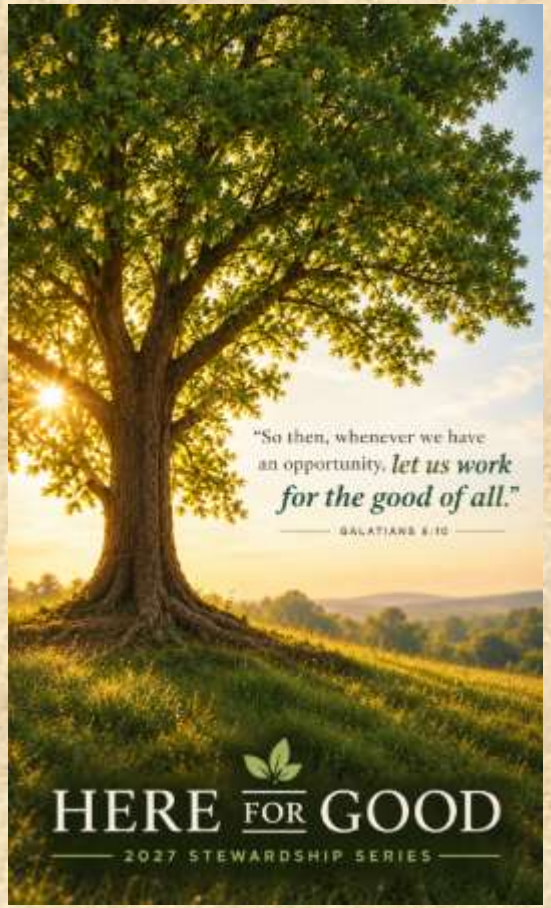
# First Presbyterian Church

## November 15, 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

*Cynda Hector*

### Today's Flowers

*Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Bob and Paula Shepherd.*

### Last Week's Attendance, November 8

*8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 12*

*11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 113*

*Online Worship Attendance - 25*

***Total Attendance – 150***

# 8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

## *Preparing to Receive God's Word*

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

God has blessed us with gifts beyond measure.
**Let us share those gifts with generous hearts.**
God calls us to sow seeds of goodness wherever we go.
**Let us work for the good of all.**
Come, let us worship the God who calls us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly.
**Let us worship God with our whole hearts and lives!**

***Hymn #422 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending**

1. God, whose giving knows no ending,
   From Your rich and endless store,
   Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
   Costly cross, grave's shattered door:
   Gifted by You, we turn to You,
   Offering up ourselves in praise;
   Thankful song shall rise forever,
   Gracious donor of our days.

2. Skills and time are ours for pressing
   Toward the goals of Christ, Your Son:
   All at peace in health and freedom,
   Races joined, the church made one.
   Now direct our daily labor,
   Lest we strive for self alone;
   Born with talents, make us servants
   Fit to answer at Your throne

*Please stand if able.

3. Treasure too You have entrusted,
Gain through powers Your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred,
And to spread the gospel Word.
Open wide our hands, in sharing,
As we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
Serving You by loving all.

***Call to Confession**

***Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Jesus said, **"**Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

When we seek forgiveness, what we find is grace in abundance.

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** **Micah 6:6-8; Galatians 6:7-10**

The Word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** **"*Here to Do Good*"**
Rev. Seth Saathoff

**The Sacrament of Communion**

**Invitation to the Table**
**Prayers of the People**
**The Lord's Prayer**
**Words of Institution**
**Communion of the People**
**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Hymn #420 God of Grace and God of Glory**

1. God of grace and God of glory,
   On Thy people pour Thy power;
   Crown Thine ancient church's story;
   Bring its bud to glorious flower.
   Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
   For the facing of this hour,
   For the facing of this hour.

2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us
   Scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways!
   From the fears that long have bound us
   Free our hearts to faith and praise.
   Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
   For the living of these days,
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4. Set our feet on lofty places;
   Gird our lives that they may be
   Armored with all Christ-like graces,
   Pledged to set all captives free.
   Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
   That we fail not them nor Thee!
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***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

# 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

## *Preparing to Receive God's Word*

**Opening Music**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit** *Introit V* *Folts*

**Call to Worship**

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***Hymn** **Revelation Song**

1. Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain;
   Holy, holy is He;
   Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
   Heaven's mercy seat.

   Chorus:
   Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.
   Who was and is and is to come;
   With all creation I sing praise to the King of Kings;
   You are my ev'rything and I will adore You.

2. Clothed in rainbows of living color
   flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;
   Blessing and honor, strength and glory
   and power be to You, the only wise King.
   (Chorus)

*Please stand if able.

3. Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,
at the mention of Your name;
Jesus, Your name is power, breath and living water,
such a marv'lous mystery, yeah.
(Chorus)

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God, you have given us more than we could ever deserve, yet we confess that we are often reluctant to share what we have received. We become preoccupied with our own needs and desires, overlooking the needs of our neighbors. We grow weary of doing good, and sometimes we mistake generosity for an obligation rather than an expression of gratitude.**

**Forgive us when we withhold our time, our gifts, and our compassion. Renew our hearts by your grace, that we might sow seeds of goodness, love our neighbors, and faithfully work for the good of all. Amen.**

***Silent Prayer of Confession**

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***Gloria Patri**

**Moment for Stewardship**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**
***Doxology**
***Prayer of Dedication and the Lord's Prayer**
***Choral Response**

## *The Word*

**Children's Time**

**Anthem** *Soon and Very Soon* *Dilworth*

**Scripture Reading** **Micah 6:6-8**

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**Thanks be to God.**

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**Scripture Reading** **Galatians 6:7-10**

**Sermon** ***"Here to Do Good"***
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**

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   Bring its bud to glorious flower.
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***Charge and Benediction**

***Choral Response** **A Celtic Thanksgiving**

Thank You, Lord!
Yours is the honor and praise.
Thank You, Lord!
Yours is the power and glory.
Thank You, Lord!
Yours is the honor and praise.

I will give thanks to the Lord!
This is my Father's world.
I will give thanks to the Lord!
This is my Father's world.
I will give thanks!

***Postlude**

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## *This Week's Scripture Readings*

### Micah 6:6-8

6 With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow down before the exalted God?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?
Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
8 He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.

### Galatians 6:7-10

7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8 Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. 9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

# Notes




## Stewardship Campaign

This is a very important time in the life of our church as we focus on funding our 2027 Proposed Budget. Everyone should have received 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



**Financial Report**
(2026 YTD as of 10/31)

| | Budget | Actual |
|---|---|---|
| Revenue | $657,080 | **$641,370** |
| Expenses | $657,120 | $652,765 |

At the end of October, as you can see above, we now have a budget deficit of over $11,000. The deficit is entirely due to lower than projected revenue. Fortunately, there is still time to achieve a balanced budget by the end of the year. We have overcome budget deficits in the past and I am confident that we can do it again. However, it will require church-wide support. I would ask each of you to prayerfully consider what you can do to help. Remember that every little bit helps.

Fred Kate
Church Treasurer



## *The Children's Christmas Pageant*

The Children's Christmas Pageant is scheduled for Sunday, December 13th, during the 11:00 worship service. We need lots of little angels, shepherds, sheep, and wise men to recreate the Holy Night for the congregation.

For those who would like to participate in the pageant, please contact Dena Sowden at (979) 255-2096 or DSowden@fpcconroe.org.

## *Saturdays with the Saathoffs*

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

Please use the QR code to sign up.

## *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

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| *Sunday November 15* | **8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion** (Sanctuary)<br>**9:30 a.m. Bereans Sunday School Class with Bob Shepherd** (Rm. 105) Studying the book of Malachi, the last of the written prophets.<br>**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<br>**9:30 a.m. Exploring Our Faith with Susan Buckley** (Rm. 206)<br>**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).<br>**9:30 a.m. FPC Kids' Sunday School** (Rm. 203)<br>**10:30 a.m. Fellowship (**Narthex)<br>**10:35 a.m. Praise band** (Sanctuary)<br>**11:00 a.m. Worship Service** (Sanctuary and Facebook Live www.com/fpcConroe or YouTube.com/fpcConroe)<br>**12:30 p.m. Session Meeting**<br>**4:00-5:00 p.m. Through the Bible in a Year Study** (Rm. 105)<br>**5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark** (Gym) |
| *Monday November 16* | **1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study** (Parlor) |
| *Wednesday November 18* | **9:30-2:00 p.m. Mission Sewing** (Rm. 105)<br>**5:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Feast** (FLC)<br>**6:00 p.m. Worship Service** (Sanctuary) |

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## Save the Date

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| November 18 | Thanksgiving Feast and Worship Service |
| November 22 | Dedication Sunday |
| November 23-26 | PDS Thanksgiving break |
| November 26 | Thanksgiving Day |



# Prayer List

**Members**: Martha Haines, 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

**Members' Relatives & Friends**: Laura K. (Shepherd), Jim M. (Sowden), the Spence family (Elliott), Alfred H. (Harshbarger), Debbie R. (Rose), Mike S. (Haines), Luke W. (Murphy), Gabrielle T. (Tanner), Noah G. (Simon), David W. (Hart), Dorene D. and Dan S. (B. Hernandez), Wes K. (Yates), Alicia I., James I., and Ron S. (Bailey), Blade B., Judy N. (Dukes), Michael R. (Dwyer), Tom J. & family, Bill M. (Browder), Tony N. (Spinks), Amanda N. (Bosse), Brenda H. (Cannon), Scott P. (Peterson), Linda S., Trey H., Janie M. (Harrison), Lindsey W. (Walker), Shannon L. (Diamond), 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), Caleb & Michaela W. (Henderson), Gerald H. (Roberts)

# Ministry Leaders

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|---|---|
| Administration | Cheryl Nichols (2027, Chair)<br>Matthew Laletas (2028) |
| Building & Grounds | Bill Harshbarger (2026, Chair) |
| Care-Prayer | Randy Blanton (2026, Chair) |
| Discipleship | Elizabeth Laletas (2028, Chair)<br>Sabrina Sowden (2027)<br>Sean Morton (2027, Youth elder)<br>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)<br>Cynda Hector (2028) |
| Trustees | David Nichols (2026)<br>Fred Kate (2027)<br>Anne Spinks (2028) |

# Staff and Church Information

## Staff

Rev. Seth Saathoff, Senior Pastor
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