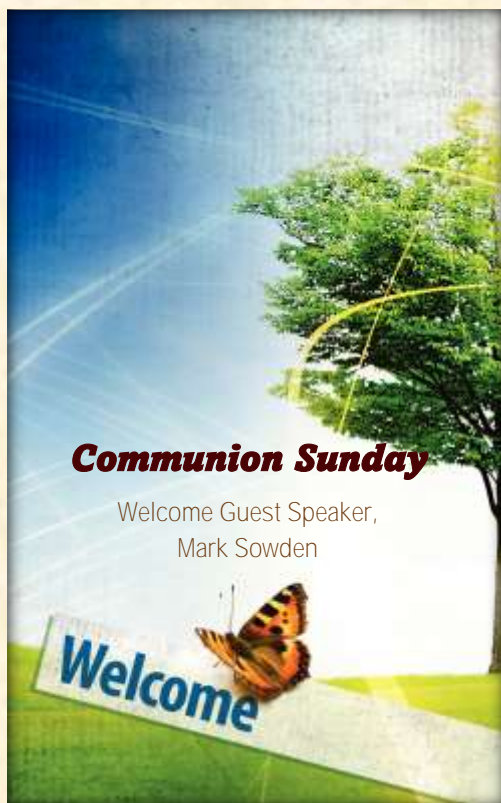


# First Presbyterian Church

## May 7, 2023



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

### Preparation

Prelude

### Adoration

Call to Worship

\*Hymn #142

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of all!  
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And crown Him Lord of all!
2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,  
Ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,  
And crown Him Lord of all!  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,  
And crown Him Lord of all!
3. Let every kindred, every tribe,  
On this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe,  
And crown Him Lord of all!  
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And crown Him Lord of all!
4. O that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
And crown Him Lord of all!  
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## 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

## Proclamation

Scripture Reading

John 3:1-11

Remarks

***"You Want Me To Do What?"***  
*Mark Sowden*

## Dedication

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn #510

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

1. Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts,  
Thou fount of life, Thou light of all,  
From the best bliss that earth imparts  
We turn, unfilled, to heed Thy call.
2. Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;  
Thou savest those that on Thee call;  
To them that seek Thee Thou art good,  
To them that find Thee, all in all.
4. Our restless spirits yearn for Thee,  
Where'er our changeful lot is cast,  
Glad when Thy gracious smile we see,  
Blest when our faith can hold Thee fast.

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

\*Please stand if able.

*Thank you to Rev. John Purcell for  
administering the Sacrament of  
Communion today.*



## *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](http://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

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

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Opening Music

## Adoration

Introit

*Spirit of the Living God*

*Iverson*

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## Confession

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we turn away from our neighbors and desert our friends. We run in fear when we should be loyal. Have mercy on us, weak and willful people. Lead us once more to table, and unite us to Christ, who is bread of life, to whom be praise forever.

\*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

*Keep Your Lamps*

*Thomas*

\*Doxology

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

\*Choral Response

## Proclamation

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### \*Charge and Benediction

#### \*Closing Response

5. O Jesus, ever with us stay,  
Make all our moments calm and bright;  
O chase the night of sin away,  
Shed o'er the world Thy holy night.

#### \*Postlude

\*Please stand if able.



## ***This Week's Scripture Reading***

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Scripture Reading:

John 3: 1-11

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, **"Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him."** <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, **"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."** <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, **"How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"** <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, **"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'** <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, **"How can these things be?"** <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, **"Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?"** <sup>11</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony.

# *Notes*



*New Mission Opportunity*

The Montgomery County Women's Center is seeking an organization to provide four meals over a calendar year for approximately 60 people. The meals would be prepared in our FPC kitchen and picked up by the organization.

If you feel that you would like to be a part of this new possible Mission effort, please see Bobby Ezell or Shirley Dukes. When the interest in this project is evaluated, the FPC Mission Committee will consider moving forward with this new Mission.

*Fellowship Class - New Bible Study*

The Fellowship Class is beginning a new study, entitled: 'Knowing the Bible; James, a 12-**Week Study**'.

*Memorial Library*

The Memorial Library Committee is close to opening the Library for church members. We have collected and purged donated books published before 1990 because they are out of date. These books have been placed on a table in the entrance of the Family Life Center. They are free for the taking. Any unclaimed books will be donated to the County Library Used Book Sale.

