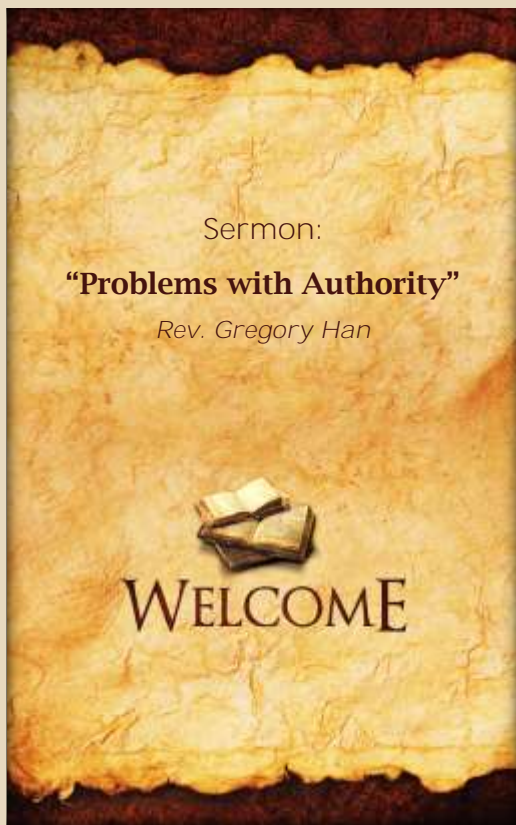


First Presbyterian Church

November 26, 2023



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8:30 A.M. PRAYER AND COMMUNION

Preparation

Prelude

Adoration

Call to Worship

*Hymn #456

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

1. Awake, my soul, and with the sun
Your daily stage of duty run;
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise
To pay your morning sacrifice.
2. Lord, I my vows to You renew.
Disperse my sins as morning dew;
Guard my first springs of thought and will,
And with Yourself my spirit fill.

Confession

*Call to Confession

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, our Lord Jesus suffered death on the cross. In that act, the God of grace and glory said No—No to the powers of death, No to the sin that tries to hold us captive.

And Christ said Yes to God's promises throughout the ages—Yes to new life, Yes to hope and transformation. The Spirit of God anoints us with that hope and power.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*Gloria Patri

Welcome and Announcements

Proclamation

Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 23: 1-6
Colossians 1:11-20

Remarks

“Problems with Authority”

Rev. Gregory Han

Dedication

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn #139

Come, Thou Almighty King

1. Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise:
Father, all glorious, o’er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.
2. Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend:
Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.
3. Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour:
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
And ne’er from us depart, Spirit of power.

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

*Please stand if able.



Visitors, Welcome to FPC

First Presbyterian Church of Conroe welcomes you. 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, on page 17 of this bulletin. We appreciate you joining us for services today, whether online or in person.

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11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Adoration

Introit

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Folts

Call to Worship

Leader: The head that once was crowned with thorns

People: Is crowned with glory now;

Leader: For life and health his cross was borne;

People: To him our lives we vow.

Leader: The highest place that heaven affords

People: Is his by sovereign right.

Leader: Yet here for us the Lord of Lords

People: Is pleased to grant his light.

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Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise
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Disperse my sins as morning dew;
Guard my first springs of thought and will,
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Confession

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.

We confess that we have not bowed before him, and we are slow to acknowledge his authority.

We give allegiance to the powers of the world, and we fail to be governed by justice and love.

In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

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And Christ said Yes to God's promises throughout the ages—Yes to new life, Yes to hope and transformation. The Spirit of God anoints us with that hope and power.

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The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

(Brianna Rose presents her daughter, Yaretzi Rose Flores, for Baptism this morning.)

Presentation

Congregational Vow

Do you, on behalf of the whole Church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture this child by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Jesus Christ and to be a faithful member of his Church?

We do.

*The Apostles' Creed

(Traditional)

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 at 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.

*Baptism Hymn #492

Baptized in Water

1. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
Heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,
Faithfully now God's praises we sing.
2. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;
One with His rising, freed and forgiven,
Thankfully now God's praises we sing.
3. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
Born of the Spirit, We are God's children,
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.

Thanksgiving over Water

Baptism

Welcoming

Yaretzi has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic Church through baptism. God has made her a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you, Yaretzi, into Christ's Church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you, and to help you to know and follow Christ. The peace of God be with you.

The peace of God be with us all.

Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

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

*Choral Response

Anthem

Praise the Lord Our God, Forever

Mozart

Proclamation

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

*Hymn #76

My Song Is Love Unknown

1. **My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me,**
Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be.
O who am I That for my sake
My Lord should take Frail flesh, and die?
2. **Christ came from heaven's throne Salvation to bestow,**
But people scorned and none The longed-for Christ would know,
But O my Friend, My Friend indeed,
Who at my need His life did spend!

Dedication

Prayers of the People

*Hymn #139

Come, Thou Almighty King

1. Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise:
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.
2. Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend:
Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.
3. Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour:
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Response

Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above

Come, let us join our friends above
who have obtained the prize,
And on the eagle wings of love
to joys celestial rise.
Let saints on earth unite to sing
with those to glory gone,
For all the servants of our King
in earth and heaven are one.

*Postlude

*Please stand if able.

This Week's Scripture Readings

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ² Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

⁵ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: **"The Lord is our righteousness."**

Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:11-20

¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Notes



Stewardship Campaign Update:

As of 11/20/2023, we have received 72 pledges for a total amount of \$472,041 or an average of \$6,556.13 per pledge. This is about 77% of our goal. A big thank you to all who have pledged your support of the church for next year. While this is a good start, we have a good way to go. There are still over 100 pledging units who have not, as of this writing, made a financial commitment for **next year's operating budget. If we are to have any hope of balancing the 2024 Budget, we urgently need your financial support.** I would encourage each of those who have not yet pledged to prayerfully consider making a financial commitment to the church for 2024. Pledge cards are available at the Welcome Desk or in the Church Office. If you intend to pledge, please submit your pledge card in the next couple of weeks so that we may finalize our 2024 Budget prior to the end of this year. I continue to pray (and hope that you do also) for the welfare and programs of our church.

Fred Kate; Church Treasurer

Seasonal Music Sunday December 3rd

Be sure to join us for a special Sunday of seasonal worship music on December 3rd, at the 11:00 service. We will have our usual FPC talent making beautiful music, and they will be joined by guest musicians to bring in this most wonderful time of the year. We hope you will join us for this special treat.

Annual Christmas Pageant December 10th

It's time for our annual Christmas Pageant, which is scheduled for Sunday, December 10, during the 11:00 worship service. Practices will be 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., in the Sanctuary, on November 26th and December 3rd. If you have a little one who would like to participate, please contact Dena Sowden at (979) 255-2096 or DSowden@FPCConroe.org.

Congregational Meeting December 10th

A Called Congregational Meeting will be held on December 10, 2023, during the 11:00 a.m. worship Service to approve nominations proposed by the Congregational Nominating Committee for the Pastoral Nominating Committee. We hope you will join us.



Have you ever thought about the following?

I want to see my grandchildren grow up.

I want to continue living independently.

I don't want to be a burden on my family.

Preventive screenings can help and we have partnered with Life Line Screening to provide these valuable screenings.

The mission of Life Line Screening is to provide advanced, yet affordable and convenient health screenings that supplement your traditional healthcare.

They can help make you aware of a previously silent, unrecognized problem that can now get treated at an early stage, or confirm that you are on the right path and should continue your healthy habits.

Don't let heart disease and stroke get in the way of the life you love. These four vital screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Register by calling toll free 1-844-591-7160, text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607 or online at <https://llsa.social/HC>.

An Opportunity to Give

Presbyterian Day School has adopted a sister school, Sam Houston Elementary, located in downtown Conroe. As such, they help provide needed supplies for the students through donations. At this time, they are in need of pre-packaged, bulk snack donations. If you would like to help, please bring your donation to the FPC or PDS offices and label accordingly. Thanks so much.



Calendar of Weekly Events

<p><i>Sunday November 26</i></p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Communion and Prayer (Sanctuary)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Fellowship (Bistro)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Bereans Sunday School Class with Bob Shepherd (Rm. 105): "The Book of Habakkuk - A Very Different Prophet."</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Fellowship Class with Cara Wood (Rm. 204) "Knowing the Bible: Romans" (a 12-week study)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Exploring Our Faith with Susan Buckley (Rm. 206)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Wanderers (Parlor) - Study: "Christmas From the Backside", by J. Ellsworth Kalas.</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Young Adults Bible Study with Randy Blanton (Rm. 207) <i>Making Sense of the Bible: A Seeker's Guide to Biblical Interpretation.</i></p> <p>10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Narthex)</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Facebook Live www.com/fpcConroe or YouTube.com/fpcConroe)</p> <p>5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p>
<p><i>Monday November 27</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday November 29</i></p>	<p>9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Mission Sewing (Rm. 105)</p> <p>5:45 p.m. Handbells Practice (Sanctuary)</p> <p>7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)</p>

