

First Presbyterian Church

October 5, 2025



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Communion Sunday

First Presbyterian Church of Conroe Welcomes You!



Visitors and Guests: We are excited you have chosen to worship with us today! As a small token of our appreciation, we invite you to stop by the Welcome Desk in the narthex to pick up a complimentary FPC Conroe bookmark and a church brochure. We hope to see you again soon!

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 by visiting our welcome desk. We appreciate you joining us for services today.

~ Good Things to Know ~

Today's Worship Leader

Martha Haines

Today's Flowers

*Today's flowers are given to the glory of God
in memory of Bryan Davis.*

Last Week's Attendance, September 28

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 16

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 106

Online Worship Attendance - 29

Total Attendance – 151

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

Preparing to Receive God's Word

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

The Lord's mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord.

Blessed are those whose hope is in the name of the Lord.

Who made heaven and earth.

*Hymn

We Are

1. Every secret, every shame,
every fear, every pain,
live inside the dark,
but that's not who we are.
We are children of the day.

So wake up, sleeper, lift your head.
We were meant for more than this.
Fight the shadows, conquer death,
make the most of the time we have left.

Chorus:

We are the light of the world.
We are the city on a hill.
We are the light of the world, and
we gotta, we gotta, we gotta let the light shine.
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we gotta, we gotta, we gotta let the light shine.
Let the light shine, let the light shine.

*Please stand if able.

2. We are called to spread the news,
to tell the world the simple truth.
Jesus came to save, there's freedom in His Name.
So, let His love break through.
(Chorus)

Bridge:

We are the light, we are the light, we are the light.
So, let your light shine brighter.
We are the light, we are the light, we are the light.
Jesus, You are the light, You are the light, You are the light.
We will lift You high and shine, shine, shine.
(Chorus)

***Call to Confession**

***Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

The Lord's vision is certain, even if it seems to linger. It will not delay forever, and it will not fail. The proud stumble, but the righteous live by faith.

In Jesus Christ, God has acted once and for all, bringing justice through mercy, and life out of death.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

Because of Christ's great love for us, we are forgiven!

***Gloria Patri**

The Word

Scripture Readings

**Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
2 Timothy 1:1-14**

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"No Shame in Losing"
Rev. Seth Saathoff

Responding to the Word

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Hymn #276**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
(Refrain)

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
(Refrain)

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparing to Receive God's Word

Opening Music

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Here I Am to Worship

Hughes

Call to Worship

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***Prayer of Confession**

God of justice and mercy, we come before you with the prophet's cry on our lips: "How long, O Lord, must we call for help, and you do not listen? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Why is there so much violence, so much injustice?"

We confess that we are weary of the brokenness in our world, yet we too have turned away from your ways. We have been quick to point out the sins of others, but slow to see our own complicity. We have given in to fear, and doubted that your vision of justice and peace will prevail.

Forgive us, Lord. Teach us to stand at our watchposts, to listen for your word, and to live by faith even when the world seems dark. Make us righteous not by our own strength, but by trusting in your steadfast love. In Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

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Minute for Mission

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Halleluya! Pelo Tsa Rona*

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Choral Response**

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Responding to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith

(The Nicene Creed)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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Distribution of the Elements

Communion Anthem

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***Charge and Benediction**

***Choral Response**

God Be with You till We Meet Again

1. God be with you till we meet again;
by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain:

Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet.
God be with you till we meet again.

2. God be with you till we meet again;
neath his wings securely hide you,
daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again.
(Refrain)

***Postlude**

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South African spiritual (Sotho)

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This Week's Scripture Readings

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

² O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? ³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴ So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

¹ I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint. ² Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. ⁴ Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

² To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Notes



Fall Festival and Ways You Can Help

PDS will be collecting candy, stickers, small toys, etc. that can be given as game prizes for the festival. There is a box in the narthex for your convenience. Also, if anyone would like to donate to the festival or be a sponsor, paperwork is available in the church office. We are most grateful for your help!

New & Prospective Members Invited to "First Steps" Orientation Class on November 9

First Presbyterian Church Conroe and its Membership Committee will host a new and prospective member lunch and orientation class called First Steps on Sunday, November 9, from 12:30 p.m. (following the 11 a.m. worship service) until 1:45 p.m. in the Family Life Center gym. First Steps gives new and prospective members an overview of the Christian faith, the Presbyterian traditions, and the mission and ministries of our church. Rev. Saathoff and several church ministry leaders will facilitate this class. Lunch and nursery will be provided.

In order to best plan for this event, we request that all attendees RSVP to Steve Scheffler (281.851.1690 or scscheffler@sbcglobal.net) no later than Sunday, November 2.

Office Volunteer Needed for Wednesday Morning

The church office is in need of a Wednesday morning volunteer to cover the phones and welcome guests during the weekly staff meeting. If you can give a few hours of your time, please contact Yvonne Rose at (936) 756-8884.

Good News!

As of September 30, 2025, the church has used proceeds received from the Capital Campaign to pay down the outstanding debt by \$341,331. This amounts to a reduction in operating expenses of \$32,853/year! Total pledges to the three-year campaign now stand at \$991,438.

The Capital Campaign Committee would like to thank all those who have committed to this worthy cause of reducing our debt and have made its success a reality. Your generosity has greatly relieved the strain on our operating budget and will make it possible for our church to broaden its mission in the future.

