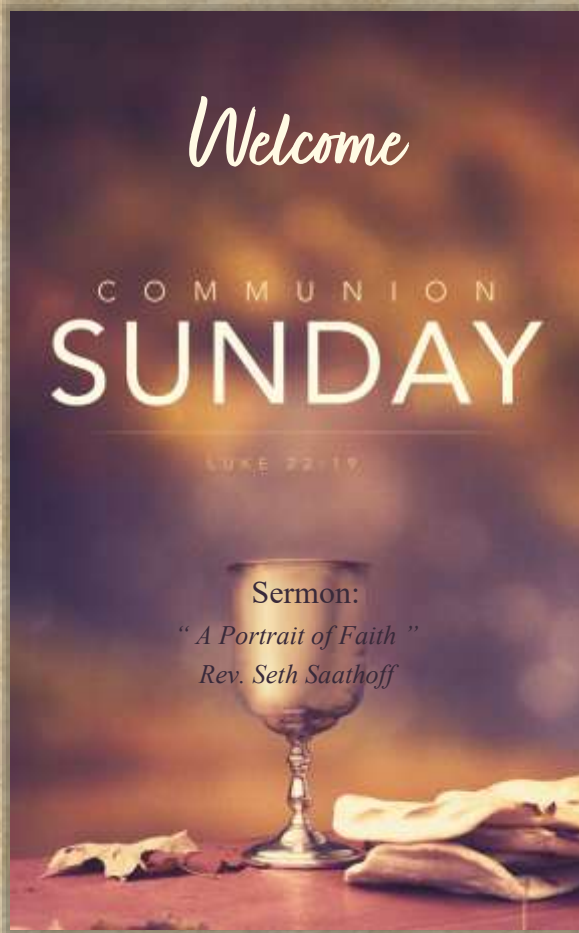


First Presbyterian Church
June 7, 2026



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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

Karen Clark

Today's Flowers

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Andrea Spengel, in memory of mother, Linette, and by Marty Taylor, to God be all the glory!

Last Week's Attendance, May 31

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 138

Online Worship Attendance - 25

Total Attendance – 166

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparing to Receive God's Word

Opening Music

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

O Worship the King

Folts

Call to Worship

Rejoice in the Lord, for praise is fitting for God's people.

We will sing with joy and give thanks to the Lord.

The word of the Lord is faithful, and all God's works are done in truth.

We trust in the steadfast love that fills the earth.

Let all who hope in the Lord come and worship.

Our hearts rejoice in God, and we place our hope in God's holy name.

*Hymn

Jesus at the Center

Jesus at the center of it all.

Jesus at the center of it all.

From beginning to the end

it will always be, it's always been You, Jesus, Jesus.

And nothing else matters;

nothing in this world will do.

Jesus, You're the center.

Ev'rything revolves around You, Jesus, You.

Jesus, be the center of my life.

Jesus, be the center of my life.

From beginning to the end

it will always be, it's always been You, Jesus, Jesus. → (cont'd)

*Please stand if able.

From my heart to the heavens,
Jesus, be the center.
It's all about You. Yes, it's all about You.

Jesus be the center of Your church.
Jesus be the center of Your church.
And ev'ry knee will bow,
and ev'ry tongue shall confess You, Jesus.

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you called Abram to leave behind what was familiar and to follow where you would lead. Yet we confess that we often resist your call. We cling to what is comfortable, trust in our own plans, and hesitate to step out in faith.

You invite us to be a blessing to others, but too often we focus on ourselves. We overlook opportunities to serve, withhold kindness from those in need, and fail to share the grace we have received.

Like Abram, we are called to worship and trust you wherever we are, yet we allow fear, doubt, and distraction to draw our hearts away from you. Forgive us for the times we have chosen security over obedience, self-interest over love, and comfort over trust.

Renew our faith, O Lord. Give us courage to follow where you lead, confidence in your promises, and hearts eager to be a blessing in your world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

The God who called Abram and remained faithful to every promise is the same God who is faithful to us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and made new.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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

*Gloria Patri

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Let All the Peoples Praise You, O God* Bedford

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Choral Response

Sacrament of Baptism *Waylon Alexander Rose*

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

The Word

Scripture Readings

Genesis 12:1-9, Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“A Portrait of Faith”
Rev. Seth Saathoff

Responding to God's Word

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Anthem

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn #264

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

1. When in our music God is glorified,
And adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia!
2. How often, making music, we have found
A new dimension in the world of sound,
As worship moved us to a more profound
Alleluia!

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Response

Irish Blessing

And until we meet again, until we meet again;
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.
May the road, may it rise to meet you.

*Postlude

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This Week's Scripture Readings

Genesis 12:1-9

¹ The Lord **had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household** to the land I will show you.

² **“I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you;** I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all **peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”**

⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. ⁵ He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

⁶ Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ The Lord appeared to Abram **and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.”** So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

⁸ From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord.

⁹ Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

⁹ As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. **"Follow me,"** he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

¹⁰ While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, **"Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"**

¹² On hearing this, Jesus said, **"It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ¹³ But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."**

¹⁸ While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, **"My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live."** ¹⁹ Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples.

