

First Presbyterian Church

May 24, 2026



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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

Mark Sowden

Today's Flowers

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Pat Hudson, in honor of those who gave their all and to the honor of our heavenly Father, and by Ann Johnson, in memory of Ole Johnson.

Last Week's Attendance, May 17

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 13

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 160

Online Worship Attendance - 16

Total Attendance – 189

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparing to Receive God's Word

Opening Music

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Reign in Us

Neufeld/Glovet

Call to Worship

Come, Holy Spirit! Renew our lives with your fiery presence.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Renew our faith, renew our relationships, renew our trust in your mercy.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Renew our souls. Challenge us, comfort us, stir us up, calm us down.

Come Holy Spirit, come!

Renew our community. With fire and wind, come to this place. Gather us in, send us out.

Come Holy Spirit, come!

Renew our commitments. Make our legs stronger, our hands firmer, our hearts wider in love.

Come Holy Spirit, come!

*Hymn #280

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

2. **'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,**
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

*Please stand if able.

4. The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

5. When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, you poured out your Spirit upon the disciples as they gathered together, creating bold tongues, open ears, and a church sent into the world to offer all nations and peoples the good news of Jesus Christ. We confess that we often work against the force of your Spirit. We prefer timid tongues. We do not listen to each other or to you. We stubbornly live in resistance to your grace and stifle any change that needs to be made. We do not speak the good news of your love for all to all, preferring the community of our tribal divisions. We avoid living as those who have been made new creations in Christ.

Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid, stubborn lives by the power of your Holy Spirit and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people. Amen.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came rushing in, not with condemnation and judgment, but with comfort and joy.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, God breathes life into what was dead, speaks peace to what was lost, and gives healing to what was broken.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

Because of Christ's great love for us, we are forgiven!

*Gloria Patri

Minute for Mission

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

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

*Choral Response

The Word

Sacrament of Baptism Meredith Mben

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Baptism

Anthem

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Wilhousky

Scripture Reading

Numbers 11:24-30

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*Hymn #442

The Church's One Foundation

1. The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the word;
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

2. Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

4. Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Sermon

"The Times are Changing"
Rev. Seth Saathoff

Responding to God's Word

Prayers of the People

*Hymn #538

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

1. Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Thy love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
Traveling through this wilderness.
2. Thanks we give and adoration
For Thy Gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of Thy salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful,
To the truth may we be found.
3. So that when Thy love shall call us,
Savior, from the world away,
Let no fear of death appall us,
Glad Thy summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever,
Reign with Thee in endless day.

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Response

How Marvelous Are the Works

He alone is the King of kings,
He rules Lord of all.

How marvelous are the works of the Lord,
how excellent are His ways.
How wonderful is His glory and fame,
ever the same, great is the name of the Lord;
is His glory and fame, ever the same,
great is the name of the Lord.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

*Postlude

This Week's Scripture Readings

Numbers 11:24-30

²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people what the Lord had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the tent. ²⁵ Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied—but did not do so again.

²⁶ However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ **A young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.”**

²⁸ Joshua son of Nun, **who had been Moses' aide** since youth, spoke up and said, **“Moses, my lord, stop them!”**

²⁹ **But Moses replied, “Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the Lord's people were prophets** and that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!” ³⁰ Then Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Acts 2:1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, **they asked: “Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?”** ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” ¹² **Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”**

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: **“Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you: listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:**

¹⁷ **“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.** Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord **will be saved.**”

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“Battle Hymn of the Republic”

arr. by Peter J. Wilhousky
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May is Mission Month at First Presbyterian Church!

Our church is proud to support several missions and nonprofit organizations without relying on our general fund. We are able to do this primarily through our annual Mission Sunday offering, which will be collected on May 31.

We invite you to prayerfully consider supporting the mission ministry of our church by contributing to this special offering. Thank you for your generosity and support!