*Financial Report: April 2023*

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Revenue	\$61,550	\$58,295
Expenses	\$62,820	\$58,555

## *Serve Our Neighbor Day Thank You*

*'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'* (Matthew 25:40)

We are so happy to see the Mission Committee's vision of having a churchwide day of service become a reality! Thank you to all who participated, from the kitchen crew who fed us, to everyone that volunteered with a specific service project. We hope that this will be an annual event - hopefully next year's will allow us to serve even more people in our community. Look for some pictures from the day's activities in the next few weeks!



Blessings,

The Mission Committee

## *Family Promise Volunteer Opportunities*

FPC will be hosting Family Promise the week of May 21-27, so volunteers are needed. Please see Martha Haines if you can help.

## *Presbyterian Day School Sign-Ups*

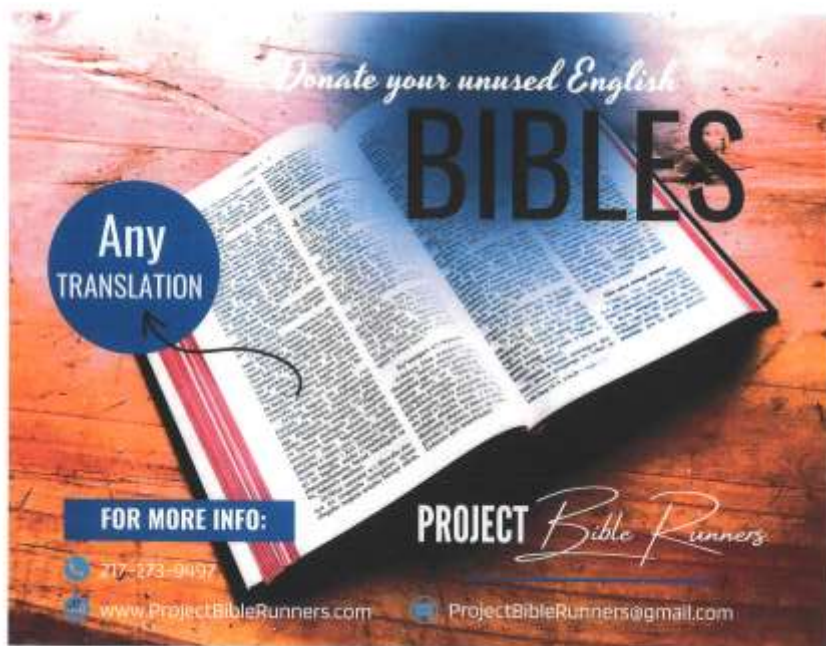
Enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year is presently underway.

Summer Sports Camp                      June 5-8

Summer Art Camp                              June 19-22

Forms to sign up can be found in the PDS office.





### *Bible Donations*

In an effort to enable others to have access to God's Word, through the scripture, FPC will be collecting used Bibles for Project Bible Runners. Donation boxes have been placed in the Narthex (near the church office), as well as near the PDS office, and will be collected through the month of May.

## Calendar of Weekly Events

<p><i>Sunday May 7</i></p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Communion and Prayer (Sanctuary)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Fellowship (Bistro)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Praise band (Gym)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Bereans Sunday School Class with Bob Shepherd <b>(Rm. 105): The Book of Jude, "Contending for the Faith".</b></p> <p>9:30 a.m. Fellowship Class with Cara Wood (Rm.204). <i>"Knowing the Bible; James, a 12-Week Study".</i></p> <p>9:30 a.m. Exploring Our Faith with Susan Buckley (Rm. 206)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Wanderers (Parlor) - <i>The Christian Atheist</i>, by Craig Groeschel.</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Narthex)</p> <p>10:40 a.m. Praise band (Sanctuary)</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Facebook Live <a href="http://www.com/fpcConroe">www.com/fpcConroe</a> or YouTube.com/fpcConroe)</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Committee Meetings (Lunch will be served)</p>
<p><i>Monday May 8</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday May 10</i></p>	<p>9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Mission Sewing (Rm. 105)</p> <p>5:45 p.m. Handbells Practice (Sanctuary)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Small Bible Study Group (Room. 206)</p> <p>7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Sanctuary)</p>

