

Welcome to
First Presbyterian Church
November 28, 2021



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8:30 A.M. COMMUNION AND PRAYER

Preparation

Prelude Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence Johnson

Adoration

Call to Worship

*Hymn #8 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates,
Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here!
2. Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heaven's employ,
Adorned with prayer, and love, and joy.
3. Redeemer, come! I open wide
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me Thy inner presence feel;
Thy grace and love in me reveal.

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

Proclamation

Scripture Reading

Luke 16:19-31

Our Christmas Carol: Marley's Ghost

"And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'" (Luke 16:30)

Dedication

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of thanksgiving

*Hymn #139

Come, Thou Almighty King

1. Come, Thou Almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing, help us to praise:
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.
2. Come, Thou Incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword, our prayer attend:
Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.
3. Come, Holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour:
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

Charge and Benediction

4. To Thee, great One in Three,
The highest praises be, hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore.

*Postlude

Soon He Will Appear

Schumann

*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 fpccconroe.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, Oh Praise the Lord

Call to Worship

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*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess our sin and the sin of this world. We are a people divided against ourselves. Our fears and jealousies set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, turning them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy on us. Heal us and forgive us through Jesus Christ.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

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*Gloria Patri

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

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

*Choral Response

Anthem

The King Shall Come

Leavitt

Proclamation

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

*Hymn#303

Lover of My Soul

1. Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last!
3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want, more than all in Thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.

Scripture Reading

Luke 16:19-31

Sermon

Rev. Dr. David H. Green

Our Christmas Carol: Marley's Ghost

"And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'" (Luke 16:30)

Dedication

Affirmation of Faith:

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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*Closing Response

*Postlude

Soon He Will Appear

Schumann

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This Week's Scripture Readings

Scripture Reading #1:

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; ¹it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, **“Son of man, can these bones live?”** And I answered, **“O Lord GOD, you know.”** ⁴Then he said to me, **“Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.** ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath ⁶to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, ⁸and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, **“Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.”** ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, **“Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’** ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

¹⁹“**There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.** ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side.^[a] The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, ‘**Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.**’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘**Child, remember that** you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ ²⁷And he said, ‘**Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house—** ²⁸for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they **also come into this place of torment.**’ ²⁹But Abraham said, ‘**They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.**’ ³⁰And he said, ‘**No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.**’ ³¹He said to him, ‘**If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.**”

Notes



Poinsettia Dedications

Poinsettias will be ordered again this year, and will be delivered in time for our December 19th worship service. If you would like to purchase one (or more) poinsettias and make a dedication in memory or in honor of a loved one, please see the form on page 16 of this bulletin. The cost of poinsettias this year is \$12. Please fill out your form and enclose payment, making sure that your dedication is printed clearly.

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.

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 29th 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.

Prayer List

Members: Mary Hudson, 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: Freddy G. (Taylor), 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 (Wilmberry), Virginia R. (Smith), Dana K. (Shorts)

Good Things to Know

Attendance

Sunday, November 21st

8:30 a.m. Prayer and Communion - 16

11:00 a.m. Worship Services - 131

Online Worship Attendance - ?

Total Attendance - 147

Today's Worship Leader

Bobby Ezell

Today's Flowers

Today's flowers are given for the glory of God by:

- ◆ Larry and Cindy Bailey, in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary
- ◆ Ann Bush, in honor of her parents, Bob and Pat Hathaway's birthdays and anniversary.

Calendar of Weekly Events

Sunday <i>November 28</i>	8:30 a.m. Communion and Prayer (Sanctuary) 9:00 a.m. Fellowship (Bistro) 9:30 a.m. Fellowship class with Cara Wood: An Advent study based on Isaiah 9:6 and the book by Walter Brueggemann, <i>Names for the Messiah</i> . (Zoom Meeting ID: 267 960 141, Password: 330714) https://zoom.us/j/267960141 (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 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86497519299? 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 www.facebook.com/fpcConroe or YouTube.com/fpcConroe)
Monday <i>November 29</i>	1:30 p.m. Monday Afternoon Bible Study (Youth Commons Area)
Tuesday <i>November 30</i>	7:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Zoom Meeting ID: 844 897 863, Password: 77304))
Wednesday <i>December 1</i>	9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Mission Sewing (Rm. 105) 10:30 a.m. FPC Staff Meeting (Zoom ID available by invitation) 5:45 p.m. Handbells Practice (Sanctuary) The Spark (Gym) WILL RETURN DECEMBER 1 Disciple Bible Study (Room 105 and Zoom 879 2931 2569 passcode 77304) WILL RETURN JANUARY 5 7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

<p>Sunday December 5</p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Communion and Prayer (Sanctuary)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Fellowship (Bistro)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Fellowship class with Cara Wood: An Advent study based on Isaiah 9:6 and the book by Walter Brueggemann, <i>Names for the Messiah</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 and Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86497519299? Meeting ID: 864 9751 9299 Passcode: 77304))</p> <p>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.</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Wanderers (Parlor) <i>Christmas from the Backside</i>, by J. Ellsworth Kalas.</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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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)

Save the Date

- 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

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 Kasniersky
936-441-8778 www.familypromiseofmc.org

A Handful of Weeds

A young, poor girl was on her way to church on Christmas Eve. She had no money for a Christmas gift for the church; so on her way to mass, she stopped and picked a handful of “weeds” from the side of the dusty road. The girl brought the native Mexican “weeds” into the church and set them on the altar during the service. The “weeds” burst into brilliant, bright red color as they lay in the church.



Since then, poinsettias, which require short days to bloom, have been a traditional part of the people’s holiday. This legend might explain why many people today still use the poinsettia to decorate their home during the Advent season.

We, at First Presbyterian Church, will fill our sanctuary with poinsettias during the Advent season because of their vibrant colors. The red symbolizes God’s love for us and the green symbolizes everlasting life.

To help us bring these meanings to life in the church, you may purchase a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one, a special occasion or a relevant event. Simply complete the information below, and enclose \$12 for each poinsettia. Place your form and cash/check in the collection plate or return to the church office. Thank you.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Number of desired poinsettias _____

Amount enclosed _____

Dedicated to _____

(Please print clearly)

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.

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): _____

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: _____

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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