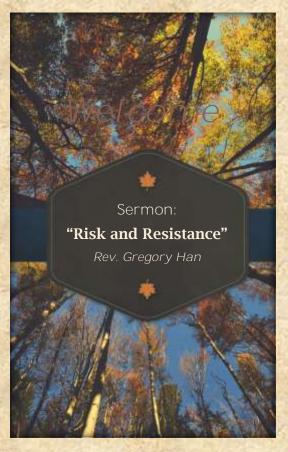
# First Presbyterian Church January 28, 2024



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#### 8:30 A.M. WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

## **Preparation**

Prelude

## A doration

## Call to Worship

\*Hymn #85

What Wondrous Love Is This

- What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul, To bear the heavy cross for my soul!
- 3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, And through eternity I'll sing on!

## Confession

\*Call to Confession

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

Christ is our peace;

Those who are divided he has made one.

He has broken down the barriers of separation by his death

and he has built us up into one body, with God.

To whomsoever repents and believes

he has promised reconciliation.

Live as people reconciled.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

\*Gloria Patri

Welcome and Announcements

## Proclamation

Scripture Reading John 5: 19-30

John 6: 60-71

Sermon "Risk and Resistance"

Rev. Gregory Han

#### **Dedication**

The Sacrament of Communion Invitation to the Table Prayers of the People

# The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn #482

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

- Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
   O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
   All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;
   Join me in glad adoration!
- 2. Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen How thy desires e'er have been Granted in what He ordaineth?
- 3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him! Let the amen Sound from His people again; Gladly for aye we adore Him.
- \*Charge and Benediction
- \*Postlude

\*Please stand if able.

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#### "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

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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. 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.

#### 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

## **Preparation**

## Opening Music

### A doration

Introit Safely Through Another Week Newton

Call to Worship

Leader: I waited and waited for and waited for God.

People: At last God looked; finally God listened. The Lord lifted

me out of the ditch, pulled me from the deep mud.

Leader: God stood me up on a solid rock to make sure I wouldn't slip. He taught me how to sing the latest God-song, a praise-song to our God.

People: More and more people are seeing this: they enter the

mystery, abandoning themselves to God.

Leader: Blessed are you who give yourselves over to God, turn your back on the world's "sure thing," ignore what the world worships; the world's a huge stockpile of God-wonders and God-thoughts.

People: Nothing and no one comes close to you! I start talking about you, telling what I know, and quickly run out of words. Neither numbers nor words account for you.

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- 3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, And through eternity I'll sing on!

#### Confession

#### \*Call to Confession

## \*Prayer of Confession

O God, gladly we live and move and have our being in you. Yet always in the midst of this creation-glory, we see sin's shadow and feel death's darkness:

Around us in the earth, sea, and sky, the abuse of matter; Beside us in the broken, the hungry, the poor,

The betrayal of one another;

And often, deep within us, a striving against your Spirit. O Trinity of Love,

Forgive us that we may forgive one another, Heal us that we may be people of healing, And renew us that we also may be makers of peace.

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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 Be Not Distressed Folts

## **Proclamation**

Scripture Reading

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### Children's Time

\*Hymn #172

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

John 5: 19-30

- My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His name: In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake His ways; And leads me, for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
- 2. When I walk through the shades of death Your presence is my stay; One word of Your supporting breath drives all my fears away. Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread; My cup with blessings overflows, Your oil anoints my head.
- 3. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may Your House be my abode, and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; No more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

Scripture Reading

John 6: 60-71

Sermon

"Risk and Resistance" Rev. Gregory Han

## The Ordination and Installation of Officers

The Congregation is called to ordain and install Randy Blanton, Masen Stuntz, and Sharon West, and install Bill Harshbarger, Bob Shepherd, Dena Sowden, and Mike Wisda. to the office of Elder.

## Sentences from Scripture

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

#### Statement on Ordination and Installation

## Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

#### Renunciations

I ask you, therefore, once again to reject sin, To profess your faith in Christ Jesus, And to confess the faith of the church, The faith in which we were baptized.

Do you renounce evil, and its power in the world, which defies God's righteousness and love?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that separate you from the love of God? I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior? I do.

Do you intend to be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word, and showing his love, to you life's end?

I do.

With the whole church, let us confess our 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 Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

You are now elders in the church of Jesus Christ and for this congregation. Be faithful and true in your ministry so that you whole life will bear witness to the crucified and risen Christ.

THANKS BE TO GOD. AMEN.

The Commissioning of the Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC)

The members of the PNC are:

Session Members Mark Sowden, Steve Scheffler, and Cheryl Nichols (Alternate).

Congregational Members Dana Corbit, Shirley Dukes, Jay Hammond, Pat Hudson, Roy Kessler, Charline Muller, and Janet Pohla.

