

First Presbyterian Church
June 14, 2026



Welcome

Sermon:

“Too Good to Be True”

Rev. Seth Saathoff

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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

Carly Hart

Today's Flowers

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by David & Vivian Macdonald, in memory of David's grandparents, and their dog, Dexter.

Last Week's Attendance, June 7

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 150

Online Worship Attendance - 25

Total Attendance – 175

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparing to Receive God's Word

Opening Music

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

A Festive Intrada
FPC Handbell Choir

Dobrinski

Call to Worship

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness.

Let us enter his gates with gladness and his courts with praise.

Know that the Lord is good.

His steadfast love endures forever.

The Lord's faithfulness knows no end.

With contrite and grateful hearts, let us worship God.

*Hymn #482

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!
2. Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen How thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?
3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen Sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

*Please stand if able.

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God of our forefathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of countless generations; age after age your love and provision remains the same. You never promised us a life free of struggle and disappointment, but you did promise to be with us through it all and give us strength.

Forgive us, we pray, when we doubt your presence in our lives. Forgive us when, like Sarah, we laugh at the thought of your grace in the world, believing it to be too good to be true. Forgive us when we **don't trust good news to be good and when we struggle to believe** anything will ever change.

Renew our minds and spirits this day to believe where we have not yet seen and trust your eternal promises. Though Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone, and the new life is here.

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

Dona Nobis Pacem

Tucker

FPC Handbell Choir

*Doxology

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

*Choral Response

The Word

Children's Time

Anthem *Jubilate Deo* Crocker

Scripture Reading Romans 5:1-8

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*Hymn #362 I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry

1. I love the Lord, who heard my cry
And pitied every groan.
Long as I live and troubles rise,
I'll hasten to God's throne.

2. I love the Lord, who heard my cry
And chased my grief away.
O let my heart no more despair
While I have breath to pray.

Scripture Reading Genesis 18:1-15

Sermon **"Too Good to Be True"**
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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.

Prayers of the People

*Hymn #263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.

*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

Notes

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This Week's Scripture Readings

Romans 5:1-8

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does **not put us to shame, because God's love** has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Genesis 18:1-15

¹ The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. ² Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

³ He said, “If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. ⁵ Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant.”

“Very well,” they answered, “do as you say.”

⁶ So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. “Quick,” he said, “get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread.”

⁷ Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. ⁸ He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

⁹ “Where is your wife Sarah?” they asked him.

“There, in the tent,” he said.

¹⁰ Then one of them said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.”

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. ¹¹ Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, “After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?”

¹³ Then the Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Will I really have a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.”

¹⁵ Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, “I did not laugh.”

But he said, “Yes, you did laugh.”



*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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Welcome

Welcome FPC Conroe's newest members.



Zach, Madison &
Michael Matthews

Casey, Courtney &
Cade Smith



Pat & Sandy
Gilbert

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
Experience the Adventure

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

Location: **First Presbyterian Church**

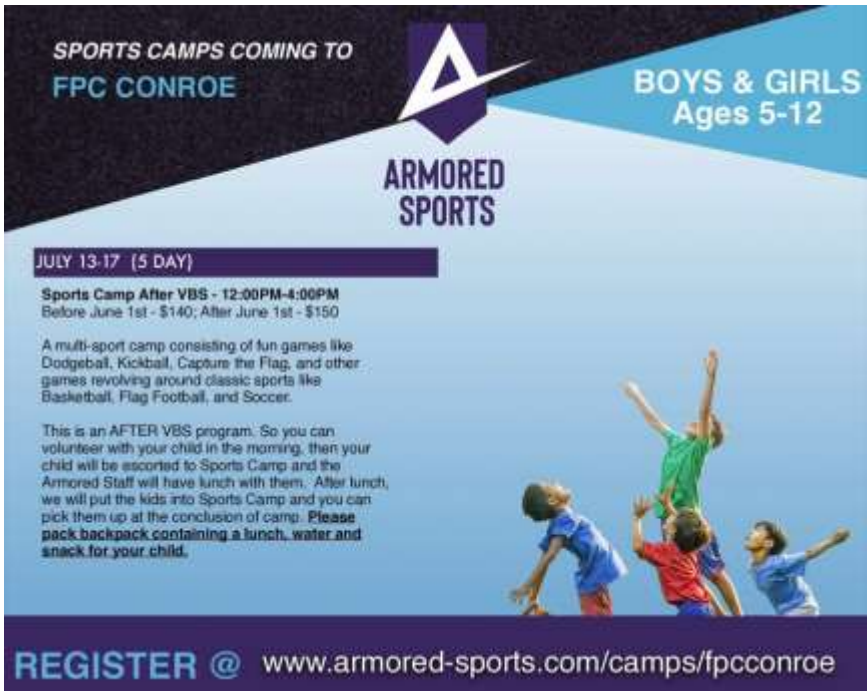
Save these dates: **July 13 - July 17, 2026**

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

Prayer List

Members: Ann Johnson and family, 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, Kari Elliott, Tildon Hebert, Alice Helms, Jean Ball, Mary Hudson, Paul Ivison, Virginia Olivier

Members' Relatives & Friends: Mike S. (Haines), 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)

Calendar of Weekly Events

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sunday</i> <i>June 14</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>11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary and Facebook Live www.com/fpcConroe or YouTube.com/fpcConroe)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Monday</i> <i>June 15</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Wednesday</i> <i>June 17</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 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/Youth at-home mission week

Staff and Church Information

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