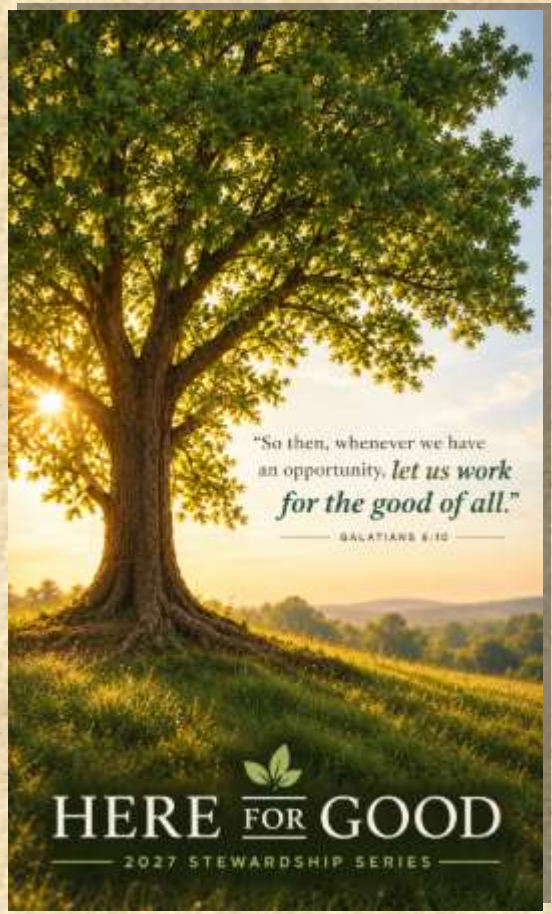
First Presbyterian Church

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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 by Anne Bush, for the grace of God and His glory.

Last Week's Attendance, October 25

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 14

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 122

Online Worship Attendance - 25

Total Attendance – 161

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparing to Receive God's Word

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Giving thanks for all the saints,
Who from their labors rest,
We gather to worship God,
Whose love goes beyond death.
With the great cloud of witnesses,
By the grace of Christ,
In the presence of the Spirit,
Let us worship God.

***Hymn #526** **For All the Saints**

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Please stand if able.

***Call to Confession**

***Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

The Psalmist tells us, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His steadfast love endures forever."

When we wandered, God led us home. When we cried out, God heard us. When we were trapped in sin, God broke our chains.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
Because of Christ's great love for us, we are forgiven!

***Gloria Patri**

The Word

Scripture Readings **John 15:1-8; Psalm 92:12-15**

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon **"*Bearing Fruit*"**
Rev. Seth Saathoff

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table
Prayers of the People and Roll Call of the Saints
The Lord's Prayer
Words of Institution
Communion of the People
Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Hymn #364 I Sing a Song of the Saints of God**

1. I sing a song of the saints of God,
   Patient and brave and true,
   Who toiled and fought and lived and died
   For the Lord they loved and knew.
   And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
   And one was a shepherdess on the green:
   They were all of them saints of God,
   and I mean, God helping, to be one too.

2. They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
   And God's love made them strong;
   And they followed the right, for Jesus' sake,
   The whole of their good lives long.
   And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
   And one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
   And there's not any reason, no,
   not the least, Why I shouldn't be one too.

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

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11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparing to Receive God's Word

Opening Music

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *Shall We Gather at the River*

Call to Worship

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Who from their labors rest,
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***Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, as we remember the saints of our faith, and all your children in the church triumphant, look kindly on our memories and forgive where they falter. If we have been unkind or unjust, forgive us. If we have made a show of ourselves, humble us. If we have missed opportunities for compassion, convict us. If we have turned our back on a neighbor, turn us around. If we have failed to recognize your image in the faces of everyone, enlighten us to your presence and wash us in your mercy. Blot out all our transgressions and make us white as snow.

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Moment for Stewardship

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Song of the Saints* *Choplin*
***Doxology**
***Prayer of Dedication**
***Choral Response**

The Word

Scripture Reading **John 15:1-8; Psalm 92:12-15**

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon ***"Bearing Fruit"***
Rev. Seth Saathoff

Responding to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith *The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table
Prayers of the People and Roll Call of the Saints
The Lord's Prayer
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
Communion Anthem *There Was Jesus* Williams/Smith/Beathard
Duet by Mark Sowden and Bonnie Hernandez
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***Charge and Benediction**

***Choral Response** **When the Saints Go Marching In**

1. O when the saints go marching in,
   O when the saints go marching in,
   O Lord, I want to be in that number
   when the saints go marching in.

