

First Presbyterian Church

November 16, 2025

Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story

Psalm 107:2



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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

Karen Clark

Today's Flowers

*Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Patrick Hudson,
in honor of all who served and to the glory of God, and from
David & Vivian McDonald in memory of David's mother, Margaret.*

Last Week's Attendance, November 9

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 17

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 147

Online Worship Attendance - 25

Total Attendance – 189

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

Preparing to Receive God's Word

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

The birds of the air neither reap nor sow, yet God provides them what they need.

Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story.

The flowers of the field neither labor nor sew, yet God clothes them in beauty.

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Seek first the kingdom of God and all things will be given to you.

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*Hymn #449

My Lord! What a Morning

Refrain:

My Lord! what a morning,

My Lord! what a morning,

Oh, my Lord! what a morning,

When the stars begin to fall,

When the stars begin to fall.

1. You will hear the trumpet sound
To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand
When the stars begin to fall.
(Refrain)

3. You will hear the Christian shout
To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand
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(Refrain)

*Please stand if able.

*Call to Confession

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Jesus said, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

When we seek forgiveness, what we find is grace in abundance.

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

Isaiah 49:8-13; Matthew 6:25-33

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Telling the Story: The Birds and Flowers"

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 #462

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near,
Daystar, in my heart appear.
2. Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day's return,
Till Thy mercy's beams I see,
Till Thou inward light impart,
Cheer my eyes, and warm my heart.
3. Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiancy divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more Thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparing to Receive God's Word

Opening Music

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Introit V

Folts

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*Hymn

Revelation Song

1. Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain;
Holy, holy is He;
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat.

Chorus:

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.

Who was and is and is to come;

With all creation I sing praise to the King of Kings;

You are my ev'rything and I will adore You.

2. Clothed in rainbows of living color
flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;
Blessing and honor, strength and glory
and power be to You, the only wise King.
(Chorus)

*Please stand if able.

3. Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,
at the mention of Your name;
Jesus, Your name is power, breath and living water,
such a marv'lous mystery, yeah.
(Chorus)

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

O God, we want to have our cake and eat it, too. We want to serve you **when it's convenient and serve ourselves when it feels good. Yet, Jesus taught us: "No one can serve two masters."**

We do not trust you as we know we should. You created the world and sustain it through your provision, but sometimes we have a hard time seeing it. You take care of the birds and the flowers, and we know how much more precious we are to you than these, but sometimes we have a hard time believing it.

Give us strength and courage to get our priorities straight. Help us to seek your kingdom first in all that we say and do. And help us to trust you to do what you have always done: love us and provide for our **needs. In Christ's name we pray, amen.**

***Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

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***Gloria Patri**

Minute for Stewardship

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

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

*Choral Response

The Word

Children's Time

Anthem

Thanks Be to God

Curry

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 49:8-13

The Word of the Lord.

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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.

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*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Response

A Celtic Thanksgiving

Thank You, Lord!
Yours is the power and glory.
Thank You, Lord!
Yours is the honor and praise.

I will give thanks to the Lord!
This is my Father's world.
I will give thanks to the Lord!
This is my Father's world.
I will give thanks! (I will give thanks!)
I will give thanks! (I will give thanks!)

*Postlude

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"Thanks Be to God"

Traditional Irish Melody (Londonderry Air)

by Sheldon Curry

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This Week's Scripture Readings

Isaiah 49:8-13

⁸ Thus says the Lord:

In a time of favor I have answered you;

on a day of salvation I have helped you;

I have kept you and given you

as a covenant to the people,

to establish the land,

to apportion the desolate heritages,

⁹ saying to the prisoners, "Come out,"

to those who are in darkness, "Show yourselves."

They shall feed along the ways;

on all the bare heights shall be their pasture;

¹⁰ they shall not hunger or thirst,

neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them down,

for he who has pity on them will lead them

and by springs of water will guide them.

¹¹ And I will turn all my mountains into a road,

and my highways shall be raised up.

¹² Look, some shall come from far away,

some from the north and from the west,

and some from the land of Syene.

¹³ Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;

break forth, O mountains, into singing!

For the Lord has comforted his people

and will have compassion on his suffering ones.

Matthew 6:25-33

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³² For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Notes



November 23 is Dedication Sunday

"Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story." Psalm 107:2

Next Sunday, November 23, is Dedication Sunday. During the services, we will have the opportunity to join in bringing our pledges for the work of the church for 2026.

