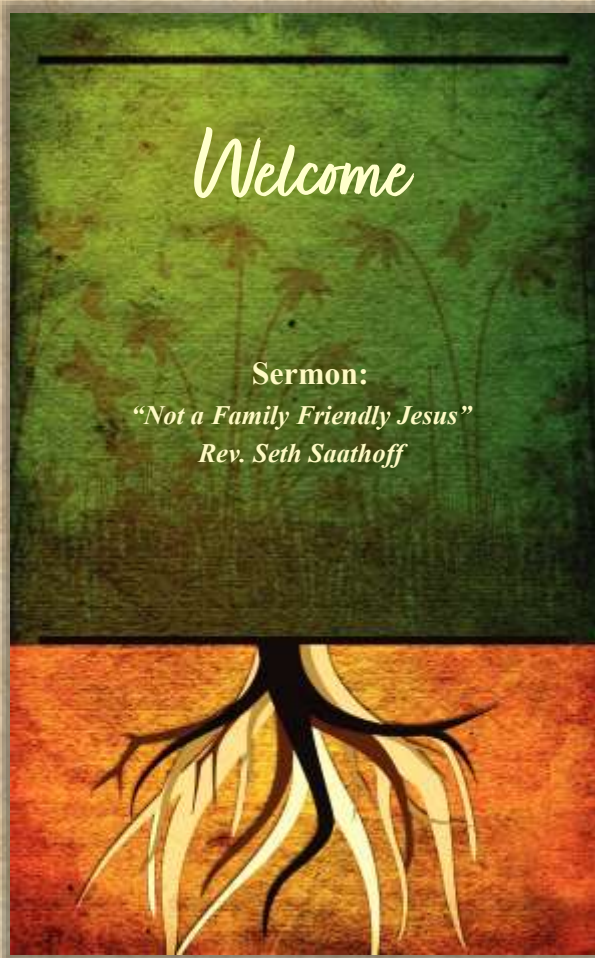


First Presbyterian Church

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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

Sean Morton

Today's Flowers

There is no flower dedication today.

Last Week's Attendance, June 14

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 148

Online Worship Attendance - 31

Total Attendance – 179

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparing to Receive God's Word

Opening Music

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!* *Grant*

Call to Worship

Incline your ear to us, O God, as we come into your presence.
There are none like you, Lord. No works compare to yours.
Great is your steadfast love and great are the wonders you have done.
We will glorify the Lord forever.
Come, let us worship the Lord our God, who is good and forgiving.
With thankful hearts, let us praise the Lord.

*Hymn #276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
(Refrain)

*Please stand if able.

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, we call you Lord, yet it is too easy for us to worship other things, other activities, other relationships, other gods.

You tell us we cannot serve two masters, yet we spend so much of our lives focusing our energies elsewhere, diverting our time, our energy, and our attention away from you.

Forgive us, gracious Savior, when our hearts are led astray. Forgive us when we serve other masters.

Help us turn away from distractions and sin and to fix our eyes and hearts squarely on you. Strengthen us to set our faces towards your kingdom, that we may take up our cross and follow your path. Amen.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

The Lord is good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love.

When we call, he answers. When we are in distress, he is strong to save.

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

*Doxology

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

*Choral Response

The Word

Children's Time

Anthem

On Eagle's Wings

Hayes

Scripture Reading

Psalm 86:1-10

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Hymn #357

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1. O Master, let me walk with Thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

3. Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee
In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

4. In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way;
In peace that only thou canst give,
With Thee, O Master, let me live.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 10:34-39

Sermon

“Not a Family Friendly Jesus”

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.

Prayers of the People

*Hymn

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

1. I know that my Redeemer lives;
What joy the blest assurance gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my everlasting Head!
2. He lives, to bless me with His love;
He lives, to plead for me above;
He lives, my hungry soul to feed;
He lives, to help in time of need.
4. He lives, all glory to His name;
He lives, my Savior still the same;
What joy the blest assurance gives;
I know that my Redeemer lives!

