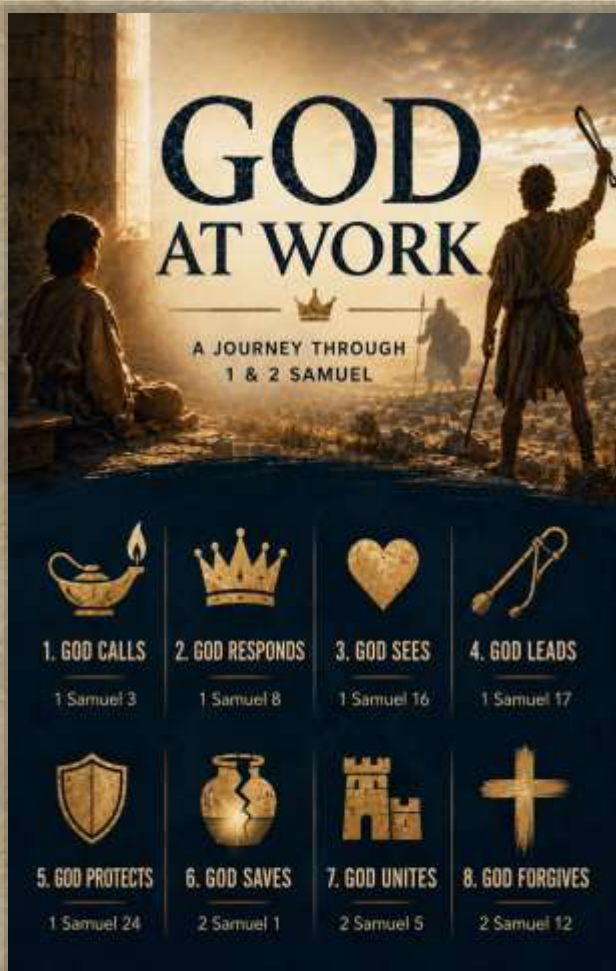


First Presbyterian Church

August 9, 2026



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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

Matt Laletas

Today's Flowers

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Marty Taylor in gratitude.

Last Week's Attendance, August 2

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 142

Online Worship Attendance - 25

Total Attendance – 167

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparing to Receive God's Word

Opening Music

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *Sing a New Song to the Lord*

Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
The Maker of heaven and earth.
When fear surrounds us, God is our refuge.
When others seek our harm, God is our protector.
God calls us not to repay evil for evil,
But to trust in the One who judges with righteousness and mercy.
Come, let us worship the God whose steadfast love never fails.
We place our lives in God's hands, for the Lord is our refuge and our strength.

*Hymn

I Love to Tell the Story

1. I love to tell the story
Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory,
Of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story,
Because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings
As nothing else can do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story,
'Twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story
Of Jesus and his love.

*Please stand if able.

2. I love to tell the story,
For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting
To hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story
That I have loved so long.
(Refrain)

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you call us to trust you, yet we are quick to take matters into our own hands. We seek revenge instead of reconciliation, control instead of surrender, and certainty instead of faith. We allow fear to shape our decisions rather than trusting in your protection and your perfect timing.

Forgive us when we fail to love our enemies, when we hold tightly to anger, and when we forget that you alone are our refuge and our judge. Teach us to entrust ourselves to your care, to extend mercy as we have received mercy, and to walk in confidence, knowing that our lives are held securely in your hands.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

God is our refuge and our redeemer. In Jesus Christ, our fears are met with grace, and nothing can separate us from the love of God.

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	<i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand with I Need Thee Every Hour</i>	Dorsey/Hayes
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Scripture Reading	Romans 12:17-21
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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Hymn #333	Seek Ye First
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1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

2. Ask and it shall be given unto you.
Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

Scripture Readings	I Samuel 24:1-22
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Sermon	"God Protects" Rev. Seth Saathoff
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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 #455

All Creatures of Our God and King

1. All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest us both warmth and light,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Response

I Will Praise You

I will praise You, O Lord, with all my heart,
I will tell of all of Your wonders.
I will be glad and rejoice in You,
I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.
I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High, Most High.

*Postlude

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“I Will Praise You”

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“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

with I Need Thee Every Hour

Arr. by Mark Hayes

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This Week's Scripture Readings

Romans 12:17-21

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

I Samuel 24:1-22

¹ After Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was told, "David is in the Desert of En Gedi." ² So Saul took three thousand able young men from all Israel and set out to look for David and his men near the Crag of the Wild Goats.

