

# First Presbyterian Church

October 1, 2023



## Welcome

Sermon:

**"A Teachable Spirit"**

*Rev. Gregory Han*

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## World Communion Sunday

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

### *Preparation*

Prelude

### *Adoration*

Call to Worship

\*Hymn #356

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love!
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
Hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.
3. O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

## Confession

\*Call to Confession

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

Our Lord said to those who would listen, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free." Friends, receive the life-giving truth of God's forgiveness, and prepare yourselves for life according to God's kingdom.

**We accept God's gift of new life. Thanks be to God! Amen**

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Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

## Proclamation

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2: 1-13

Matthew 21: 23-32

Remarks

**"A Teachable Spirit"**

*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 #186

Thy Mercy and Thy Truth, O Lord

1. Thy mercy and Thy truth, O Lord,  
Transcend the lofty sky,  
Thy judgments are a mighty deep,  
And as the mountains high.
2. Lord, all Thy creatures Thou wilt save.  
Since Thou are ever kind,  
Beneath the shadow of Thy wings  
We may a refuge find.
4. The fountain of eternal life  
Is found alone with Thee.  
And in the brightness of Thy light  
We clearly light shall see.
5. From those that know Thee may Thy love  
**And mercy ne'er depart,**  
And may Thy justice still protect  
And bless the upright heart.

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

\*Please stand if able.



## *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](http://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.

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by John Rutter and Mrs. C. F. Alexander

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### **"Spirit Song" by John Wimber**

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## 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

### Preparation

Opening Music

### Adoration

Introit

*Introit II*

*Folts*

Call to Worship

One: Sing a new song to God, who has done wonderful things, whose right hand and holy arm have brought salvation.

All: God has made salvation known, shown justice to the nations, and remembered the house of the faithful in truth and love.

One: All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of our God.

All: Sing praise to God, all the earth; ring out your joy.

One: Sing psalms to God with the harp, with the harp and the sound of music.

All: With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the mighty God.

One: Let the sea and all within it thunder; the world and all its peoples.

All: Let the rivers clap their hands and the mountains ring out their joy at the presence of the One who comes, who comes to rule the earth.

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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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Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory                      *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

*Rutter*

\*Doxology

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

\*Choral Response

*Proclamation*

Scripture Reading

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Matthew 21: 23-32

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

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\*Charge and Benediction

\*Closing Response

Spirit Song

O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love,  
Let him fill your life and satisfy your soul.  
O let him have the things that hold you  
and his Spirit, like a dove,  
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

\*Postlude

\*Please stand if able.

## ***This Week's Scripture Readings***

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### Scripture Reading

Philippians 2: 1-13

<sup>1</sup> If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup> make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup> who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

### Scripture Reading

Matthew 21: 23-32

<sup>23</sup> When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" <sup>24</sup> Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup> Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?'" <sup>26</sup> But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." <sup>27</sup> So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

<sup>28</sup> “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ <sup>29</sup> He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup> The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. <sup>31</sup> Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup> For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.

## *Notes*



### *Called Meeting of the Congregation*

There will be a Called Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 8, 2023, during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The purpose will be to approve a) the Class of 2026 Ruling Elders and Trustee, b) two additions to the Class of 2024 Ruling Elders, and c) the Congregational Nominating Committee, which will nominate members of the congregation to a Pastoral Nominating Committee. Please plan to join us.

### ***Christmas Boxes for the Houston International Seafarers' Center***

Presbyterian Women fill, wrap and deliver shoe boxes with **toiletries and personal items to the Seafarers' Center** for ships that visit Houston in the weeks before Christmas, as part of a city-wide faith community outreach project for (mostly) men who are, by occupation, almost always away from their own homes in the holiday season. Congregation-wide support is what makes it possible for us to meet a goal of 100 boxes. If you would like to make a contribution toward the purchase of items for the boxes, please make **checks payable to the church with a notation that it is for "Seafarer's boxes."** Shopping will be underway through October; with packing day on November 2. Please call the church office (936) 756- 8884 or Susan Buckley (936) 520-6930 for more information.



*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.**





### *FPC Participation in Fall Festival*


After being the talk of the town last year, PDS will once again host a Fall Festival on October 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be fun and festivities, including a Trunk or Treat, where vendors are welcome to set up with items they would like to sell. If you (or someone you know) would be interested in participating as a vendor or hosting a trunk for Trunk or Treat, please contact Presbyterian Day School office (936) 756-3990 or sign up at the Welcome Desk today.

### *Prayer List Updates*

Please help us keep the list updated. Your assistance is appreciated.

### *FPC Has A New Mailing Address Effective Immediately*

2257 N Loop 336 W, Suite 140, #349  
Conroe, TX 77304



### **All Saints Day Service November 5, 2023**

If you would like to include the remembrance of your loved one that passed from August 2022 through August 2023 in this special service, then please provide the information to Yvonne Rose, Office Manager, by October 12, 2023, at [yrose@fpcconroe.org](mailto:yrose@fpcconroe.org), or by calling the Church Office at (936) 756-8884.

## Calendar of Weekly Events

<p><i>Sunday October 1</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 (Rm. 105): <b>"The Book of Habakkuk - A Very Different Prophet."</b></p> <p>9:30 a.m. Fellowship Class with Cara Wood (Rm. 204) Study "<i>In the Footsteps of St. Paul.</i>"</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Exploring Our Faith with Susan Buckley (Rm. 206)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Wanderers (Parlor) - Study: "<i>Outlive Your Life</i>", by Max Lucado.</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Young Adults Bible Study with Randy Blanton (Rm. 207) <b><i>Making Sense of the Bible: A Seeker's Guide to Biblical Interpretation.</i></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>
<p><i>Monday October 2</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday October 3</i></p>	<p>9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Mission Sewing (Rm. 105)</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Live Meal (Gym)</p> <p>5:45 p.m. Handbells Practice (Sanctuary)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Bible Study Groups (Rms. 204 and 206)</p> <p>7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Sanctuary)</p>

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	5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)

## Save the Date

October 13	Youth lock-in
October 14	Pumpkin delivery
October 14-31	Pumpkin Patch
October 28	Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat
November 5	All Saints Day Memorial Service



## Prayer List

Members: John Lancaster, Alan & Penny Bell, Steve Tibbetts, 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, Margaret Carson, Virginia Tamborello, Jeanne Leverette, Virginia Olivier

**Members' Relatives & Friends:** Genevieve W. (Morton), Lindsey W. (Walker), Karl W. (Watt), David M. (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), Luke H., Wendy C. and Marty M. (Harshbarger), Kathy S. (Kate), Betty C. (Powell), Wendy C., Christy V. (Massey), Cherlyn R., Carrie U., Gloria S. (Ganek), John R. (Hethershaw), Mitch B. (Blott), James M., Patty M., Enrique E. (Moore), William W. (Weinburger), Tamara B., Sherry B. (Harrison), 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, September 24<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 16

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 190

Online Worship Attendance - 28

Total Attendance – 234

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

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

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. Callie Candee, Pastoral Care  
Rev. Greg Han, Temporary Pulpit 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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