<p><i>Sunday December 3</i></p>	8:30 a.m. Communion and Prayer (Sanctuary)
	9:00 a.m. Fellowship (Bistro)
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Save the Date

December 1	Lifeline Screenings at FPC
December 3	Seasonal Music Sunday
December 10	Christmas Pageant
December 24	Christmas Eve Services
December 25	Christmas Day (Church office closed)
December 26	Christmas holiday (Church office closed)

Prayer List

Members: Reed Watson, John Lancaster, Nedra Murphy, Kari Elliott, Tildon Hebert, David Green, Ron Bailey, Joanne Deaver, Alice Helms, Polly Miller, Jean Ball, Roy Kessler, Mary Hudson, Flem Keathley, Paul Ivison, Don Myer, Virginia Tamborello, Jeanne Leverette, Virginia Olivier

Members' Relatives & Friends: The family of William (Bill) Dark, Brenda H. (Cannon), Scott P. (Peterson), Mary T. (Nichols), Linda S., Larry B., Janie M. (Harrison), Tony N. (Spinks), Genevieve W. (Morton), Lindsey W. (Walker), Karl W. (Watt), Lisa J. (Miller), Shannon L. (Diamond), Rick J., Sydney H. and Martha K. (Juhl), Michael R. (Dwyer). Harry S., Jr. and family (Havens), Joy D. (Rose), Beth D. (Davis), Lynn G. (Shepherd), Steve T., Lonnie H. and Vivian M. (Hammonds), Wendy C. (Harshbarger), Kathy S. (Kate), Wendy C., Christy V. (Massey), Cherlyn R., Carrie U., Gloria S. (Ganek), John R. (Hethershaw), James M., Patty M., Enrique E. (Moore), William W. (Weinburger), Jeffrey H. & Leah H. (Heasley), Katie B. (Pohla), Wendy S. (Adamson), Judy N. (Dukes), Sherry M. (Garrison), Lee H. (Helms), Caleb & Michaela W. (Henderson), Gerald H. (Roberts), Tucker H. (Hudson)

Good Things to Know

Attendance

Sunday, November 19th

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 26

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 129

Online Worship Attendance - 22

Total Attendance – 177

Today's Worship Leader

Bobby Ezell

Today's Flowers

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Anne Bushe,
in honor of her parents, Pat and Bob Hathaway.

Visitor Form

Thank you for coming! We would love to get to know you.

Please complete this form by tearing it off and dropping it in the offertory plate. Or, if you would prefer to complete this form online, please visit our website at www.fpcConroe.org.

Contact Information

Name(s): _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

Birth date (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Children's Information

Children's Names (Please indicate last name if different):

Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Getting Involved in the Life of the Church

(Please check all that apply)

- ☐ I would like more information about membership.
- ☐ I would like information about baptism.
- ☐ I would like to be contacted by a Stephen Minister.
- ☐ Contact me about getting involved in the church.

Please contact me regarding:

_____ Adult Sunday School

_____ Bible Studies

_____ Children & Nursery

_____ Men's groups

_____ Women's groups

_____ Greeters

_____ Handbells

_____ Choir

Other:

How did you first hear about us? (Please circle one)

Facebook

Drive by

Website

Friend/Family

Other

Ministry Leaders

Administration	Cheryl Nichols (2025, Chair)
Building & Grounds	Stephan Tibbetts (2025, Chair)
Care-Prayer	Bob Shepherd (2023, Chair)
Discipleship	Mark Sowden (2024, Chair) Dena Sowden (2023) Jeselyn Graham (2024) Alex Williams (2024)
Fellowship	Audrey Christie (2024, Chair)
Membership	Steve Scheffler (2025)
Missions	Bobby Ezell (2024, Chair) Catherine Scheffler (2025)
PDS	Sharon Walker (2025, Chair)
Worship	Chuck and Janet Pohla (2023, Chairs)

For Pastoral Care, Contact Rev. Callie Candee

Greetings from Reverend Callie Candee! I'm so grateful to have been asked to assist with pastoral care duties here at First Presbyterian Church-Conroe. I'll be available for phone and home visits. I'm carrying the church's emergency phone and can be contacted directly at (936) 290-4535.



Staff and Church Information

Staff

Rev. Callie Candee, Pastoral Care
Rev. Greg Han, Temporary Pulpit Pastor
Dena Sowden, Director of Christian Education
Sharon VanSchuyver, Director of Communications
Stephanie Cooke, Music Director
Rolethial McKelvey, Accompanist
Jackye Cannon and Jane Corbit, Bookkeeping
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