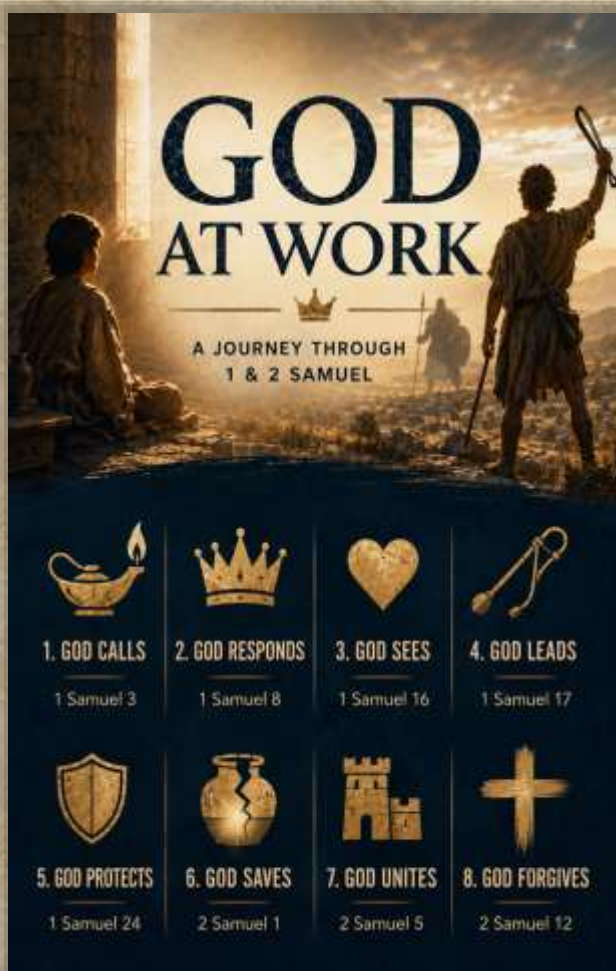


First Presbyterian Church

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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

Karis Morton

Today's Flowers

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Jim & Sylvia Dopp.

Last Week's Attendance, July 5

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 138

Online Worship Attendance - 15

Total Attendance – 153

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparing to Receive God's Word

Opening Music

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *We Gather Together*

Call to Worship

Before we sought God, God sought us.
Before we spoke, God called our name.
God called Samuel in the quiet of the night.
God still speaks to those who are willing to listen.
Open our ears, O Lord, that we may hear your call.
We come to listen, to respond, and to follow wherever God leads.

*Hymn *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

Refrain:
Every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray.
Every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart I will pray.

1. Upon the mountain when my God spoke,
Out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me, it looked so fine,
I asked my Lord if all was mine. [Refrain]
2. 'Ol Jordan River, chilly and cold,
It chills the body, but not the soul.
There ain't but one train that's on this track,
It runs to heaven and runs right back. [Refrain]

*Please stand if able.

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, too often your voice is drowned out by the noise of our busy lives. We fill our days with distractions, our minds with worry, and our hearts with lesser priorities. When you call us to trust, we cling to control. When you call us to serve, we choose comfort. When you call us to love our neighbors, we find reasons to look the other way.

Forgive us for our unwillingness to listen. Quiet the voices that compete for our attention, soften our hearts to your Spirit, and teach us once again to say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

The God who called Samuel by name is the same God who calls each of us. Not to condemn us, but to claim us as his own. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and invited to begin again.

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

You Are the Salt and Light

Choplin

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:28-30

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Hymn #322

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

(Repeat)

Scripture Reading

I Samuel 3:1-10

Sermon

"God Calls"

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 #372

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

1. Lord, I want to be a Christian
In-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian
In-a my heart.
In-a my heart, (In-a my heart,)
In-a my heart, (In-a my heart,)
Lord, I want to be a Christian
In-a my heart.
3. Lord, I want to be more holy
In-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy
In-a my heart.
In-a my heart, (In-a my heart,)
In-a my heart, (In-a my heart,)
Lord, I want to be more holy
In-a my heart.
4. Lord, I want to be like Jesus
In-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus
In-a my heart.
In-a my heart, (In-a my heart,)
In-a my heart, (In-a my heart,)
Lord, I want to be like Jesus
In-a my heart.

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Response

Lord, Make Us More Holy

Lord, make us more holy,
Lord, make us more holy,
Lord, make us more holy,
Until we meet again.
Holy, holy, holy,
Until we meet again.

Lord, make us more faithful,
Lord, make us more faithful,
Lord, make us more faithful,
Until we meet again.
Faithful, faithful, faithful,
Until we meet again.

*Postlude

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By Pepper Choplin

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This Week's Scripture Readings

Romans 8:28-30

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

I Samuel 3:1-10

¹ The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions.

² One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. ³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the Lord called Samuel.

Samuel answered, "Here I am." ⁵ And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

⁶ Again the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

"My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸ A third time the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹ So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Notes



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!



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**



**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

Spiritual Direction with Rev. Callie Candee

Christians have sought out silent prayer retreats for centuries; driven by a hunger for closer communion with God, we choose times of silence, of meditation of Scripture, to hear God more clearly and to follow Jesus' invitation to 'come away with me to a quiet place and rest.' In our ever too busy world, such an invitation is a blessing, as we enter stillness, reflection upon God's Word, and open ourselves to hearing more fully God's response to us. Rev. Callie Candee is offering one-on-one Spiritual Direction sessions for our congregation. She can be reached at CallieCandee@yahoo.com.

Calendar of Weekly Events

<i>Sunday</i> <i>July 12</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) 5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)
<i>Monday</i> <i>July 13</i>	1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor) NOT MEETING AGAIN UNTIL AUGUST 3
<i>Wednesday</i> <i>July 15</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)

V B S W E E K



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Save the Date

July 13-17	Vacation Bible School/Youth at-home mission week
July 25	Active Shooter Defense Training
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)

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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)
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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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