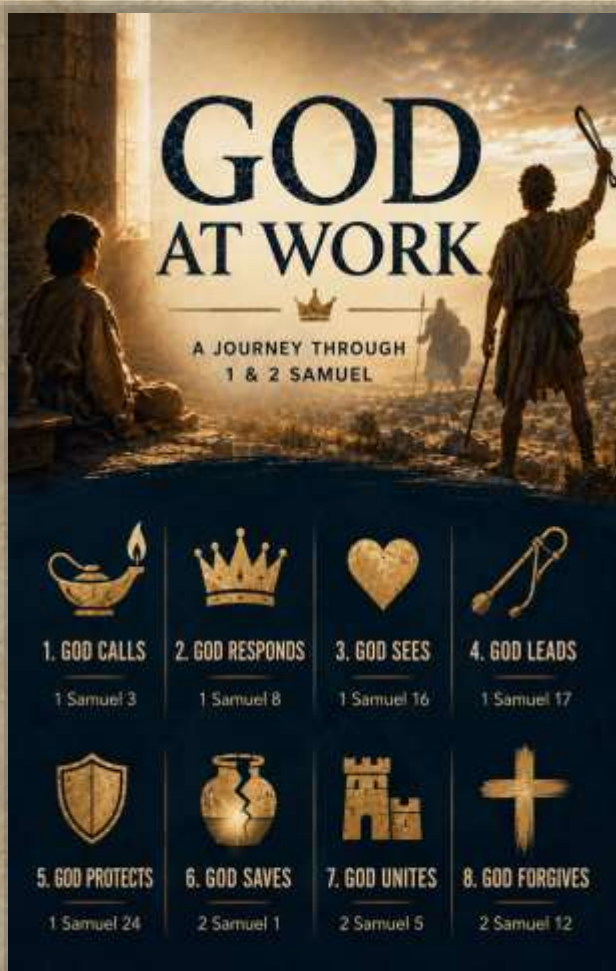


First Presbyterian Church

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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

Carly Hart

Today's Flowers

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

Last Week's Attendance, August 9

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 136

Online Worship Attendance - 20

Total Attendance – 156

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

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed.

We may be perplexed, but we are not forsaken.

We may grieve, but we do not grieve without hope.

For God is at work, even in the midst of our suffering.

We gather to worship the God who saves us through the darkness and leads us toward the light.

We trust in the God who is with us in life, in death, and in all things.

Come, let us worship our faithful God.

For our God is at work, and God's grace is sufficient.

***Hymn**

Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Free at last
He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

*Please stand if able.

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we confess that we often look for salvation in easy answers and quick victories. When suffering comes, we wonder where you are. When life feels broken, we forget that you are still at work. We allow our troubles to define us and our fears to overshadow our hope.

Forgive us for the times we have trusted what we can see more than what we know by faith. Remind us that we carry your treasure in fragile vessels, and that our weakness does not mean you have abandoned us.

Give us courage to persevere, faith to trust your presence, and hope to believe that even in our darkest moments, you are at work bringing life out of death.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Though we are afflicted, we are not crushed. For God's grace is greater than our sin.

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

Amazing Grace

Folts

Scripture Reading

II Corinthians 4:7-18

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Hymn #555**

Now Thank We All Our God

1. Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in God's grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

Scripture Readings

II Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Sermon

"God Saves"

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 #383

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

1. My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine:
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

2. May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire;
As Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee
Pure warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!

3. While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.

***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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This Week's Scripture Readings

II Corinthians 4:7-18

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸ We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰ We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹ For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. ¹² So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

¹³ It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, ¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. ¹⁵ All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

II Samuel 1:1, 17-27

¹ After the death of Saul, David returned from striking down the Amalekites and stayed in Ziklag two days.

¹⁷ David took up this lament concerning Saul and his son Jonathan, ¹⁸ and he ordered that the people of Judah be taught this lament of the bow (it is written in the Book of Jashar):

¹⁹ "A gazelle lies slain on your heights, Israel. How the mighty have fallen!

²⁰ “Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon, lest the daughters of the Philistines be glad, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised rejoice.

²¹ “Mountains of Gilboa, may you have neither dew nor rain, may no showers fall on your terraced fields. For there the shield of the mighty was despised, the shield of Saul—no longer rubbed with oil.

²² “From the blood of the slain, from the flesh of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, the sword of Saul did not return unsatisfied. ²³ Saul and Jonathan—in life they were loved and admired, and in death they were not parted. They were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.

²⁴ “Daughters of Israel, weep for Saul, who clothed you in scarlet and finery, who adorned your garments with ornaments of gold.

²⁵ “How the mighty have fallen in battle! Jonathan lies slain on your heights. ²⁶ I grieve for you, Jonathan my brother; you were very dear to me. Your love for me was wonderful, more wonderful than that of women.

²⁷ “How the mighty have fallen! The weapons of war have perished!”

Notes



Youth Auction Thank You

Words can't express our heartfelt gratitude to this church family for your amazing generosity! Last Sunday was our annual Youth Auction/Mystery Dinner and it was a GREAT time! Thank you so much to all who participated. Thank you to those who collected the auction items! Thank you to the cast of characters (y'all were amazing!), our incredible kitchen crew, the youth, and most especially, to Dena for her hard work in coordinating the event. The results are still coming in, but so far, we raised over \$10,000.00! We are truly humbled by the love and generosity of this congregation. It is an honor to serve you. THANK YOU!!!

"Peaches" Grams' Passing

Alberta "Peaches" Grams passed away on August 10, 2026, in Washington state, at 105 (and a half) years old. Peaches became a member of FPC in 1963 and volunteered as a "holy folder", preparing our Sunday bulletins, for many years.

Children's Church and Sunday School Volunteers Needed

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

Prayer List Updates

We ask for continued support in keeping our prayer list updated. If any of our prayer requests have had a change in status, or need to be removed, please make the church office staff aware. Thank you.

“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.

Young Adult Clap Gathering August 28

CLAP
Gathering

RANCH REVIVAL
COUNTRY STORE
AND WINE BAR

Enjoy an evening with adults, fellowship, and wine (if you choose).

Free childcare available at the church (contact Dena).

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Prayer List

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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)

Calendar of Weekly Events

<i>Sunday</i> <i>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)
<i>Monday</i> <i>August 17</i>	1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)
<i>Wednesday</i> <i>August 19</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 23</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. The Spark (Gym)
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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

Staff and Church Information

Staff

Rev. Seth Saathoff, Senior Pastor
Dena Sowden, Director of Christian Education
Sharon VanSchuyver, Director of Communications
Yvonne Rose, Office Manager
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