

# First Presbyterian Church

October 26, 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](http://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*

Karen Clark

#### *Today's Flowers*

*Today's flowers are given to the glory of God  
by Leslie Graham, in memory of Sarah.*

#### *Last Week's Attendance, October 19*

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 16

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 142

Online Worship Attendance - 25

**Total Attendance – 183**

## **8:30 A.M. WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION**

### *Preparing to Receive God's Word*

#### **Prelude**

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Call to Worship**

People of God, be glad and rejoice! The Lord has blessed us with everything we need.

**God provides in every season. Our lives overflow with the goodness of God.**

God restores what was lost and redeems us from the pit.

**We will celebrate God's faithfulness and praise the One who makes all things new.**

Come, sing praises to God our savior!

**Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Thanks be to God!**

#### **\*Hymn**

#### **The Heart of Worship**

1. When the music fades, all is stripped away,  
and I simply come;  
Longing just to bring  
something that's of worth  
that will bless Your heart.

Refrain:

I'll bring You more than a song,  
for a song in itself is not what You have required.  
You search much deeper within  
through the way things appear;  
You're looking into my heart.  
I'm coming back to the heart of worship,  
and it's all about You, all about You, Jesus.  
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it,  
when it's all about You, all about You, Jesus.

\*Please stand if able.

2. King of endless worth,  
no one could express  
how much You deserve.  
Though I'm weak and poor,  
all I have is Yours,  
ev'ry single breath. (Refrain)

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Silent Prayer of Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

God's love has been poured out for you and for me. Anyone who is in Christ is a brand-new creation. The old life is gone, and the new life is here.

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**

**Joel 2:23-32; II Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**"Looking Back, Looking Forward"**

*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 #288**

## **I Sing the Mighty Power of God**

1. I sing the mighty power of God  
That made the mountains rise;  
That spread the flowing seas abroad  
And built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained  
The sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at God's command,  
And all the stars obey.
2. I sing the goodness of the Lord  
That filled the earth with food;  
God formed the creatures with a word  
And then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed,  
Where'er I turn my eyes;  
If I survey the ground I tread,  
Or gaze upon the skies!
3. There's not a plant or flower below  
But makes Thy glories known;  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,  
By order from Thy throne;  
While all that borrows life from Thee  
Is ever in Thy care,  
And everywhere that we can be,  
Thou, God, art present there.

## **\*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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### **\*Call to Confession**

### **\*Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, you promise to restore what has been lost and to pour out your Spirit on all people.

But we confess that we have not trusted your promises. We have doubted your goodness when life feels dry, and we have clung to our fears instead of your hope.

You call us to dream your dreams and speak your truth,  
yet too often we stay silent or play it safe.

Forgive us, Lord. Renew our hearts. Fill us with your Spirit again, so that we may live as people of your promise--restored, forgiven, and made new through Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **\*Silent Prayer of Confession**

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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**

*Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!*

*Helvey*

#### **Scripture Reading**

**Joel 2:23-32**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **\*Hymn #316**

#### **Breathe on Me, Breath of God**

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love,  
And do what Thou wouldst do.
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure,  
Until with Thee I will one will,  
To do and to endure.
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Till I am wholly Thine,  
Until this earthly part of me,  
Glows with Thy fire divine.

#### **Scripture Reading**

**II Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

#### **Sermon**

**"Looking Back, Looking Forward"**

*Rev. Seth Saathoff*

## *Responding to God's Word*

### **Sacrament of Baptism (Carly Hart)**

#### **Presentation**

#### **Profession of Faith**

#### **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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### **\*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**

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

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### **Joel 2:23-32**

<sup>23</sup> O children of Zion, be glad,  
and rejoice in the Lord your God,  
for he has given the early rain for your vindication;  
he has poured down for you abundant rain,  
the early and the later rain, as before.

<sup>24</sup> The threshing floors shall be full of grain;  
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

<sup>25</sup> I will repay you for the years  
that the swarming locust has eaten,  
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,  
my great army that I sent against you.

<sup>26</sup> You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied  
and praise the name of the Lord your God,  
who has dealt wondrously with you.  
And my people shall never again be put to shame.

<sup>27</sup> You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel  
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.  
And my people shall never again be put to shame.

<sup>28</sup> Then afterward  
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;  
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
your old men shall dream dreams,  
and your young men shall see visions.

<sup>29</sup> Even on the male and female slaves,  
in those days I will pour out my spirit.

<sup>30</sup> I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and  
fire and columns of smoke. <sup>31</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness and  
the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of  
the Lord comes. <sup>32</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of  
the Lord shall be saved, for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall  
be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors  
shall be those whom the Lord calls.

