

First Presbyterian Church

October 19, 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

Carly Hart

Today's Flowers

*Today's flowers are given to the glory of God
By Judy Weinburger in memory of our parents;
Evelyn & Al Weinburger, Marjorie & Bob Johnson*

Last Week's Attendance, October 12

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 12

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 125

Online Worship Attendance - 25

Total Attendance – 162

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

Preparing to Receive God's Word

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

We have gathered in God's holy presence,
the One who etches grace on our hearts.

This is the place where God will transform us into disciples.

We glorify our God, who yearns for justice,
not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.

This is the place where God will write compassion on our heart.

We give thanks for unceasing grace;
we remember God's persistence in saving us.

This is the place where God will breath the Word into our lives.

***Hymn #426**

Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of Thy tone;
As Thou has sought, so let me seek
Thine erring children lost and lone.
2. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
The wandering and the wavering feet;
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
Thy hungering ones with manna sweet.
3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things Thou dost impart;
And wing my words, that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.
4. O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord,
Until my very heart o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word,
Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

*Please stand if able.

***Call to Confession**

***Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

The time is coming, says the Lord, when all people shall know God, from the least of them to the greatest, for God will forgive their iniquity and will remember their sins no more.

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

II Timothy 3:14-4:5; Jeremiah 31:27-34

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Branded "

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 #525**

Here I Am Lord

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them.
Whom shall I send?
(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

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***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, you have set before us the path, but we have wandered on our own to try to find our way. Sometimes we are like toddlers and we hear your call and come back. Other times, we are children testing boundaries, ignoring your call until fear finally makes us look back. And still other times we are full of youthful rebellion, demanding to be cut loose and set free, not knowing how much we still need to seek your wisdom and guidance. But most of all, too often we think we are adults and have figured it all out and know our own way, only to stumble and stray so far.

Remind us, parental God, that we are always your children, that we are never fully grown up in your sight, that we always have much to learn. Help us to seek you every day, to acknowledge that we need your wisdom and guidance, and help us to return to the path and walk with you. We pray in the name of Christ, who is our companion on this journey of faith. Amen.

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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

What A Friend

JSchrader

Scripture Reading

II Timothy 3:14-4:5

The Word of the Lord.

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Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 31:27-34

Sermon

“Branded”

Rev. Seth Saathoff

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 #404**

Precious Lord Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light,
Take my hand, precious Lord,
lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near;
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall;
Take my hand, precious Lord,
lead my home.

***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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This Week's Scripture Readings

II Timothy 3:14-4:5

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work

¹ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ² Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³ For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

Luke 17:11-19

²⁷ “The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will plant the kingdoms of Israel and Judah with the offspring of people and of animals. ²⁸ Just as I watched over them to uproot and tear down, and to overthrow, destroy and bring disaster, so I will watch over them to build and to plant,” declares the Lord. ²⁹ “In those days people will no longer say,

‘The parents have eaten sour grapes,
and the children’s teeth are set on edge.’

³⁰ Instead, everyone will die for their own sin; whoever eats sour grapes—their own teeth will be set on edge.

³¹ “The days are coming,” declares the Lord,
“when I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel
and with the people of Judah.

32 It will not be like the covenant
I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,
because they broke my covenant,
though I was a husband to them,”
declares the Lord.

33 “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel
after that time,” declares the Lord.

“I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.
I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

34 No longer will they teach their neighbor,
or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest,”
declares the Lord.

“For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more.”

Notes

Notes (cont'd)



2025 Officer Nominating Committee

The 2025 Officer Nominating Committee is hard at work putting together their proposed slate of new elders to serve on session.

If you have prayerfully considered nominating yourself or someone else (with their permission), please contact Catherine Scheffler at 713-715-9766 or email her at scscheffler@sbcglobal.net



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**



Crochet Amigurumi Day

Mark your calendars for November 8 and join us in making crochet amigurumi (crocheted stuffed animals) for bags of love.

Time and room TBA.

First Presbyterian Church's

5th Annual Pumpkin Patch

2727 N. Loop 336 W,

Conroe, TX

Oct. 11-31, 2025



OPEN: TUES-SAT, 11AM-7PM

& SUN. 12PM-7PM

♦♦TRUNK OR TREAT ♦♦

♦♦OCT 25~ 4-6 PM♦♦



SAVE THE DATE

THE GREAT PUMPKIN

patch & festival

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

PRESBYTERIAN DAY SCHOOL

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Conroe, TX 77304
across from H.E.B.!
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FOOD & GAMES
TRUNK, TREAT & SHOP
PUMPKIN PATCH
RAFFLES,
HAYRIDE & MORE

MOVIE AMONG THE PUMPKINS

showing

*"It's The Great Pumpkin
Charlie Brown!"*

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!

Prayer List

Members: Steve and Connie Tibbetts, Greg Scott and the family of 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

<i>Sunday</i> <i>October 19</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) 12:30 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)
<i>Monday</i> <i>October 20</i>	1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)
<i>Wednesday</i> <i>October 22</i>	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)

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October 25	Fall Festival
October 11-31	Pumpkin Patch
November 2	All Saints Day
November 8	Crochet Amigurumi Day
November 9	First Steps Orientation Class
November 11	Veteran's Day Breakfast

Staff and Church Information

Staff

Rev. Seth Saathoff, Senior Pastor
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Sharon VanSchuyver, Director of Communications
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