Last week, a pledge card was mailed to all those who have given in the past. In addition to the pledge card was a letter from Pastor Seth, encouraging our support, and a letter from Fred Kate, Treasurer, along with FPC-Conroe's proposed operating budget for 2026. If you did not receive anything in the mail, the pledge packets are at the Welcome Desk and in the church office.

Through your faithful support this year, FPC-Conroe has been able to meet our budgetary needs in 2025 and reduce our debt by almost \$400,000. By the end of our three-year Capital Campaign, we will have reduced our debt by almost \$1.2 million.

Looking ahead to 2026, the church needs our support to continue to tell the story of God's redeeming love in Jesus Christ. Through our active participation in giving, we can ensure that this church is the hands, feet, and voice of Christ to our congregation and our community. Please pray this week about what God is calling you to give to spread His message of hope, and join us next Sunday in bringing our pledges. If you are unable to attend, you may bring your pledge to the church office or mail it to First Presbyterian Church, 2257 N. Loop 336 W, Suite 140, #349, Conroe, TX 77304.



Through the Bible in one Year

Beginning on Sunday, November 16, the new start time for the class will be 4:00 p.m. The class will remain a one-hour study.

The class has completed its study of the Old Testament, so on December 7th, at 4:00 p.m., we will begin a study of the New Testament. The class would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to participate in the New Testament study to plan to attend. We will begin with an overview of the New Testament, followed by our study of Matthew the following week. We will continue using Alan Stringfellow's "Through the Bible in a Year" as our guide. All are welcome (church members and community friends)!

The Children's Pageant: Help Needed

The Children's Christmas Pageant is scheduled for Sunday, December 14th, during the 11:00 worship service. We need lots of little angels, shepherds, sheep, and wise men to recreate the Holy Night for the congregation.

Practices will be held on November 16, 23, 30 and December 7 after the 11:00 a.m. service. This is an invitation for any elementary-aged student, who would like to participate in the pageant, to contact Dena Sowden at (979) 255-2096 or DSowden@fpccconroe.org.

Wednesday Night Live Thanksgiving Dinner November 19

Please keep in mind that our final WNL meal will be our much-anticipated Thanksgiving dinner, on November 19th. After the meal, we will have a 6:00 p.m. worship service in the Sanctuary. We look forward to seeing you all there.



Calendar of Weekly Events

<i>Sunday</i> <i>November 16</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>November 17</i>	1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)
<i>Wednesday</i> <i>November 19</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 Thanksgiving Dinner (FLC) 6:00 p.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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Save the Date

November 19	WNL Thanksgiving Dinner (final WNL for the fall season)
November 23	Dedication Sunday
November 24-28	Thanksgiving Holidays for PDS/CISD
November 27	Thanksgiving Day (FPC Office Closed)
December 5	Life Line Screenings at FPC
December 7	Seasonal Music Sunday
December 14	Children's Pageant

Prayer List

Members: Steve and Connie Tibbetts, Nedra Murphy, Jean Heasley, Fred Kate, Sylvia Dopp, Gordon Juhl, Roy Kessler, John Wright, Ruth Masters, Jeannene Wendt, Reed Watson, John Lancaster, Kari Elliott, Tildon Hebert, Alice Helms, Jean Ball, Mary Hudson, Paul Ivison, Jeanne Leverette, Virginia Olivier

Members' Relatives & Friends: Gabrielle T. (Tanner), 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), Kenneth H., 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)

Ministry Leaders

Administration	Cheryl Nichols (2025, Chair) Stephan Tibbetts (2025)
Building & Grounds	Bill Harshbarger (2026, Chair)
Care-Prayer	TBA (2027, Chair)
Discipleship	Mark Sowden (2025, Chair) Dena Sowden (2025) Masen Stuntz (2025) Sean Morton (2027)
Fellowship	Debbie Morse (2027, Chair)
Membership	Steve Scheffler (2025)
Missions	Catherine Scheffler (2025, Chair) TBD (2027)
PDS	Pat Hudson (2025)
Worship	Randy Blanton and Mike Wisda (2026, Co-chairs)
Trustees	Charline Muller (2025) David Nichols (2026) Fred Kate (2027)

Staff and Church Information

Staff

Rev. Seth Saathoff, Senior Pastor
Dena Sowden, Director of Christian Education
Sharon VanSchuyver, Director of Communications
Yvonne Rose, Office Manager
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