<p><i>Mother's Day Sunday May 14</i></p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Communion and Prayer (Sanctuary)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Fellowship (Bistro)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Praise band (Gym)</p> <p><b>9:00 a.m. Mother's Day Brunch</b> (FLC)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Bereans Sunday School Class with Bob Shepherd <b>(Rm. 105): The Book of Jude, "Contending for the Faith".</b></p> <p>9:30 a.m. Fellowship Class with Cara Wood (Rm.204). <i>"Knowing the Bible: James, a 12-Week Study".</i></p> <p>9:30 a.m. Exploring Our Faith with Susan Buckley (Rm. 206)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Wanderers (Parlor) - <i>The Christian Atheist</i>, by Craig Groeschel. <b>NO CLASS THIS WEEK.</b></p> <p>10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Narthex)</p> <p>10:40 a.m. Praise band (Sanctuary)</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Facebook Live <a href="http://www.com/fpcConroe">www.com/fpcConroe</a> or YouTube.com/fpcConroe)</p>
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## Save the Date

May 14	<b>Mother's Day Brunch (9:00-10:30 a.m.)</b> Confirmation Sunday
May 17	PDS Graduation
May 28	Pentecost Sunday
May 29	Memorial Day (Church office closed)
June 3-11	Youth Mission Trip
June 5-8	PDS Day Camp

## Prayer List

Members: Andrea Spengel, Tildon Hebert, Fay Harrison, Rev. David Green, Dick Shack, Audrey Christie, Ron Bailey, Alice Helms, Polly Miller, Cindy Watson, Joanne Deaver, Jean Ball, Roy Kessler, Mary Hudson, Flem Keathley, Carolyn Hebert, Paul Ivison, Don Myer, Margaret Carson, Clyde Cruikshank, Virginia Tamborello, Jeanne Leverette, Virginia Olivier, Tom Braaten

Members' Relatives & Friends: Geneveve W. (Morton), Wendy C. and Marty M. (Harshbarger), Kathy S. (Kate), Betty C. (Powell), Alan & Kathy H. (Dukes), Wendy C., Christy V. (Massey), Steve T. (Neva & Dana), Eddie S. & Harry S., Jr. (Havens), Cherlyn R., Carrie U., Gloria S. (Ganek), Ethan H. (Lowery), John R. (Hethershaw), Mitch B. (Blott), James M., Patty M., Enrique E. (Moore), William W. (Weinburger), Sherry B. (Harrison), Jeffrey H. & Leah H. (Heasley), Deborah R. (Rose), Katie B. (Pohla), Wendy S. (Adamson), Krissy P. & family (Kasmiersky), Judy N. (Dukes), Sherry M. (Garrison), Lee H. (Helms), Caleb & Michaela W. (Henderson), Lena & her children (Webb), Gerald H. (Roberts), Tamara B. (Harrison), Sydney H. and Martha K. (Juhl), Tucker H. (Hudson), Nikkia (Wimberly), Dana K. (Shorts)

## Good Things to Know

### *Attendance*

Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 33

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 127

Online Worship Attendance - 35

Total Attendance – 195

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

Martha Haines



## 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](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Ministry Leaders

Administration	Cheryl Nichols (2025, Chair)
Building & Grounds	Stephan Tibbetts (2025, Chair)
Care-Prayer	Bob Shepherd (2023, Chair)
Discipleship	Mark Sowden (2024, Chair) Dena Sowden (2023) Jeselyn Graham (2024) Alex Williams (2024)
Fellowship	Audrey Christie (2024, Chair)
Membership	Steve Scheffler (2025)
Missions	Bobby Ezell (2024, Chair) Catherine Scheffler (2025)
PDS	Sharon Walker (2025, Chair)
Worship	Chuck and Janet Pohla (2023, Chairs)

## Staff and Church Information

### Staff

Rev. Dr. David H. Green, Senior Pastor  
Dena Sowden, Director of Christian Education  
Sharon VanSchuyver, Director of Communications  
Stephanie Cooke, Music Director  
Rolethial McKelvey, Accompanist  
Jackye Cannon and Jane Corbit, Bookkeeping  
Yvonne Rose, Office Manager  
Shirley Dukes, Parish Nurse



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