2. O when the sun refused to shine,
   O when the sun refused to shine,
   O Lord, I want to be in that number
   when the sun refused to shine.

3. O when they crown Him Lord of all,
   O when they crown Him Lord of all,
   O Lord, I want to be in that number
   when they crown Him Lord of all.

***Postlude**

This Week's Scripture Readings

John 15:1-8

1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every
branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he
prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because
of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you.
No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can
you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in
you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If you do
not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers;
such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 7 If you re-
main in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will
be done for you. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit,
showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Psalm 92:12-15

12 The righteous will flourish like a palm tree,
they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon;
13 planted in the house of the Lord,
they will flourish in the courts of our God.
14 They will still bear fruit in old age,
they will stay fresh and green,
15 proclaiming, "The Lord is upright;
he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him."

Notes



Stewardship Campaign

Sunday, 11/1/2026, marks the beginning of our annual Stewardship Campaign. For this and the following three Sundays, the emphasis of Pastor Seth's sermons and the Minutes for Mission will be on stewardship. This is a very important time in the life of our church as we focus on funding our 2027 Proposed Budget. In the coming 2 weeks, you should receive a mailing that includes a letter from Pastor Seth, a letter from Fred Kate, a 2027 Proposed Budget (which has been approved by the Session), and a pledge card. Please study this material thoroughly, and prayerfully consider how you can help to make this campaign a success. Sunday, **11/22/2026**, will be **Dedication Sunday**, the day we will submit our pledge cards, so mark that date on your calendars!

Thank you,
The Stewardship Team



Veterans Day Breakfast November 11



On November 11th, PDS will be hosting breakfast for FPC and PDS Veterans. If you would like to take part in this special morning, please plan to meet in the FLC at 8:30 a.m. We hope you will join us!

Saturdays with the Saathoffs

Due to overwhelming demand, Saturdays with the Saathoffs is BACK!

Use this link to claim a Saturday: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D4CABAD2EA2F94-65479762-saturdays#/



Prayer List

Members: Dick and Carolyn Schack, David and Leigh Green, Susan Juhl, Virginia Tamborello, Tildon Hebert, John Lancaster, John Gutekunst, Ron Bailey, Jean Heasley, Fred Kate, Jeannene Wendt, Reed Watson, Kari Elliott, Alice Helms, Jean Ball, Mary Hudson, Virginia Olivier

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Calendar of Weekly Events

Sunday November 1	**8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion** (Sanctuary) **9:30 a.m. Bereans Sunday School Class with Bob Shepherd** (Rm. 105) Studying the book of Malachi, the last of the written prophets. **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 at randyjblanton@yahoo.com with questions or to join by Zoom). **9:30 a.m. FPC Kids' Sunday School** (Rm. 203) **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) **4:00-5:00 p.m. Through the Bible in a Year Study** (Rm. 105) **5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark** (Gym)
Monday November 2	**1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study** (Parlor)
Tuesday November 3	**10:00 a.m. Rebecca Circle** (Parlor)
Wednesday November 4	**9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Mission Sewing** (Rm. 105) **5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Live Meal** **5:45 p.m. Handbells Practice** (Sanctuary) **6:00 p.m. WNL Class: Science and God** (Rm. 105) **6:00 p.m. Jesus and Me (JAM)** (Rm. 203) **7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice** (Choir Room)

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Save the Date

November 11	Veterans Day Breakfast
November 18	Thanksgiving Feast and Worship Service
November 23-26	PDS Thanksgiving break
November 26	Thanksgiving Day



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)
Fellowship	Marilu Howard (2027, Chair)
Membership	David Nichols (2027, Chair)
Missions	Debra Slade-Redden (2028, Chair)
PDS	Pat Hudson (2027, Chair)
Worship	Mike Wisda (2026, Chair) Cynda Hector (2028)
Trustees	David Nichols (2026) Fred Kate (2027) Anne Spinks (2028)


Thank You
for
Joining Us

Staff and Church Information

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