It is not too late to participate. While the “official” pledge period is over, you can still pledge. If you are not comfortable with a three-year commitment, we ask you to prayerfully consider a one-time donation. Every dollar you give goes directly to reducing our indebtedness.

Finally, please continue to pray for the continued success of this effort and our church.

Blessings,
Capital Campaign Committee



**All Saints Day
Service
November 2, 2025**

If you want to include the remembrance of your loved one who passed from November 2024 through October 2025 in this special service, then please provide the information to Yvonne Rose, Office Manager, by October 23, 2025, at yrose@fpcconroe.org, or by calling the Church Office at: **(936) 756-8884**

Christmas Boxes for the International Seafarers' Center, Port of Houston



For many years Presbyterian Women of our church, with the help of our entire congregation, have packed 100 shoe boxes a year with non-perishable items (such as hygiene supplies, socks, caps, and Texas souvenirs) and delivered them to the Port of Houston for distribution to ships that come in from mid-November through December. This is a Christmas project for faith communities in the Houston area, and thousands of seafarers are reached in this way. It is an important opportunity to offer a gesture of “hospitality” to some of those who serve us all year long.

If you would like to help with monetary support for this project, please make a donation through the church, marked clearly for the “Seafarer’s boxes.” Our shopping is now in progress and will continue during through October, in order to meet a November 6 packing date. Our boxes will be dedicated in Worship November 9 and delivered to the Seafarers’ Center the following week. If you have questions or need more information about this opportunity, please call the church office (936) 756- 8884 or Liz Kessler (713) 818-1006.

Thanks to the generosity of the Friday Men’s Breakfast Group, boxes will be purchased this year, so no donated shoe boxes are needed.



Prayer List

Members: Jean Heasley, Fred Kate, Penny Bell, Sylvia Dopp, Gordon Juhl, Roy Kessler, John Wright, Ruth Masters, Jeannene Wendt, Reed Watson, John Lancaster, Kari Elliott, Tildon Hebert, Ron Bailey, Alice Helms, Jean Ball, Mary Hudson, Paul Ivison, Jeanne Leverette, Virginia Olivier

Members' Relatives & Friends: Noah G. (Simon), David W. (Hart), Bret F. (Kasmiersky), Thad M. (West), Dorene D. and Dan S. (B. Hernandez), Siana F. and family (Watson), Jerry W., Lisa W. (Webb), Celia G. (Hernandez- Garcia), Wes K. (Yates), Alicia I., James I., and Ron S. (Bailey), Susie K. (Davis), Stephanie R. & Brooke J., Danielle S. & kids (Riggs-Harpur), Blade B., Judy N. (Dukes), Bonnie L., Michael R. (Dwyer), Tom J. & family, Bill M. (Browder), Tony N. (Spinks), Aimee L. (Amoneno), Buddy H. (Hayter), Amanda N. (Bosse), Brenda H. (Cannon), Scott P. (Peterson), Linda S., Larry B., Janie M. (Harrison), Lindsey W. (Walker), Shannon L. (Diamond), Rick J. (Juhl), Joe T. Sr., Harry S., Jr. and family (Havens), Steve T., Lonnie H. and Vivian M. (Hammonds), John R. (Hethershaw), James M., Patty M., Enrique E. (Moore), Jeffrey H. & Leah H. (Heasley), Wendy S. (Adamson), Sherry M. (Garrison), Lee H. (Helms), Caleb & Michaela W. (Henderson), Gerald H. (Roberts)

Calendar of Weekly Events

<i>Sunday</i> <i>October 5</i>	8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion (Sanctuary) 9:30 a.m. Bereans Sunday School Class with Bob Shepherd (Rm. 105) Paul's uplifting letter to the church at Philippi. 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Class (Rm. 204) Studying "More Parables from the Back Side" by J. Ellsworth Kalas, taught by Deborah Geddes, Glenna Lang and Glenn Elms. 9:30 a.m. Exploring Our Faith with Susan Buckley (Rm. 206) 9:30 a.m. Seekers' Bible Study with Randy Blanton (Library) Paul's Letter to the Romans on Sunday (Contact Randy Blanton to join by Zoom). 9:30 a.m. FPC Kids' Sunday School (Rm. 203) 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) 12:00 p.m. Committee Meetings 5:00 p.m. "A Year Through the Bible" Study (Rm. 105)
<i>Monday</i> <i>October 6</i>	1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)
<i>Tuesday</i> <i>October 7</i>	10:00 a.m. Ruth Circle (Parlor) 5:15 p.m. Lydia Circle (Bistro)
<i>Wednesday</i> <i>October 8</i>	9:30 a.m. Martha Circle (Parlor) 4:00 p.m. Small Group Study (Rm. 206) 5:00 WNL Dinner (FLC) 5:45 p.m. Handbells Practice (Sanctuary) 6:00 p.m. Bible Study and Classes 7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)

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Save the Date

October 10	Pumpkin Delivery
October 25	Fall Festival
October 11-31	Pumpkin Patch
November 2	All Saints Day
November 9	First Steps Orientation Class
November 11	Veteran's Day Breakfast

Staff and Church Information

Staff

Rev. Seth Saathoff, Senior Pastor
Dena Sowden, Director of Christian Education
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