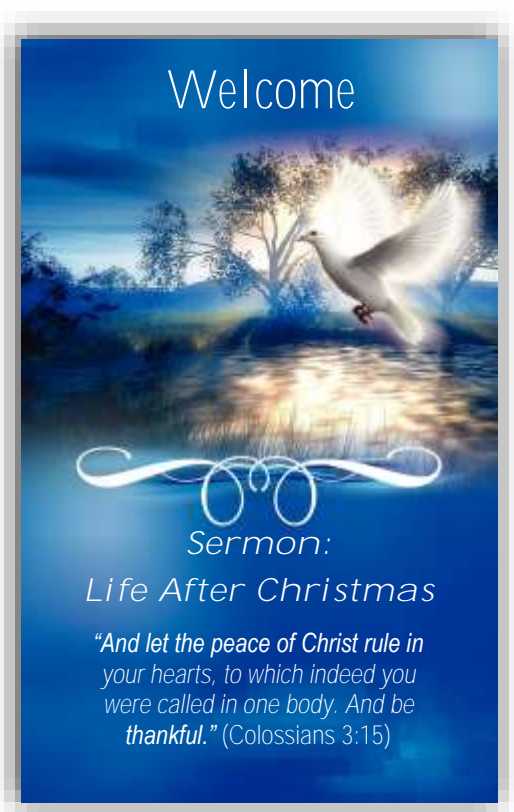


First Presbyterian Church

December 26, 2021



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8:30 A.M. COMMUNION AND PRAYER

Preparation

Prelude

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

Smith

Adoration

Call to Worship

*Hymn #49

Once in Royal David's City

1. **Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,**
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed.
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.
2. He came down to earth from heaven, Who is God and Lord of all
And His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall.
With the poor, oppressed, and lowly, live on earth our Savior holy.
4. And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His own redeeming love,
For that Child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;
And He leads His children on, to the place where He is gone.

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

Colossians 3:12-17

Remarks

Rev. Dr. David H. Green

Life After Christmas

"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful." (Colossians 3:15)

Dedication

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of thanksgiving

*Hymn #40

Joy to the World!

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world! the Savior reigns:
Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

Charge and Benediction

4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

*Postlude

Rise Up Shepherd

Hayes

*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 fpcconroe.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

Little Baby Jesus

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*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious and merciful God, you have created and redeemed us. You sustain our lives: we confess to you our sin. We are given much but too often responded with too little. Forgive our doubting hearts and mistrustful lives. Forgive our sin that we may love you and serve you **with all our heart and strength and might. In Christ's name we pray.**

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

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Welcome and Announcements

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Ding Dong Merrily

Harris

*Doxology

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

*Choral Response

Anthem

Dona Nobis Pacem/The First Nowell

Proclamation

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Children's Time

*Hymn #38

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

1. It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold;
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,
From heaven's all gracious King":
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing
4. For lo, the days are hastening on,
By prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever circling years
Comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.

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Sermon

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This Week's Scripture Readings

Scripture Reading #1:

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

¹⁸ Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy clothed with a linen ephod. ¹⁹ And his mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰ **Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the Lord give you children by this woman for the petition she asked of the Lord." So then they would return to their home.**

²⁶ Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the Lord and also with man.

Scripture Reading #2:

Colossians 3:12-17

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Notes



Financial Report
(2021 YTD as of 11/30/21)

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Revenue	\$644,875	\$619,195
Expenses	\$680,125	\$665,910

Stewardship Campaign for 2022

To fellow members of FPC-C:

I would like to update you on the status of our current Stewardship Campaign for the 2022 Budget. As of December 16, 2021, we have received 74 pledges (10 of which are new pledges) for a total amount of \$445,873.12 or an average of \$6,025.31 per pledge. This puts us about 75% of the way to a pledge income total needed to balance the 2022 Operating Budget. While this is a good start, there are still 33 pledging units (~\$133,000 in potential revenue) who made a commitment for the 2021 budget but have not, as of today, responded to the 2022 budget campaign. I would encourage those who have not responded to prayerfully consider continuing your financial support of the church. If you intend to pledge, please submit your pledge card in next couple of weeks, so that we may finalize our 2022 Budget prior to year-end. I continue to pray (and hope that you do also) for the welfare and programs of our church.

REMINDER! For those of you who are considering making a donation of stock to the church or making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) directly from your IRA to the church for the calendar year 2021, this memo is to remind you that the transaction must be completed by 12/31/2021 if you want the contribution to be a tax deduction for 2021. However, please try to complete transactions before **the last week in December to avoid a last minute “glitch” that may keep you from being eligible for a 2021 tax deduction.** Sharon VanSchuyver has paperwork in the church office that greatly facilitates the stock donation process, so please feel to contact Sharon if you wish to donate stock.

Also, for those who intend to pre-pay their pledge for 2022 in the calendar year 2021, please note that this should be completed before the last week in December as mentioned above.

-Fred Kate; Stewardship/Finance Coordinator

Looking Ahead to 2022

As was outlined in *The Link (December issue)*, we are losing two very valuable members of our FPC staff in the new year. Jane Corbit and Jackye Cannon will officially wrap up their Accounting responsibilities, after a decade of service to the church, and begin their very well-deserved retirement.

As they depart, they will be passing along the Accounting baton to Sharon VanSchuyver. Sharon, who has been our Church Administrator for 7-1/2 years now, will be taking on this role in 2022. Along with taking on the Accounting, Sharon has also had an increased and evolving role in beefing up our Communications efforts over the past few years. With these additional responsibilities, Sharon will be assuming the role of *Director of Communications and Finance* as of January 1.

With Sharon stepping into this expanded role, we realize the office will need additional coverage. Therefore, our tried and true Office Assistant, Yvonne Rose, will be stepping into the role of *Office Manager*. Yvonne will increase her weekly work schedule in the office, and will be overseeing the office, as well as building activity. Yvonne has been a great asset to the church, and we look forward to having her management expanded as she takes on these additional responsibilities.



Love God, invest in people, live generously

Prayer List

Members: Soren Rose, Roy Kessler, 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: Jack W. and Jenny C. (Cannon), William W. (Weinburger), Freddy G. (Taylor), 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), 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 (Wimberly), Virginia R. (Smith), Dana K. (Shorts)

Good Things to Know

Attendance

Sunday, December 19th

8:30 a.m. Prayer and Communion - 28

11:00 a.m. Worship Services - 207

Online Worship Attendance - 130

Total Attendance - 365

Today's Worship Leader

Sharon Walker

Today's Flowers

Today's flowers are given for the glory of God by
Warren Taylor, in honor of Marty's birthday.

Calendar of Weekly Events

Sunday <i>December 26</i>	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. 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>December 27</i>	FPC Office Closed (Christmas Holiday Observed)
Tuesday <i>December 28</i>	FPC Office Closed (Christmas Holiday Observed)
Wednesday <i>December 29</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) Disciple Bible Study (Room 105 and Zoom 879 2931 2569 passcode 77304) WILL RETURN JANUARY 12 7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

<p>Sunday January 2</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) (Library 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) <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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Save the Date

- December 27 & 28 Christmas Day Observed
(FPC office closed)

- January 1 Happy New Year

- January 3 **New Year's Day Observed**
(FPC office closed)

- January 12 Wednesday Night Live Returns



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)

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: _____

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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: _____

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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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