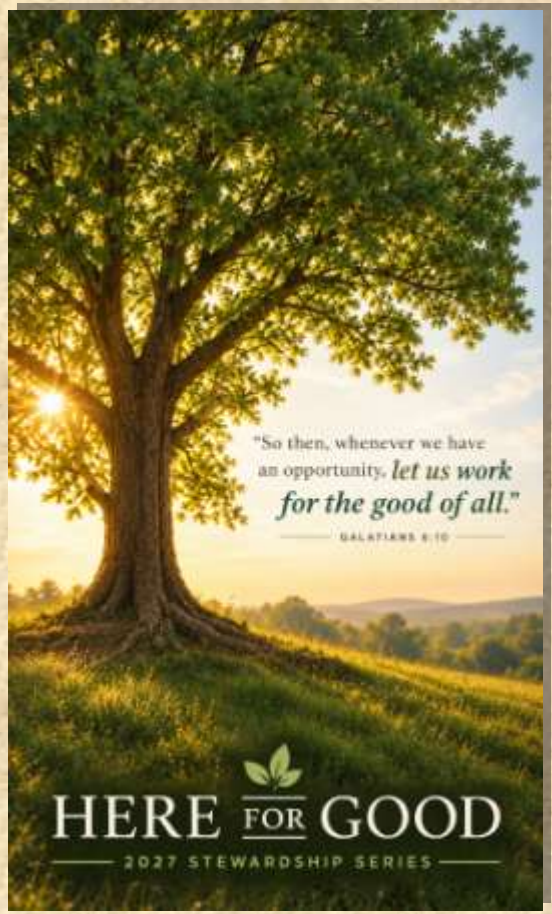
First Presbyterian Church

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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

Randy Blanton

Today's Flowers

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Ina & Jerry Webb, in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary, and by Pat Hudson, to the glory of God and in honor of all who served this great nation.

Last Week's Attendance, November 1

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 9

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 131

Online Worship Attendance - 23

Total Attendance – 163

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparing to Receive God's Word

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

God has called us to this place.
We give thanks for the community in which God has planted us.
Let us build, plant, nurture, and pray for good.
May we put down deep roots and grow in faith, hope, and love.
Jesus calls us to be salt and light in the world.
May our lives reflect God's goodness and our actions bear witness to God's love.

***Hymn #561** **My Country, 'Tis of Thee**

1. My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountainside
Let freedom ring.

3. Let music swell the breeze,
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4. Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,
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Long may our land be bright
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Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King.

***Call to Confession**

***Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

God does not abandon us when we fall short, nor does God cease to call us to faithful lives.

Our roots are grounded in the grace of God, and from that grace we are given the strength to grow, to serve, and to flourish.

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 **Matthew 5:13-16; Jeremiah 29:4-7**

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon **"*Rooted*"**
Rev. Seth Saathoff

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** **America the Beautiful**

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   for purple mountain majesties
   above the fruited plain!
   America! America!
   God shed His grace on thee,
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2. O beautiful for heroes proved
   in liberating strife,
   who more than self their country loved,
   and mercy more than life!
   America! America!
   May God thy gold refine,
   Till all success be nobleness,
   and every gain divine.

3. O beautiful for patriot dream
   that sees beyond the years
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   undimmed by human tears!
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   God mend thine every flaw,
   confirm thy soul in self-control,
   thy liberty in law.

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

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Opening Music

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Introit *The Star Spangled Banner*

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Gracious and loving God, you have planted us in this place and called us to seek the welfare of our neighbors. Yet too often, we have been content to look inward, concerned more with our own comfort than the needs of those around us. We have sometimes treated our community as a place where we live rather than a people to whom we belong. We have been slow to serve, reluctant to give, and hesitant to share the gifts you have entrusted to us.

Forgive us when we hide our light, when we fail to recognize the needs of our neighbors, and when we forget that the blessings we enjoy are meant to be shared. Root us more deeply in your love, strengthen our commitment to this community, and teach us to seek the good of all. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Moment 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 *God Bless America* *Berlin/Martin*

Scripture Reading **Matthew 5:13-16**

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Hymn #344** **Christ of the Upward Way**

1. Christ of the upward way, My guide divine,
   Where You have set Your feet May I place mine;
   And move and march wherever You have trod,
   Keeping face forward up the hill of God.

2. Give me the heart to hear Your voice and will,
   That without fault or fear I may fulfill
   Your purpose with a glad and holy zest,
   Like one who would not bring less than the best.

3. Christ of the upward way, My guide divine,
   Where you have set your feet May I place mine;
   And when your last call comes serene and clear,
   Calm may my answer be, "Lord, I am here."

Scripture Reading **Jeremiah 29:4-7**

Sermon ***"Rooted"***
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.

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***Charge and Benediction**

***Choral Response** **Battle Hymn of the Republic**

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on!
Amen! Amen!

***Postlude**

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This Week's Scripture Readings

Matthew 5:13-16

13 "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how
can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be
thrown out and trampled underfoot.

14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hid-
den. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they
put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same
way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds
and glorify your Father in heaven.

Jeremiah 29:4-7

4 This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I
carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: 5 "Build houses and settle
down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. 6 Marry and have sons
and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in mar-
riage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number
there; do not decrease. 7 Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to
which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it pros-
pers, you too will prosper."

Notes



Stewardship Campaign

Last Sunday was the beginning of our annual Stewardship Campaign. For the next two Sundays, the emphasis of Pastor Seth's sermons and the Minutes for Mission will be on stewardship. This is a very important time in the life of our church as we focus on funding our 2027 Proposed Budget. Everyone should have received a mailing that includes a letter from Pastor Seth, a letter from Fred Kate, a 2027 Proposed Budget (which has been approved by the Session), and a pledge card. Please study this material thoroughly, and prayerfully consider how you can help to make this campaign a success. Sunday, **11/22/2026**, will be **Dedication Sunday**, the day we will submit our pledge cards, so mark that date on your calendars!