³ He came to the sheep pens along the way; a cave was there, and Saul went in to relieve himself. David and his men were far back in the cave. ⁴ The men said, "This is the day the Lord spoke of when he said to you, 'I will give your enemy into your hands for you to deal with as you wish.'" Then David crept up unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul's robe.

⁵ Afterward, David was conscience-stricken for having cut off a corner of his robe. ⁶ He said to his men, "The Lord forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the Lord's anointed, or lay my hand on him; for he is the anointed of the Lord." ⁷ With these words David sharply rebuked his men and did not allow them to attack Saul. And Saul left the cave and went his way.

⁸ Then David went out of the cave and called out to Saul, "My lord the king!" When Saul looked behind him, David bowed down and prostrated himself with his face to the ground. ⁹ He said to Saul, "Why do you listen when men say, 'David is bent on harming you'?" ¹⁰ This day you have seen with your own eyes how the Lord delivered you into my hands in the cave. Some urged me to kill you, but I spared you; I said, 'I will not lay my hand on my lord, because he is the Lord's anointed.' ¹¹ See, my father, look at this piece of your robe in my hand! I cut off the corner of your robe but did not kill you. See that there is nothing in my hand to indicate that I am guilty of wrongdoing or rebellion. I have not wronged you, but you are hunting me down to take my life. ¹² May the Lord judge between you and me. And may the Lord avenge the wrongs you have done to me, but my hand will not touch you. ¹³ As the old saying goes, 'From evildoers come evil deeds,' so my hand will not touch you.

¹⁴ "Against whom has the king of Israel come out? Who are you pursuing? A dead dog? A flea?" ¹⁵ May the Lord be our judge and decide between us. May he consider my cause and uphold it; may he vindicate me by delivering me from your hand."

¹⁶ When David finished saying this, Saul asked, "Is that your voice, David my son?" And he wept aloud. ¹⁷ "You are more righteous than I," he said. "You have treated me well, but I have treated you badly. ¹⁸ You have just now told me about the good you did to me; the Lord delivered me into your hands, but you did not kill me. ¹⁹ When a man finds his enemy, does he let him get away unharmed? May the Lord reward you well for the way you treated me today. ²⁰ I know that you will surely be king and that the kingdom of Israel will be established in your hands. ²¹ Now swear to me by the Lord that you will not kill off my descendants or wipe out my name from my father's family."

²² So David gave his oath to Saul. Then Saul returned home, but David and his men went up to the stronghold.



Youth Auction Tonight

For those who signed up, we will have our Mystery Dinner Party this evening, from 5:00-7:00 p.m., in the Family Life Center. We look forward to seeing you there.

Children's Church

Seeking volunteers for Children's Church, which will be starting September 13. Please contact Dena to volunteer (DSowden@fpccconroe.org).

Young Adult Clap Gathering August 28

A poster for the "CLAP Gathering" event. The top half features the event title "CLAP Gathering" in large, stylized letters, with "CLAP" in bold blue and "Gathering" in a red script font. Below the title, there are two icons: a wine glass and a family icon (two adults and a child). To the right of these icons, text describes the event: "Enjoy an evening with adults, fellowship, and wine (if you choose)." and "Free childcare available at the church (contact Dena)." The background of the poster shows a photograph of the "RANCH REVIVAL COUNTRY STORE AND WINE BAR" at night, with a large outdoor heater in the foreground. The bottom section of the poster is dark blue and contains the date "AUGUST 28" in large white letters, the time "6-9 PM" in red, and the venue name "RANCH REVIVAL COUNTRY STORE AND WINE BAR" in white, along with the address "18688 FM-1097, Montgomery TX 77356".



“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.

Calendar of Weekly Events

<i>Sunday</i> <i>August 9</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 "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. Youth Auction (Gym)
<i>Monday</i> <i>August 10</i>	1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)
<i>Wednesday</i> <i>August 12</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)



<i>Sunday August 16</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 “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) 12:30 p.m. Session Meeting 5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)
Save the Date	

August 24	PDS first day of school
August 30	“Through the Bible in a Year” begins
September 7	Labor Day (PDS and Church offices closed)
September 13	Resume 2-service schedule / Rally Sunday
September 18	Lifeline Screening at FPC

Prayer List

Members: Tildon Hebert, John Lancaster, Josh and Kayleigh Riggs-Harpur, Marty Taylor, Susan Juhl, 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, 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., Trey H., 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)
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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)
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