## II Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

<sup>6</sup> As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

<sup>16</sup> At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! <sup>17</sup> But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup> The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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"Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!"

Traditional African-American Spiritual. Arr. by Howard Helvey

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# ***Notes***



***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](mailto:scscheffler@sbcglobal.net)) no later than Sunday, November 2.





### ***Change In Wednesday Night Live Programming***

*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 about this study, contact Dena Sowden [DSowden@FPCConroe.org](mailto:DSowden@FPCConroe.org). RSVPs are helpful, but not required.



## ***Crochet Amigurumi Day***

Join us as we make crocheted stuffed animals (amigurumi) for our *Bags of Love* ministry — and we need your help!

All skill levels are welcome — even if you've never picked up a crochet hook before. We'll meet on **Saturday, November 8, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 105.**



Materials will be provided, though experienced crocheters are encouraged to bring their own supplies. Kaleigh Riggs-Harpur will teach beginners the basics of crocheting and guide everyone through creating a simple pattern.

It's a great opportunity to learn, create, and enjoy some fellowship together. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Please contact the church office to let us know if you plan to attend and share your level of experience.

## ***Packing Seafarers' Christmas Boxes***



Thank you all for your generous monetary donations to fund the 100 Seafarer's Boxes.

If you are interested in helping to pack and/or wrap the boxes on November 6<sup>th</sup>, at the church, please reserve a spot with Liz Kessler at (713) 818-1006. Space is limited.

## ***Spiritual Direction with Rev. Callie Candee***

Christians have sought out silent prayer retreats for centuries; driven by a hunger for closer communion with God, we choose times of silence, of meditation of Scripture, to hear God more clearly and to follow Jesus' invitation to 'come away with me to a quiet place and rest.' In our ever too busy world, such an invitation is a blessing, as we enter stillness, reflection upon God's Word, and open ourselves to hearing more fully God's response to us. Rev. Callie Candee is offering one-on-one Spiritual Direction sessions for our congregation. She can be reached at [CallieCandee@yahoo.com](mailto:CallieCandee@yahoo.com).

## 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

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| <p><i>Sunday</i><br/><i>October 26</i></p>    | <p><b>8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion</b> (Sanctuary)</p> <p><b>9:30 a.m. Bereans Sunday School Class with Bob Shepherd</b> (Rm. 105) Paul's uplifting letter to the church at Philippi.</p> <p><b>9:30 a.m. Fellowship Class</b> (Rm. 204) Studying "More Parables from the Back Side" by J. Ellsworth Kalas, taught by Deborah Geddes, Glenna Lang and Glenn Elms.</p> <p><b>9:30 a.m. Exploring Our Faith with Susan Buckley</b> (Rm. 206)</p> <p><b>9:30 a.m. Seekers' Bible Study with Randy Blanton</b> (Library) Paul's Letter to the Romans on Sunday (Contact Randy Blanton to join by Zoom).</p> <p><b>9:30 a.m. FPC Kids' Sunday School</b> (Rm. 203)</p> <p><b>10:30 a.m. Fellowship</b> (Narthex)</p> <p><b>10:40 a.m. Praise Band</b> (Sanctuary)</p> <p><b>11:00 a.m. Worship Service</b> (Sanctuary and Facebook Live <a href="http://www.com/fpcConroe">www.com/fpcConroe</a> or YouTube.com/fpcConroe)</p> <p><b>5:00 p.m. "A Year Through the Bible" Study</b> (Rm. 105)</p> <p><b>5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark</b> (Gym)</p> |
| <p><i>Monday</i><br/><i>October 27</i></p>    | <p><b>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study</b> (Parlor)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <p><i>Wednesday</i><br/><i>October 29</i></p> | <p><b>9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Mission Sewing</b> (Rm. 105)</p> <p><b>4:00 p.m. Small Group Study</b> (Rm. 206)</p> <p><b>5:00 WNL Dinner</b> (FLC)</p> <p><b>5:45 p.m. Handbells Practice</b> (Sanctuary)</p> <p><b>6:00 p.m. Bible Study / Arts &amp; Crafts</b></p> <p><b>7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice</b> (Choir Room)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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## Save the Date

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| October 11-31 | Pumpkin Patch                                               |
| November 2    | All Saints Day Observed at FPC<br>Daylight Saving Time Ends |
| November 8    | Crochet Amigurumi Day                                       |
| November 9    | First Steps Orientation Class                               |
| November 11   | Veteran's Day Breakfast                                     |

## Staff and Church Information

### Staff

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