Thank you,
The Stewardship Team



Financial Report
(2026 YTD as of 10/31)

	Budget	Actual
Revenue	$657,080	**$641,370**
Expenses	$657,120	$652,765

At the end of October, as you can see above, we now have a budget deficit of over $11,000. The deficit is entirely due to lower than projected revenue. Fortunately, there is still time to achieve a balanced budget by the end of the year. We have overcome budget deficits in the past and I am confident that we can do it again. However, it will require church-wide support. I would ask each of you to prayerfully consider what you can do to help. Remember that every little bit helps.

Fred Kate
Church Treasurer



Veterans Day Breakfast November 11



On November 11th, PDS will be hosting breakfast for FPC and PDS Veterans. This special breakfast will be held at 8:30 a.m. in the FLC. If you would like to take part in the meal, please let Lori Thompson (PDS Director) know that you will attend, so they can plan accordingly. We hope to see you there!

Saturdays with the Saathoffs

Due to overwhelming demand, Saturdays with the Saathoffs is BACK!

Use this link to claim a Saturday: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D4CABAD2EA2F94-65479762-saturdays#/

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.

Calendar of Weekly Events

Sunday November 8	**8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion** (Sanctuary) **9:30 a.m. Bereans Sunday School Class with Bob Shepherd** (Rm. 105) Studying the book of Malachi, the last of the written prophets. **9:30 a.m. Fellowship Class** (Rm. 204) Studying "Living Life Backward" by David Gibson, a study of Ecclesiastes, 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 at randyjblanton@yahoo.com with questions or to join by Zoom). **9:30 a.m. FPC Kids' Sunday School** (Rm. 203) **10:30 a.m. Fellowship (**Narthex) **10:35 a.m. Praise band** (Sanctuary) **11:00 a.m. Worship Service** (Sanctuary and Facebook Live www.com/fpcConroe or YouTube.com/fpcConroe) **4:00-5:00 p.m. Through the Bible in a Year Study** (Rm. 105) **5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark** (Gym)
Monday November 9	**1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study** (Parlor)
Tuesday November 10	**10:00 a.m. Ruth Circle** (Parlor) **5:15 p.m. Lydia Circle** (Youth area)
Wednesday November 11	**9:30 a.m. Martha Circle** (Parlor) **5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Live Meal** **5:45 p.m. Handbells Practice** (Sanctuary) **6:00 p.m. WNL Class: Science and God** (Rm. 105) **6:00 p.m. Jesus and Me (JAM)** (Rm. 203) **7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice** (Choir Room)

Sunday November 15	**8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion** (Sanctuary) **9:30 a.m. Bereans Sunday School Class with Bob Shepherd** (Rm. 105) Studying the book of Malachi, the last of the written prophets. **9:30 a.m. Fellowship Class** (Rm. 204) Studying "Living Life Backward" by David Gibson, a study of Ecclesiastes, 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 at randyjblanton@yahoo.com with questions or to join by Zoom). **9:30 a.m. FPC Kids' Sunday School (Rm. 203)** **10:30 a.m. Fellowship** (Narthex) **10:35 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** **4:00-5:00 p.m. Through the Bible in a Year Study** (Rm. 105) **5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark** (Gym)

Save the Date

November 11	Veterans Day Breakfast
November 18	Thanksgiving Feast and Worship Service
November 23-26	PDS Thanksgiving break
November 26	Thanksgiving Day



Prayer List

Members: Dick and Carolyn Schack, David and Leigh Green, Susan Juhl, Virginia Tamborello, Tildon Hebert, John Lancaster, John Gutekunst, Ron Bailey, Jean Heasley, Fred Kate, Jeannene Wendt, Reed Watson, Kari Elliott, Alice Helms, Jean Ball, Mary Hudson, Virginia Olivier

Members' Relatives & Friends: Laura K. (Shepherd), Jim M. (Sowden), the Spence family (Elliott), Alfred H. (Harshbarger), Cynthia M. (Rose), Debbie R. (Rose), Mike S. (Haines), Luke W. (Murphy), Gabrielle T. (Tanner), Noah G. (Simon), David W. (Hart), Dorene D. and Dan S. (B. Hernandez), Wes K. (Yates), Alicia I., James I., and Ron S. (Bailey), Blade B., Judy N. (Dukes), Michael R. (Dwyer), Tom J. & family, Bill M. (Browder), Tony N. (Spinks), Amanda N. (Bosse), Brenda H. (Cannon), Scott P. (Peterson), Linda S., Trey H., Janie M. (Harrison), Lindsey W. (Walker), Shannon L. (Diamond), 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), Caleb & Michaela W. (Henderson), Gerald H. (Roberts)

Ministry Leaders

Administration	Cheryl Nichols (2027, Chair) Matthew Laletas (2028)
Building & Grounds	Bill Harshbarger (2026, Chair)
Care-Prayer	Randy Blanton (2026, Chair)
Discipleship	Elizabeth Laletas (2028, Chair) Sabrina Sowden (2027) Sean Morton (2027, Youth elder) Savannah Hector (2028, Youth elder)
Fellowship	Marilu Howard (2027, Chair)
Membership	David Nichols (2027, Chair)
Missions	Debra Slade-Redden (2028, Chair)
PDS	Pat Hudson (2027, Chair)
Worship	Mike Wisda (2026, Chair) Cynda Hector (2028)
Trustees	David Nichols (2026) Fred Kate (2027) Anne Spinks (2028)

Staff and Church Information

Staff

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Sharon VanSchuyver, Director of Communications
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