

First Presbyterian Church

July 5, 2026



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Communion Sunday

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.
We praise God in all His glory.*

Last Week's Attendance, June 28

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 151

Online Worship Attendance - 18

Total Attendance – 169

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparing to Receive God's Word

Opening Music

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *The Star Spangled Banner*

Call to Worship

Come, all you whose souls thirst for the living God.
We come in search of help and hope.
Come, you who are acquainted with grief.
We come bearing our doubts, our wounds, and our fears.
Come, you who are in need of good news.
We come in search of joy, truth, and light.
Come and find refuge in God your rock.
Let us again praise the One who is our help and our hope.

*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.
2. My native country, thee,
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills
Like that above.

*Please stand if able.

3. Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake,
Let all that breathe partake,
Let rocks their silence break,
The sound prolong.

4. Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King.

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness.

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

America the Beautiful
FPC Handbell Choir

Wernega

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Choral Response

The Word

Anthem

God Bless the U.S.A.

Brymer

Scripture Readings

Psalm 42; John 4:1-26, 39-43

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"What Are You Thirsty For?"

Rev. Callie Candee

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 #563

Lift Every Voice and Sing

1. Lift every voice and sing
till earth and heaven ring.
Ring with the harmonies of liberty,
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith
that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope
that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on, till victory is won.
2. Stony the road we trod,
bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way
that with tears has been watered.
We have come, treading our path
through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Response

From Sea to Shining Sea

O beautiful for patriot dream That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam Undimm'd by human tears.
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!
From sea to shining sea!

*Postlude

Notes

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“God Bless the U.S.A.”

Arr. by Mark A. Brymer

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“From Sea to Shining Sea”

Paraphrased by Maurice C. Whitney

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This Week's Scripture Readings

Psalm 42

¹ As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. ² My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? ³ My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me all day long, "Where is your God?" ⁴ These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go to the house of God under the protection of the Mighty One with shouts of joy and praise among the festive throng.

⁵ Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

⁶ My soul is downcast within me; therefore I will remember you from the land of the Jordan, the heights of Hermon—from Mount Mizar. ⁷ Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls; all your waves and breakers have swept over me.

⁸ By day the Lord directs his love, at night his song is with me—a prayer to the God of my life.

⁹ I say to God my Rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy?" ¹⁰ My bones suffer mortal agony as my foes taunt me, saying to me all day long, "Where is your God?"

¹¹ Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

John 4:1-26, 39-43

¹ Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John— ² although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. ³ So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.

⁴ Now he had to go through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

¹¹ "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

¹³ Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶ He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

¹⁷ "I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

¹⁹ "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

²¹ "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

²⁵ The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

²⁶ Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he."

³⁹ Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. ⁴¹ And because of his words many more became believers.

⁴² They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."

⁴³ After the two days he left for Galilee.



Happy Birthday, America!

Let's celebrate the 250th birthday of the USA together after today's worship service. What better way than with ice cream, cookies and homemade lemonade? Join us at the FLC bistro area for fellowship and cool, tasty refreshments. You won't want to miss out on this very special occasion.



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 child-care. 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.

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!

RAINFOREST FALLS
hosted by the First Presbyterian Church

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

Location: **First Presbyterian Church**

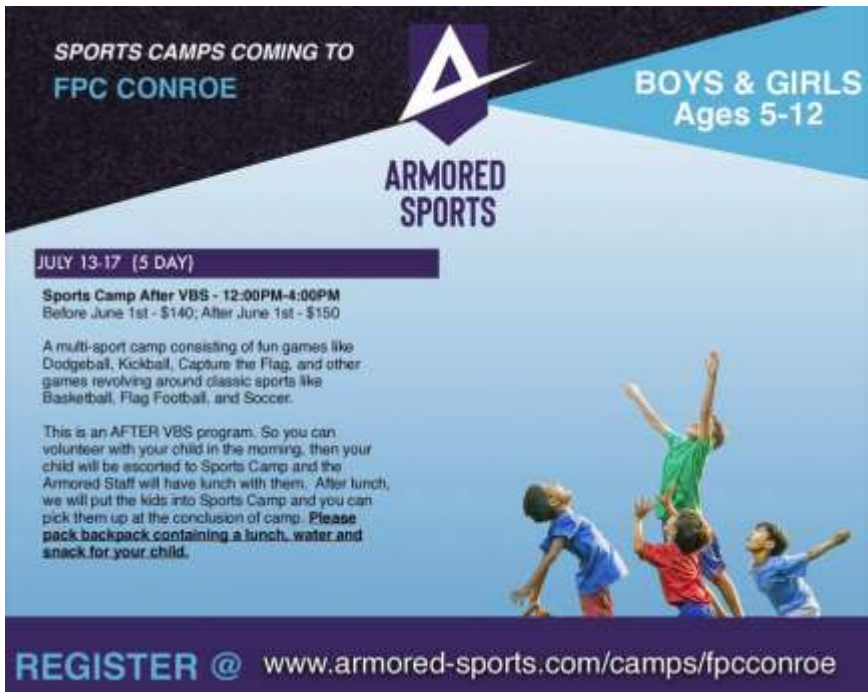
Date/Time: **July 13 - July 17, 2026**
VBS Time

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**

**ARMORED
SPORTS**

**BOYS & GIRLS
Ages 5-12**

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

<i>Sunday</i> <i>July 5</i>	9:30 a.m. Bereans Sunday School Class with Bob Shepherd (Rm. 105) The most successful Old Testament prophet, Haggai. 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Class (Rm. 204) Studying "1 & 2 Peter", by Max Lucado, 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 to join by Zoom). 9:30 a.m. FPC Kids' Sunday School OFF FOR THE SUMMER. (Children can check in at nursery for Sunday School hour) 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) 12:00 p.m. Happy Birthday, America Celebration (FLC Bistro)
<i>Monday</i> <i>July 6</i>	FPC Church office closed 1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor) NOT MEETING AGAIN UNTIL AUGUST 3
<i>Wednesday</i> <i>July 8</i>	9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Mission Sewing (Rm. 105) 5:45 p.m. Handbells Practice (Sanctuary) 7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)



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Save the Date

July 6	Independence Day observed (FPC office closed)
July 13-17	Vacation Bible School/Youth at-home mission week
August 9	Youth Auction



Prayer List

Members: John Lancaster, Soren Rose, Betty Blott and family, Josh and Kayleigh Riggs-Harpur, 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), 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)
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Membership	David Nichols (2027, Chair)
Missions	Debra Slade-Redden (2028, Chair)
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Worship	Mike Wisda (2026, Chair) Cynda Hector (2028)
Trustees	David Nichols (2026) Fred Kate (2027) Anne Spinks (2028)

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