

First Presbyterian Church

October 12, 2025



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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

Mark Sowden

Today's Flowers

*Today's flowers are given to the glory of God
by Tom & Joan Lowry in honor of their's 70th wedding anniversary.*

Last Week's Attendance, October 5

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 18

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 133

Online Worship Attendance - 27

Total Attendance – 178

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

Preparing to Receive God's Word

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you people!

With shouts of joy we celebrate the good news of God's love.

Open your hearts to the warmth of God's redeeming love.

God has poured such wonder into our lives!

Come, let us worship God with hearts and souls and voices!

Let our praise ring to the rafters and ascend to the heavens!

*Hymn #388

O Jesus, I Have Promised

1. O Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me,
My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If Thou wilt be my guide.
2. O let me feel Thee near me!
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer,
And shield my soul from sin.

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*Please stand if able.

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4. O Jesus, Thou hast promised
To all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory
There shall Thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my friend.

*Call to Confession

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

God's grace is wider than our sin. God's mercy is deeper than our shame.
God's steadfast love for us is everlasting.

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

Psalm 66:1-12; Luke 17:11-19

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"10% Faith"

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 #482

Praise Ye the Lord the Almighty

1. 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

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparing to Receive God's Word

Opening Music

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Here I Am to Worship

Hughes

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*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Patient Lord, you know how easy it is for us to whine and complain bitterly about all the things in our lives that are difficult. We focus on them as though they were the only things that matter, forgetting the many blessings that you have given to us and the opportunities you give us to serve you. We feel alienated--you call us beloved. We feel lost--you seek us. We feel broken and battered--your love is a healing balm. Forgive us when we forget these things. Forgive us for when we act as if we deserve your blessings. Help us to always look to you for our healing and to return thanks to you by praise and serving your kingdom.

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*Gloria Patri

Minute for Mission

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

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

*Choral Response

The Word

Children's Time

Anthem

You Are Mine

JHayes

Scripture Reading

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Scripture Reading

Luke 17:11-19

Sermon

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Responding to God's Word

Affirmation of 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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*Hymn

Awesome God

Our God is an awesome God;
He reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, pow'r, and love.
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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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Awesome God

Choral Carry the Light Edition

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"You Are Mine"

arr. by Mark Hayes

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This Week's Scripture Readings

Psalm 66:1-12

¹ Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; ² sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise. ³ **Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you. ⁴ All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name."** Selah

⁵ Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals. ⁶ He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There we rejoiced in him, ⁷ who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations—let the rebellious not exalt themselves. Selah

⁸ Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, ⁹ who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip. ¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. ¹¹ You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; ¹² you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

Luke 17:11-19

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, **saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"** ¹⁴ When he saw them, he **said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests."** And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He **prostrated himself at Jesus's feet** and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ **Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?"** ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ **Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."**

Notes



Thank You for Serving

The Missions Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the 3rd annual Serve Our Neighbor Day on Saturday, September 27, including those who signed up to participate in one of five different projects and those **who prepared a "light" breakfast for us! We'll continue in 2026 with an even bigger and better event, expanding our outreach efforts into the community. Plan to join us!**

Change In Wednesday Night Live Program

Pinterest & Pentecost **has changed the study to a women's bible study** focusing primarily on motherhood and how to face the challenges that come along with it Our first night was a huge success with 12 ladies of various ages joining us. If you would like more information, contact Dena Sowden DSowden@FPCConroe.org. RSVPs are helpful, but not required.




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.

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.



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.



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!

SAVE THE DATE

THE GREAT PUMPKIN
patch & festival

Saturday,
OCTOBER 25, 2025
4:00pm-8:00pm

PRESBYTERIAN DAY SCHOOL
2727 N Loop 336 W.
Conroe, TX 77304
across from H.E.B.!
pdsConroe.com

FOOD & GAMES
TRUNK, TREAT & SHOP
PUMPKIN PATCH
RAFFLES,
HAYRIDE & MORE

MOVIE
AMONG THE PUMPKINS
showing
"It's The Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown!"

Prayer List

Members: Greg Scott and the family or Irma Scott, Nedra Murphy, 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

<p><i>Sunday October 12</i></p>	<p>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) 12:30 p.m. Session Meeting 5:00 p.m. "A Year Through the Bible" Study (Rm. 105) 5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p>
<p><i>Monday October 13</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday October 15</i></p>	<p>9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Mission Sewing (Rm. 105) 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 / Arts & Crafts 7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)</p>

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Save the Date

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
Sharon VanSchuyver, Director of Communications
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