## **Dedication**

## Prayers of the People

\*Hymn #482

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

- Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
   O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
   All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;
   Join me in glad adoration!
- 2. Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen How thy desires e'er have been Granted in what He ordaineth?
- 3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
  All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
  Let the amen Sound from His people again;
  Gladly for aye we adore Him.

## \*Charge and Benediction

## \*Closing Response

May the Love of God Be With You

May the love of God be with you, May He warm your ev'ry waking hour.

May His presence fill your longing spirit, May He bless you with his healing power. Even though you may be weary,

Even though you may be weary, His strength is mighty as a rock.

He'll keep you and abide with you,

As long as on this earth we walk. Amen.

\*Postlude

\*Please stand if able.

# **Notes**

# This Week's Scripture Readings

John 5: 19-30

<sup>19</sup> Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing on his own but only what he sees the Father doing, for whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise. <sup>20</sup> The Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing, and he will show him greater works than these, so that you will be astonished. <sup>21</sup> Indeed, just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whomever he wishes. <sup>22</sup> The Father judges no one but has given all judgment to the Son, <sup>23</sup> so that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Anyone who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. <sup>24</sup> Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and does not come under judgment but has passed from death to life.

<sup>25</sup> "Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming and is now here when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. <sup>26</sup> For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself, <sup>27</sup> and he has given him authority to execute judgment because he is the Son of Man. <sup>28</sup> Do not be astonished at this, for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice <sup>29</sup> and will come out: those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of condemnation.

<sup>30</sup> "I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just because I seek to do not my own will but the will of him who sent me.

John 6: 60-71

<sup>60</sup> When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" <sup>61</sup> But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup> Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup> It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup> But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who were the ones who did not believe and who was the one who would betray him. <sup>65</sup> And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

<sup>66</sup> Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup> So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" <sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup> We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." <sup>70</sup> Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve? Yet one of you is a devil." <sup>71</sup> He was speaking of Judas son of Simon Iscariot, for he, though one of the twelve, was going to betray him.



For Your Attention

Over the past couple of years, a significant number of our members, who mail their donation checks to the church, have had checks stolen. Giving online via credit card is one convenient way to avoid stolen checks. However, there is a small fee involved in this option. The church now has another option for avoiding stolen checks that has no fee associated with it. This option would be the **electronic fund transfer of money from your bank directly to the church's bank**. It can be set up on either a one-time or recurring basis. If you are interested in giving to the church via this method, please contact Fred Kate by email <a href="mailto:fhkate@yahoo.com">fhkate@yahoo.com</a> or telephone (936) 521-9428 for details.



Dessert Competition judges are needed for the Chili Cookoff. Volunteers please contact Dena Sowden (info above).

## Wednesday Night Live Menu - January 31st

Addilee's chicken spaghetti Sourdough bread Caesar salad (homemade) Italian cream cake

Please plan to join us for a healthy and flavorful meal at 5:00 p.m.



Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at First Presbyterian Church Conroe on Friday, March 1, 2024.

A package of four screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

## Carotid Artery Screening (Plaque)

An ultrasound is performed to screen the carotid arteries (a pair of blood vessels in the neck that deliver blood to your brain) for buildup of fatty plaque. This buildup, called atherosclerosis, is one of the leading causes of stroke.

## Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening

An Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI) test is performed using blood pressure cuffs on the arms and legs. It is important to screen for PAD because it increases the risk of coronary artery disease, heart attack, or stroke.

## Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)

An ultrasound is performed to screen the abdominal aorta for the presence of an enlargement or aneurysm. AAA can lead to a ruptured aortic artery, which is a serious medical emergency.

#### Atrial Fibrillation

A 6-lead electrocardiogram (EKG) is performed by placing sensors on the arms and legs to screen for Atrial Fibrillation. AFib can lead to blood clots, stroke, and heart failure, and other heart-related complications.

These 4 vital screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Register by calling toll free 1-844-591-7160, text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607 or online at https://llsa.social/HC.

# **Calendar of Weekly Events**

Sunday January 28	8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion (Sanctuary) 9:00 a.m. Fellowship (Bistro) 9:00 a.m. Praise band (Gym) 9:30 a.m. Bereans Sunday School Class with Bob Shepherd (Rm. 105): "The Book of Habakkuk - A Very Different Prophet." 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Class with Cara Wood (Rm. 204) "Knowing the Bible – A Study of Romans", by Jared Wilson 9:30 a.m. Exploring Our Faith with Susan Buckley (Rm. 206) 9:30 a.m. Seekers' Bible Study with Randy Blanton (Rm. 207) "Micah: Social Injustice and the Covenant Community" 10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Narthex) 10:40 a.m. Praise band (Sanctuary) 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary and Facebook Live www.com/fpcConroe or YouTube.com/fpcConroe) 5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)
Monday January 29	1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)
Wednesday January 31	9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Mission Sewing (Rm. 105) 3:30 p.m. Bible Study with Gordon Juhl: <i>Pilgrimage into the Last Third of Life</i> (Rm. 206) 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Live Meal (Gym) 5:45 p.m. Handbells Practice (Sanctuary) 6:00 p.m. Bible Study with Rev. Candee: <i>Fasting &amp; Feasting In This Season Of Lent</i> (Rm. 207) 6:00 p.m. Bible Study with Ron Massey: <i>Faith and Prayer</i> (Rm. 206) 7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Sunday February 4	8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)		
	9:00 a.m. Fellowship (Bistro)		
	9:00 a.m. Praise band (Gym)		
	9:30 a.m. Bereans Sunday School Class with Bob Shepherd (Rm. 105): "The Book of Habakkuk - A Very Different Prophet."		
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# **Save the Date**

