenant. Register here: <https://waytolead.org/sacred-time-to-welcome-the-seasons/>  
Use the coupon code AdventGift.

## *Flower Calendar for 2022*

Please make note that our flower calendar for the year of 2022 is now on the Welcome Desk. If you would like to sign up to provide flowers for our Worship service and make a dedication, you may now select your date(s).

### **Save the Date**

November 25	Thanksgiving Holiday (PDS and FPC offices closed)
December 5	Special Music Sunday
December 12	Christmas Pageant (during 11:00 service)
December 18	Family Movie Night
December 24	Christmas Eve Services
December 25	Christmas Day

## Prayer List

Members: Jean Ball, George Shackelford, Margaret Hill, Kim Phillip, Flem Keathley, Carolyn Hebert, Paul Ivison, 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: Jenny C. (Cannon), Lynda H. and Amy D. (Ebanks), Sherry B. (Harrison), Mitchell B. (Blott), Maria H. (Hughes), Kellye H. and Jeffrey H. (Heasley), Sabra S. (Swoboda), Deborah R. (Rose), Jack S. and Jay, Katie B. (Pohla), 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), 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, November 14<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Prayer and Communion - 13

11:00 a.m. Worship Services - 99

Online Worship Attendance - 63

Total Attendance - 201

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

Bobby Ezell

### ***Today's Flowers***

Today's flowers are given for the glory of God by Jay and Kristie Swoboda.  
Happy Thanksgiving!

## Calendar of Weekly Events

Sunday <i>November 21</i>	8:30 a.m. Communion and Prayer (Sanctuary) 9:00 a.m. Fellowship (Bistro) 9:30 a.m. Fellowship class with Cara Wood: A Bible study on the Max Lucado book, " <i>Life Lessons from Romans</i> " ( <b>Zoom Meeting ID:</b> 267 960 141, Password: 330714) <a href="https://zoom.us/j/267960141">https://zoom.us/j/267960141</a> (or call +1 346 248 7799, 267960141#) 9:30 a.m. Bereans Sunday School Class with Bob Shepherd (Rm. 105): Paul's letter to the Colossians. 9:30 a.m. Young & U Sunday School Class (young adults and university age students) (Library and Zoom <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86497519299?pwd=cktiTmZ5SEM1SWZpNWRLUWhwS1lxQT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86497519299?</a> <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86497519299?pwd=cktiTmZ5SEM1SWZpNWRLUWhwS1lxQT09">us02web.zoom.us/j/86497519299?</a> Meeting ID: 864 9751 9299 Passcode: 77304) 9:30 a.m. Exploring Our Faith (Rm. 206) <i>The Master Plan: My Journey from Life in Prison to a Life of Purpose</i> , by Chris Wilson, together with <i>Restoring Peace: Using Lessons From Prison to Mend Broken Relationships</i> , by Kirk Blackard. 9:30 a.m. Wanderers (Parlor) <i>Christmas from the Backside</i> , by J. Ellsworth Kalas. 10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Narthex) 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Facebook Live <a href="http://www.facebook.com/fpcConroe">www.facebook.com/fpcConroe</a> or YouTube.com/fpcConroe)
Monday <i>November 22</i>	1:30 p.m. Monday Afternoon Bible Study (Youth Commons Area)
Tuesday <i>November 23</i>	7:30 p.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Zoom Meeting ID: 844 897 863, Password: 77304))
Wednesday <i>November 24</i>	9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Mission Sewing (Rm. 105) 9:30 a.m. FPC Staff Meeting (Zoom ID available by invitation) The Spark (Gym) WILL RETURN DECEMBER 1 Disciple Bible Study (Room 105 and Zoom 879 2931 2569 passcode 77304) WILL RETURN JANUARY 5

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## 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)

# Family Promise

of Montgomery County

Help Us Bring  
Christmas Joy  
To Others



Philip Cash  
*toys for cops*



## **December 4, 2021** **12 noon til 3:00**

**Live Auction**  
**Silent Auction**  
**Catfish Dinner**  
**\$12.00**

**ToGo Plates Available**

**North Montgomery**  
**Community Center**  
**600 Gerald Street**  
**Willis, Texas 77378**

**All donations welcome - Contact Marilyn Kasmiersky**  
**936-441-8778 [www.familypromiseofmc.org](http://www.familypromiseofmc.org)**



## 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.FPCConroe.org](http://www.FPCConroe.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

**Member Information for Church Directory**  
**First Presbyterian Church of Conroe**

Please list all information you would like included in the new directory. There is not a limit to phone numbers or email addresses.

**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): \_\_\_\_\_

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## Staff and Church Information

### Staff

Rev. Dr. David H. Green, Senior Pastor  
Dena Sowden, Director of Christian Education  
Stephanie Cooke, Interim Music Director  
Shirley Dukes, Parish Nurse  
Sharon VanSchuyver, Church Administrator  
Yvonne Rose, Office Assistant



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