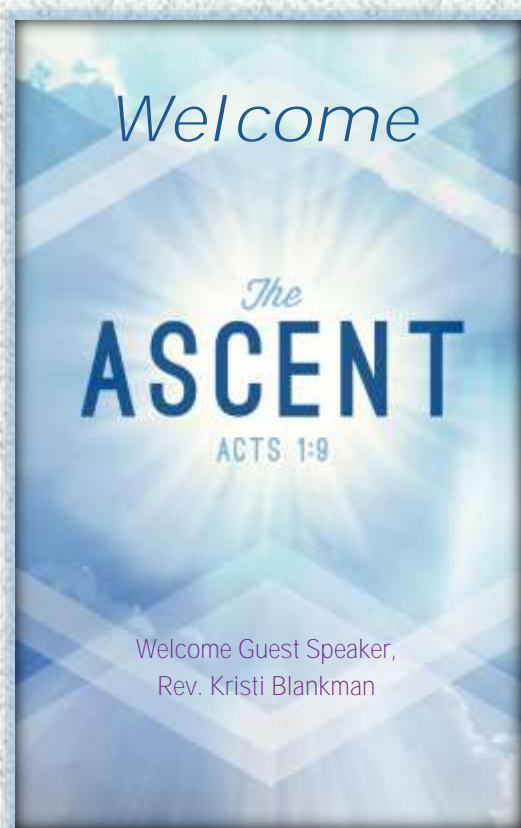


# First Presbyterian Church

## May 21, 2023



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

### Preparation

Prelude

### Adoration

Call to Worship

One: Shout for joy! Sing songs of praise!

All: For God reigns over all the earth!

One: As we worship God this day, may we be reminded of who  
**we are...**

All: Bearers of good news, messengers of the resurrection!

One: Let us worship Almighty God!

\*Hymn #417

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

1. Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
Chosen of the Lord and precious,  
Binding all the church in one;  
Holy Zion's help forever,  
And our confidence alone.

3. Here bestow on all Your servants  
What they ask of You to gain,  
What they gain from You forever  
With the blessed to retain,  
And hereafter in Your glory  
Evermore with You to reign.

## Confession

\*Call to Confession

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, be at peace in the One who forgives and loves you!  
Believe the Good News.  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

\*Gloria Patri

Welcome and Announcements

## Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Acts 1:6-14

Remarks

Rev. Kristi Blankman

## Dedication

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the

Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayers of the People

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn #443

O Christ, the Great Foundation

1. O Christ, the great foundation  
On which your people stand  
To preach Your true salvation  
In every age and land:  
Pour out Your Holy Spirit  
To make us strong and pure,  
To keep the faith unbroken  
As long as worlds endure.
  
4. This is the moment glorious  
When He who once was dead  
Shall lead His church victorious,  
Their champion and their head.  
The Lord of all creation  
His heavenly kingdom brings,  
The final consummation,  
The glory of all things.

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

\*Please stand if able.

***Today's Mission Offering***

The collection taken during the two services at FPC on Sunday, May 21, will be earmarked for Mission projects that provide food, shelter, clothing, warmth, and hope for the homeless and hungry in our community. Those in need, who benefit from your generosity, include men, women, and small children.

- Bobby Ezell, Mission Committee Chair



## *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**

## *Preparation*

Opening Music

## *Adoration*

Introit

*Spirit of the Living God*

*Iverson*

Call to Worship

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## Confession

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that we do not always bring honor and glory to your name. We are rebellious and weak; we flee before your goodness. **We think we have all the answers and judge those who don't** agree with them. We often forget who we are and Whose we are, and how we are called to live with one another in this world. Forgive, restore and strengthen us by the grace and mercy of Christ, that we may rise up again in peace to love and serve your world. Hear now **our silent prayers of personal confession...**

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

Sisters and brothers, the Spirit of God rests on you to restore, support and strengthen you. Be at peace in the One who forgives and loves you. Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

\*Gloria Patri

Welcome and Announcements

**Presbyterian Women's Honorary Lifetime Member Presentation**

Senior Recognition

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology

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

\*Choral Response

Anthem

## Proclamation

Scripture Reading

Acts 1:6-14

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## **Children's Time**

\*Hymn #423

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does its successive journeys run,  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. To Him shall endless prayer be made,  
And praises throng to crown His head;  
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise  
With every morning sacrifice.
5. Let every creature rise and bring  
Honors peculiar to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud Amen!