*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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"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

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by Michael Joncas and Mark Hayes

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This Week's Scripture Readings

Psalm 86:1-10

¹ Hear me, Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. ² Guard my life, for I am faithful to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God; ³ have mercy on me, Lord, for I call to you all day long. ⁴ Bring joy to your servant, Lord, for I put my trust in you.

⁵ You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you. ⁶ Hear my prayer, Lord; listen to my cry for mercy. ⁷ When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me.

⁸ Among the gods there is none like you, Lord; no deeds can compare with yours. ⁹ All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will bring glory to your name. ¹⁰ For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.

Matthew 10:34-39

³⁴ **“Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to turn**

“a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law - ³⁶ a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.’

³⁷ **“Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.**

Notes



To My FPC Family

Your many prayers, cards and messages of condolence are very comforting. Our son Burt enjoyed being a part of our congregation. Thank you for making him feel at home whenever he joined us.

- Ann Johnson and Family

Strategic Planning Committee Update

Earlier this year, the FPC Conroe embarked on a year-long strategic planning process that includes three phases: congregational listening, neighborhood listening, and planning/implementation. The Strategic Planning Committee is soon to complete the congregational listening phase through conducting a series of focus groups and have scheduled an opportunity on July 12, following the 11:00 AM worship service, for those who have yet to participate in one of our congregational focus groups. We will provide a light meal and childcare. The focus group will meet in Room 105 adjacent to the Bistro and should conclude about 1:30 PM. Please RSVP for this opportunity by calling the Church Office at (936) 756-8884 no later than Thursday, July 9.

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.

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
hosted at the First Presbyterian Church

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

Location: **First Presbyterian Church**

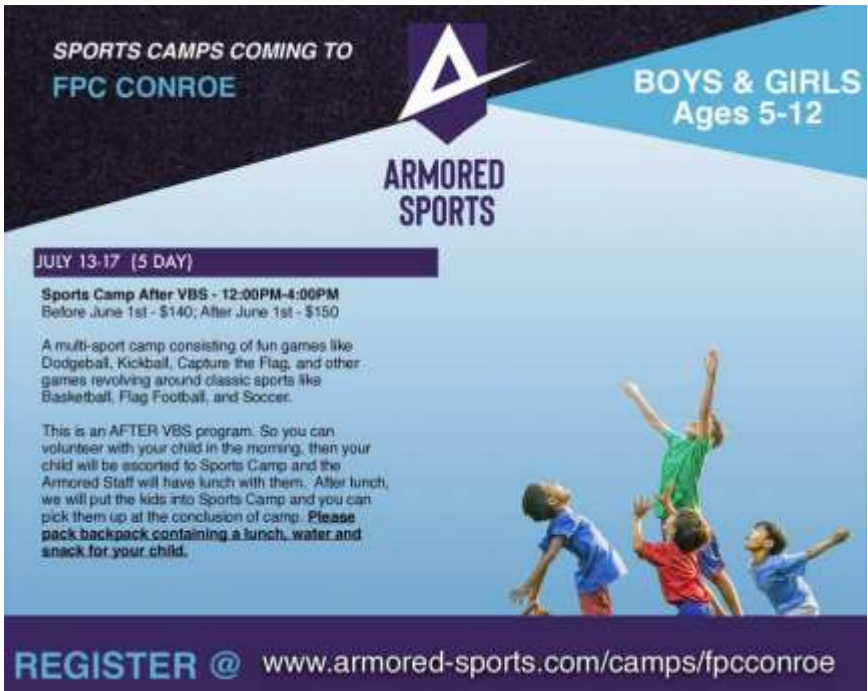
Date these dates: **July 13 - July 17, 2026**

Each child'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 21</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><i>Monday</i> <i>June 22</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor) NOT MEETING AGAIN UNTIL AUGUST 3</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>June 24</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 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



Prayer List

Members: Betty Blott and family, Josh and Kayleigh Riggs-Harpur, Ann Johnson and family, the family of Penny Bell, Marty Taylor, 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), Lori R. (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)
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	Debbie Morse (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

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