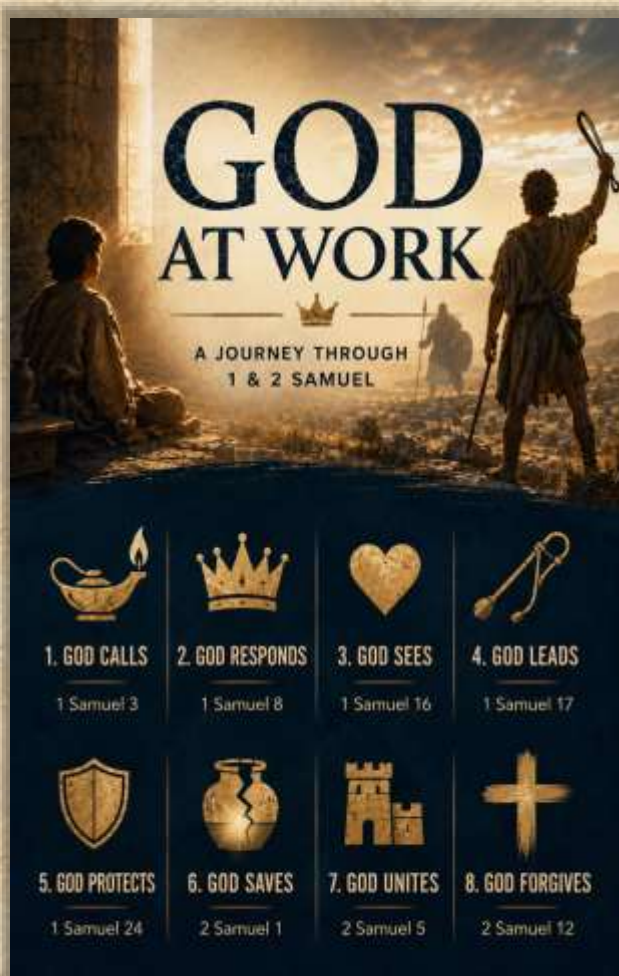


First Presbyterian Church

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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

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God.

Last Week's Attendance, July 19

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 134

Online Worship Attendance - 23

Total Attendance – 157

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparing to Receive God's Word

Opening Music

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *We Gather Together*

Call to Worship

People look at outward appearances, but the Lord looks upon the heart.
God knows us completely and loves us faithfully.
God sees beyond our successes and failures.
God sees who we are and who we are becoming.
Come, let us worship the God who sees us with mercy, grace, and love.
We come to worship the One who knows our hearts and calls us by name.

*Hymn *Open The Eyes of My Heart*

Chorus:
Open the eyes of my heart Lord Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You I want to see You (Repeat chorus)

Verse:
To see You high and lifted up Shining in the light of Your glory Pour out
Your power and love As we sing holy holy holy (Chorus)

Verse:
To see You high and lifted up Shining in the light of Your glory Pour out
Your power and love As we sing holy holy holy

Bridge:
Holy holy holy Holy holy holy Holy holy holy
I want to see You (x2) (Chorus x2)

*Please stand if able.

Verse:

To see You high and lifted up Shining in the light of Your glory Pour out
Your power and love As we sing holy holy holy (Repeat) (Chorus)

(Bridge) (Chorus)

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, you see what no one else can see. You know the thoughts we hide, the motives we disguise, and the fears we keep buried deep within us. Too often we are more concerned with how we appear than with who we are becoming. We seek the approval of others more than your wisdom. We judge by outward appearances instead of seeing others as you see them.

Forgive us for the ways our hearts have wandered from you. Create in us clean hearts, renew steadfast spirits within us, and shape us into people who reflect your love and grace.

Help us to trust that we are fully known and fully loved through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

In Christ, God is reconciling the world to himself. 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**

Minute for Mission

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology**

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

***Choral Response**

The Word

Children's Time

Anthem

Gratitude

Hastings|Lake|Bowe

Scripture Reading

II Corinthians 5:16-17

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Hymn #298

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice,
Which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgment given.
2. For the love of God is broader
Than the measures of the mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
We would gladly trust God's word;
And our lives reflect thanksgiving
For the goodness of our Lord.
4. Even so, Lord, quickly come
To Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin;
There forever purified,
In Thy presence to abide:
Come, with all Thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.

Scripture Reading

I Samuel 16:1-13

Sermon

"God Sees"

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

Blessed Be Your Name

Verse 1:

Blessed be Your name In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow Blessed be Your name

Verse 2:

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus:

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord Still I will say

Chorus:

Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your glorious name

Verse 3:

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Verse 4:

Blessed be Your name

On the road marked with suffering Though there's pain in the offering

Blessed be Your name (Pre-Chorus) (Chorus)

Bridge:

You give and take away You give and take away

My heart will choose to say Lord blessed be Your name (Pre-Chorus)

(Chorus)

*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

This Week's Scripture Readings

II Corinthians 5:16-17

¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

I Samuel 16:1-13

¹ The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."

² But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me."

The Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."

⁴ Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"

⁵ Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord."

⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen this one either." ⁹ Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the Lord chosen this one." ¹⁰ Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The Lord has not chosen these." ¹¹ So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?"

"There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep."

Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

¹² So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one."

¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

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Presbyterian Pilgrimage Meeting Today

Do you want to deepen your connection to the rich heritage of the Presbyterian faith? Next summer, you'll have the opportunity to journey to Scotland, the birthplace of Presbyterianism.

Join us for an information session today, at 12:30 p.m., in the Family Life Center. A light lunch will be provided.



“Through the Bible in One Year” by Alan Stringfellow

The series of “Through the Bible in One Year” will begin again on Sunday, August 30th, at 4:00 p.m. Classes will last one hour. The series will be led by Frank Denton, using a workbook by Alan Stringfellow (provided at no charge to participants). This very well received program was just completed by about 25 participants this past June. Several have indicated they intend to repeat the program. You are encouraged to visit with someone who has completed the program for their recommendation. As in the past, this program is open to the public as well as church members, or those from other denominations who might want to attend, so feel free to invite a friend.

This series will demonstrate how each book of the Bible is connected and relates to the other, in both the New as well as Old Testament. The unfolding drama of the coming of the Messiah, which comes together as a finely woven piece of cloth. Open to all ages, whether a Bible student or just getting started, all are welcome. No cost, no tests!

Please put your name on the sign-up sheet located in the church office so that enough workbooks can be ordered. We look forward to seeing you and beginning this exciting journey.

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> July 26	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 "Living Life Backward" by David Gibson, a study of Ecclesiastes, 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> July 27	1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor) NOT MEETING AGAIN UNTIL AUGUST 3
<i>Wednesday</i> July 29	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

August 9	Youth Auction
August 24	PDS first day of school
August 30	“Through the Bible in a Year” begins



Prayer List

Members: The family of Ron Massey, Tildon Hebert, John Lancaster, 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, Jean-nene Wendt, Reed Watson, Kari Elliott, Alice Helms, Jean Ball, Mary Hudson, Paul Ivison, Virginia Olivier

Members' Relatives & Friends: Debbie R. (Rose), 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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Care-Prayer	Randy Blanton (2026, 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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