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Rev. Kristi Blankman

Commissioning of Youth Mission Trip



## Dedication

### \*Prayers of the People

#### \*Hymn #443

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To preach Your true salvation  
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To keep the faith unbroken  
As long as worlds endure.
4. This is the moment glorious  
When He who once was dead  
Shall lead His church victorious,  
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The Lord of all creation  
His heavenly kingdom brings,  
The final consummation,  
The glory of all things.

### \*Charge and Benediction

#### \*Closing Response #442

### **The Church's One Foundation**

4. Mid toil and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore;  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great church victorious  
Shall be the church at rest.

### \*Postlude

\*Please stand if able.

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

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Scripture Reading:

Acts 1:6-14

<sup>6</sup> **So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”** <sup>7</sup> He said to them, **“It is not for you to know** times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the **earth.”** <sup>9</sup> And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup> and said, **“Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”**

<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup> And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. <sup>14</sup> All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

# *Notes*



### *New Mission Opportunity*

**The Montgomery County Women's Center (originally known as the Montgomery County Rape Crisis Coalition) began as a volunteer grassroots organization in the fall of 1980. Its original purpose was to provide crisis intervention, counseling, and support services to victims of sexual violence. After a brief period being aligned with the Houston Area Women's Center, they became an independent organization having merged with Family Violence Outreach. The agency's first shelter for battered women and children opened its doors in 1985. The original charter and purpose were expanded to include emergency shelter, counseling, and support services for victims of both family and sexual violence. The shelter provides a safe, secure, and confidential refuge for a maximum of 75 residents for up to 30 days.**

Currently, 60 residents are housed in the shelter. This includes women, children, and a few men. All are victims of either family or sexual violence. Many opportunities exist to serve this organization. The one we are addressing is the provision of home-cooked, nutritious meals. They have full-time cooking help during the week, but none on Saturday and Sunday. Several churches are helping but the need exists for more. We are exploring sharing this responsibility with The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church. Once a specific day has been selected, we would alternate the cooking sessions with them. Thus, we would be preparing meals six times per year. We would choose the menu - main dish, side dish/salad, bread, and dessert. Most of that would be prepared in our FLC kitchen. The desserts would be prepared at home and brought to the church. All would be packaged and picked up by the Center personnel. No serving involved!

Are you ready to serve in this worthwhile cause? Your participation would provide great benefits and comfort to those in need of Christian love and caring for a small amount of commitment. Questions? Please contact Shirley Dukes (936) 760-8655 by phone or text.

## *Youth Mission Trip Just Ahead*

The FPC Youth will be on their first Mission trip of the summer from June 3-11 in Colorado Springs, CO, where they will be serving underserved communities. They will be working alongside our very own Anna McNamara, who is interning with Next Step Ministries for the first time. Please pray for mission success, as well as our youth and chaperones.

## *FPC 2023 Confirmands*

A special thank you to Susan Das for the beautiful personalized, cross-stitched gifts for our 2023 Confirmation Class, which includes: Masen Stuntz, Dylan Folts, Sophia Phillip, Juliet Phillip, Anthony Mben, David Mben, Sean Morton and Zachary Darbyshire. Congrats to all!

## *Financial Report: April 2023*

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

## *Presbyterian Day School Registration*

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



## Calendar of Weekly Events

<p><i>Sunday</i> <i>May 21</i></p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Communion and Prayer (Sanctuary)</p> <p><b>9:00 a.m. Mother's Day Brunch</b> (FLC)</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 (Rm. 105): <b>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. Session Meeting (Rm. 207)</p>
<p><i>Monday</i> <i>May 22</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>May 24</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>Pentecost Sunday</i> <i>May 28</i></p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Communion and Prayer (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  <b>(Rm. 105): The Book of Jude, "Contending for the Faith".</b>  9:30 a.m. Fellowship Class with Cara Wood (Rm.204). <i>"Knowing the Bible; James, a 12-Week Study".</i>  9:30 a.m. Exploring Our Faith with Susan Buckley (Rm. 206)  9:30 a.m. Wanderers (Parlor) - <i>The Christian Atheist</i>, by Craig Groeschel.  10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Narthex)  10:40 a.m. Praise band (Sanctuary)  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 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: The family of Nancy Penney, Joanne Deaver, Tildon Hebert, Fay Harrison, Rev. David Green, Dick Shack, Audrey Christie, Ron Bailey, Alice Helms, Polly Miller, Cindy Watson, 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: Betty C. (Gill), Erin M. (Spengel), 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, May 14<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 29

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 124

Online Worship Attendance - 32

Total Attendance – 185

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

Mark Sowden/FPC Youth



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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

## 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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