— Your Mission Ministry

Called Meeting of the Congregation May 31

There will be a Called Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 31, during the 11 a.m. worship service for the purpose of approving a nomination from the 2025 Nominating Committee to complete the unexpired term of Debbie Morse (Fellowship), Class of 2027.

Children's Sunday School and Church

Children's Sunday School and Children's Church will take a break for the summer, allowing our volunteer teachers an opportunity to enjoy their summer vacation time. They will resume after Rally Day in the fall. In the meantime, we do have a Children's Corner in the Sanctuary and children will have a lesson and activity during the Sunday School hour, in the nursery, with Ms. Linda and Ms. Amber. Contact Dena Sowden with any questions at DSowden@FPCConroe.Org.

Prayer List Updates

We ask for continued support in keeping our prayer list updated. If any of our prayer requests have had a change in status, or need to be removed, please make the church office staff aware. Thank you.

Vacation Bible School

"Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a life-long adventure, discovering the nature of God, and exploring what it means to be rooted in relationship with their Creator, a **safe place in life's storms.**"

*Children must be 4 years old (Pre-K) as of 9/1/26 and able to use the potty on their own to attend.

*We need VBS Volunteers to make this week a success!! Please consider giving as much or as little time as you can spare that week. Every helping hand goes a long way!"



An adventure you'll fall for!

I hope to spot you here!

RAINFOREST FALLS

new friends • amazing experiments • creative games
super fun facts • surprising adventures • incredible music

Location: **First Presbyterian Church**

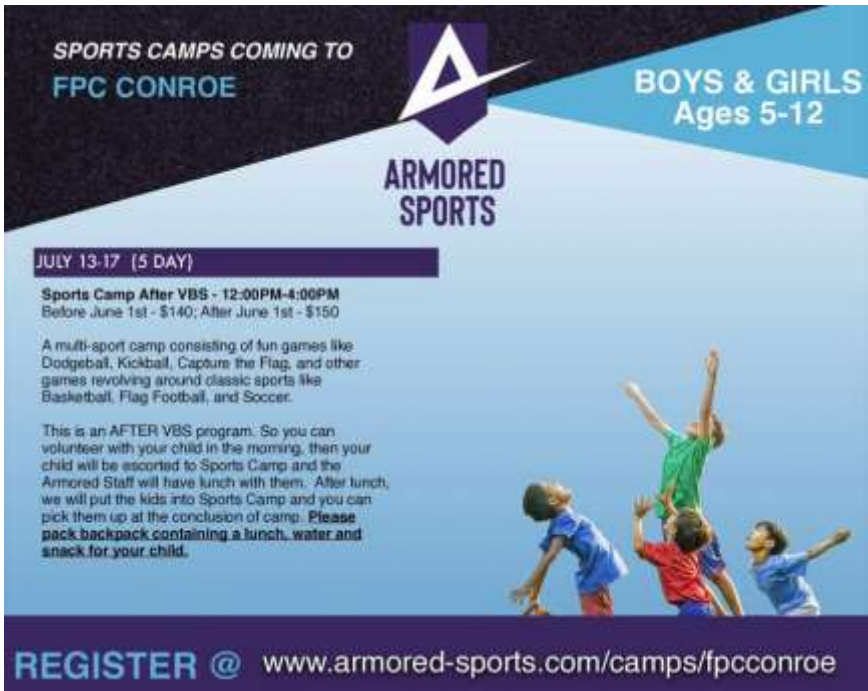
Date these dates: **July 13 - July 17, 2026**

Each day's fun happens from: **9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

For more information, call or visit: **936-756-8884**

Register online here: <https://vbspro.events/p/vbsatfpc2026>

VBS Sports Camp



**SPORTS CAMPS COMING TO
FPC CONROE**

**BOYS & GIRLS
Ages 5-12**

**ARMORED
SPORTS**

JULY 13-17 (5 DAY)

Sports Camp After VBS - 12:00PM-4:00PM
Before June 1st - \$140; After June 1st - \$150

A multi-sport camp consisting of fun games like Dodgeball, Kickball, Capture the Flag, and other games revolving around classic sports like Basketball, Flag Football, and Soccer.