²⁰ Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. ²¹ She said to herself, **"If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed."**

²² Jesus turned and saw her. **"Take heart, daughter,"** he said, **"your faith has healed you."** And the woman was healed at that moment.

²³ When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes, ²⁴ he said, **"Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep."** But they laughed at him. ²⁵ After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. ²⁶ News of this spread through all that region.



*Tenor Recital, by Abner Caraballo,
June 26 at FPC*

Abner Caraballo is a Puerto Rican tenor, singer, and actor known for his classical training in opera, his performances in musical theater and operatic repertoire, and his crossover recordings that blend classical elements with pop, Latin, and rock influences. Caraballo has performed on stage since childhood and pursued formal studies in opera at the Conservatory of Music of Puerto Rico starting in 2007. He has since maintained a dual career balancing operatic and musical performances with roles in film and television.



He will be performing a recital here, at FPC, on June 26 at 2:00 p.m. There is no cost, so please plan to join us for a musical afternoon.



Friday, June 19, at FPC

Special screening package for \$129 for our members includes:

- ♥ Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- ♥ Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

Call to schedule an appointment near you!
800-324-9458 and use code: **HABC001**

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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 speak your heart!

New friends • Amazing experiments • Creative games
Super fun games • Surprising adventures • Incredible music

Location: **First Presbyterian Church**

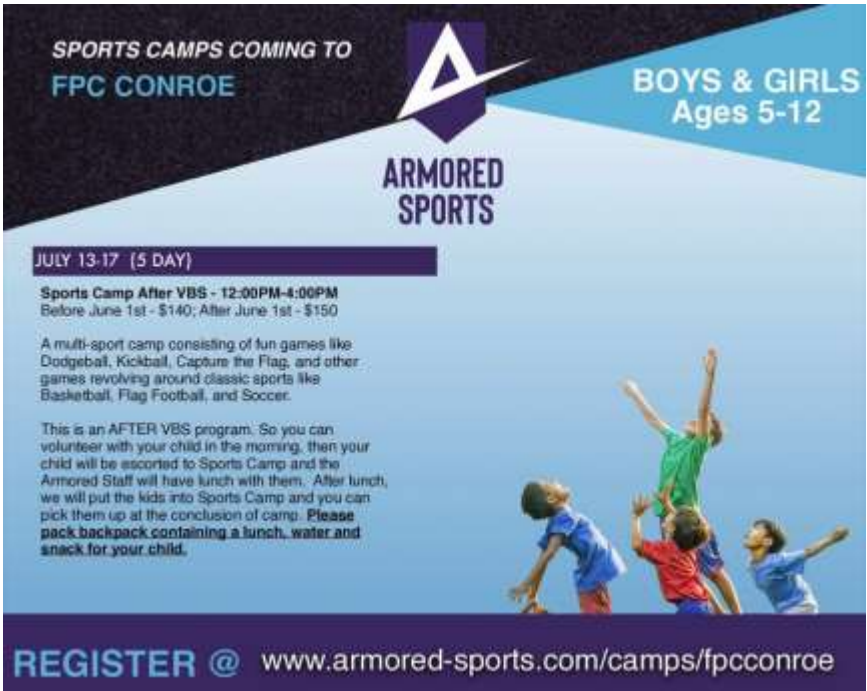
Show these dates: **July 13 - July 17, 2026**

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/fpcconroe

Calendar of Weekly Events

<p><i>Sunday</i> <i>June 7</i></p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Bereans Sunday School Class with Bob Shepherd (Rm. 105) The most successful Old Testament prophet, Haggai.</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 OFF FOR THE SUMMER. (Children can check in at nursery for Sunday School hour)</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>12:00 p.m. Committee Meetings</p> <p>5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p>
<p><i>Monday</i> <i>June 8</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>June 10</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**
- June 26 Tenor Recital with Abner Caraballo
- July 4 Independence Day
- July 6 Independence Day observed (FPC office closed)
- July 13-17 Vacation Bible School

Prayer List

Members: Marty Taylor, the family of Penny Bell, 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, Jeannene Wendt, Reed Watson, John Lancaster, Kari Elliott, Tildon Hebert, Alice Helms, Jean Ball, Mary Hudson, Paul Ivison, Virginia Olivier

Members' Relatives & Friends: Burt J. (Johnson), Luke W. (Murphy) Catherine C. (Rose), Melissa and Mark M. (Miller), Connor, Caroline and baby M. (Saathoffs), Gabrielle T. (Tanner), Noah G. (Simon), David W. (Hart), 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)

Ministry Leaders

Administration	Cheryl Nichols (2027, Chair) Matthew Laletas (2028)
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Care-Prayer	Randy Blanton (2026, Chair)
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Fellowship	Debbie Morse (2027, Chair)
Membership	David Nichols (2027, Chair)
Missions	Debra Slade-Redden (2028, Chair)
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Trustees	David Nichols (2026) Fred Kate (2027) Anne Spinks (2028)

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