Chili Cook-off
Ash Wednesday Service
Go Texan Parade in Downtown Conroe
PDS & CISD Holiday (President's Day)
Sew-a-Thon
Life Line Screenings

## **Prayer List**

<u>Members</u>: Reed Watson, John Lancaster, Nedra Murphy, Kari Elliott, Tildon Hebert, David Green, Ron Bailey, Joanne Deaver, Alice Helms, Polly Miller, Jean Ball, Roy Kessler, Mary Hudson, Flem Keathley, Paul Ivison, Don Myer, Virginia Tamborello, Jeanne Leverette, Virginia Olivier

Members' Relatives & Friends: Tom J. & family, Bill M. (Browder), Lee family (Corbit), Byer family and Tony N. (Spinks), Gloria L. and Merri H. (Amoneno), Buddy H. (Hayter), Amanda N. (Bosse), Brenda H. (Cannon), Scott P. (Peterson), Mary T. (Nichols), Linda S., Larry B., Janie M. (Harrison), Genevieve W. (Morton), Lindsey W. (Walker), Karl W. (Watt), Lisa J. (Miller), Shannon L. (Diamond), Rick J., Sydney H. and Martha K. (Juhl), Michael R. (Dwyer). Harry S., Jr. and family (Havens), Joy D. (Rose), Beth D. (Davis), Lynn G. (Shepherd), Steve T., Lonnie H. and Vivian M. (Hammonds), Wendy C. (Harshbarger), Wendy C., Christy V. (Massey), Cherlyn R., Carrie U., Gloria S. (Ganek), John R. (Hethershaw), James M., Patty M., Enrique E. (Moore), William W. (Weinburger), Jeffrey H. & Leah H. (Heasley), Katie B. (Pohla), Wendy S. (Adamson), Judy N. (Dukes), Sherry M. (Garrison), Lee H. (Helms), Caleb & Michaela W. (Henderson), Gerald H. (Roberts), Tucker H. (Hudson)

## **Good Things to Know**

#### Attendance

Sunday, January 21st 8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 21 11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 102 Online Worship Attendance - 36 Total Attendance - 159

## Today's Worship Leader

Karen Clark

## **Visitor Form**

Thank you for coming! We would love to get to know you.

Please complete this form by tearing it off and dropping it in the offertory plate. Or, if you would prefer to complete this form online, please visit our website at www.fpcConroe.org.

Contact information				
Name(s):				
Home phone: Cell	phone:			
Address:				
City State _	Zip			
Email:				
Birth date (MM/DD/YYYY):				
Children's Information				
Children's Names (Please indicate last name if different):				
Name:	Birth date:			
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 regardin	g:				
Adult Sunday School	ol B	Sible Studies			
Children & Nursery	M	len's groups			
Women's groups Greete		reeters			
Handbells	C	Choir			
Other:					
How did you first hear about us? (Please circle one)					
Facebook	Drive by	Website			
Friend/Family	Other				

## **Ministry Leaders**

Administration Cheryl Nichols (2025, Chair)

Building & Grounds Bill Harshbarger (2026, Chair)

Care-Prayer Bob Shepherd (2024, Chair)

Discipleship Mark Sowden (2024, Chair)

Dena Sowden (2024)

Alex Williams (2024)

Masen Stuntz (2025)

Fellowship TBD

Membership Steve Scheffler (2025)

Missions Bobby Ezell (2024, Chair)

Catherine Scheffler (2025)

PDS Sharon Walker (2025, Chair)

Worship Randy Blanton and Mike Wisda

(2026, Co-chairs)

## For Pastoral Care, Contact Rev. Callie Candee

Greetings from Reverend Callie Candee! I'm so grateful to have been asked to assist with pastoral care duties here at First Presbyterian Church-Conroe. I'll be available for phone and home visits. I'm carrying the church's emergency phone and can be contacted directly at (936) 290-4535.



## **Staff and Church Information**

#### Staff

Rev. Callie Candee, Pastoral Care
Rev. Greg Han, Temporary Pulpit Pastor
Dena Sowden, Director of Christian Education
Sharon VanSchuyver, Director of Communications
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Rolethial McKelvey, Accompanist
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