This is an AFTER VBS program. So you can volunteer with your child in the morning, then your child will be escorted to Sports Camp and the Armored Staff will have lunch with them. After lunch, we will put the kids into Sports Camp and you can pick them up at the conclusion of camp. **Please pack backpack containing a lunch, water and snack for your child.**

REGISTER @ www.armored-sports.com/camps/fpccconroe

June is Men's Health Month

Men's health is a family matter. This is why First Presbyterian Church Conroe is hosting Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings on Friday, June 19, 2026. The screenings provided focus on vascular disease, a leading cause of illness and disability among men.

Screenings are fast, painless and affordable. Three key tests check for blocked carotid arteries, an irregular heart rhythm called atrial fibrillation, and high blood pressure, which are the three leading risk factors for stroke.

Other tests check for abdominal aortic aneurysms and hardening of the arteries in the legs. A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is also offered and is appropriate for both men and women. Many events also offer blood tests, including cholesterol, glucose and c-reactive protein screenings, as well as take-home colon cancer early detection tests.

For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call 1-844-591-7160 or go to <https://lisa.social/HC> or text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607. Pre-registration is required.



Prayer List

Members: Susan Juhl, Cindy and Ron Massey, John Gutekunst, James Dopp, Ron Bailey, Marcia Park and family, Steve and Connie Tibbetts, Jean Heasley, Fred Kate, Sylvia Dopp, Roy Kessler, Ruth Masters, Jeannene Wendt, Reed Watson, John Lancaster, Kari Elliott, Tildon Hebert, Alice Helms, Jean Ball, Mary Hudson, Paul Ivison, Virginia Olivier

Members' Relatives & Friends: Luke W. (Murphy) Lindsey Rose M., Catherine C. (Rose), Melissa and Mark M. (Miller), Connor, Caroline and baby M. (Saathoffs), Gabrielle T. (Tanner), Noah G. (Simon), David W. (Hart), Bret F. (Kasmiersky), Dorene D. and Dan S. (B. Hernandez), Siana F. and family (Watson), Wes K. (Yates), Alicia I., James I., and Ron S. (Bailey), Susie K. (Davis), Danielle S. & kids, Stephanie R. & kids (Riggs-Harpur), Blade B., Judy N. (Dukes), Michael R. (Dwyer), Tom J. & family, Bill M. (Browder), Tony N. (Spinks), 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

<p><i>Sunday</i> <i>May 24</i></p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Bereans Sunday School Class with Bob Shepherd (Rm. 105) Paul's uplifting letter to the church at Philippi.</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Fellowship Class (Rm. 204) Studying "1 & 2 Peter", by Max Lucado, taught by Deborah Geddes, Glenna Lang and Glenn Elms.</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Exploring Our Faith with Susan Buckley (Rm. 206)</p> <p>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).</p> <p>9:30 a.m. FPC Kids' Sunday School (Rm. 203)</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Narthex)</p> <p>10:35 a.m. Praise band (Sanctuary)</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary and Facebook Live www.com/fpcConroe or YouTube.com/fpcConroe)</p> <p>4:00 p.m. "A Year Through the Bible" Study (Rm. 105)</p> <p>5:00-7:00 p.m. Youth Outing NO SPARK</p>
<p><i>Monday</i> <i>May 25</i></p>	<p>FPC Church Office Closed</p> <p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>May 27</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>



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Save the Date

- June 14-20 Youth Mission Trip
- June 21 **Father's Day**
- July 4 Independence Day
- July 6 Independence Day observed (FPC office closed)
- July 13-17 Vacation Bible School

Staff and Church Information

Staff

Rev. Seth Saathoff, Senior Pastor
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