

First Presbyterian Church

January 9, 2022



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8:30 A.M. COMMUNION AND PRAYER

Preparation

Prelude

In Sanctuary

Martin

Adoration

Call to Worship

*Hymn #307

Fight the Good Fight

1. Fight the good fight with all thy might;
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Thy joy and crown eternally.

2. **Run the straight race through God's good grace,**
Lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face;
Life with its way before us lies,
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

4. Faint not nor fear, God's arms are near;
God changeth not, and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see
That Christ is all in all to thee.

Confession

*Call to Confession

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the Good News.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri

Welcome and Announcements

Proclamation

Scripture Reading

Galatians 3:15-29

Remarks

Rev. Dr. David H. Green

Foundations of Family

“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” (Galatians 3:28)

Dedication

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of thanksgiving

*Hymn #263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.

Charge and Benediction

Blessing

Dengler

*Postlude

Fanfare and Trumpet Tune

Saxton

*Please stand if able.

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Visitors, Welcome to FPC

First Presbyterian Church of Conroe welcomes you. 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 fpccconroe.org and fill out the Visitor form online, or on page 17 of this bulletin. We appreciate you joining us for services today, whether online or in person.

WELCOME

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparation

Opening Music

Adoration

Introit

Spirit of God

Folts

Call to Worship

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Confession

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*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you know our frame and remember that we are dust. We confess that our sin is heavy on us. We do not love you with all of our heart and we turn away from our neighbors. Forgive our wandering minds and our wasted lives. Forgive us by your mercy that we may love you, invest in others and live generous lives.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

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Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *He Leadeth Me* *McKechnie*

*Doxology

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

*Choral Response

Anthem *Well Done, My Faithful Servant* *Choplin*

Proclamation

Scripture Reading *Genesis 15:1-6*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

*Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

1. **Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of Heav'n to earth come down;**
Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart
2. Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory, till in Heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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Remarks *Rev. Dr. David H. Green*

Foundations of Family

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Dedication

*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.

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This Week's Scripture Readings

Scripture Reading #1 (11:00 a.m.):

Genesis 15:1-6

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: **“Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.”**

² But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.”

⁴ And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” ⁵ And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

⁶ And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

Scripture Reading #2 (8:30 & 11:00):

Galatians 3:15-29

¹⁵ To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. ¹⁶ Now the **promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ.** ¹⁷ This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. ¹⁸ For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

¹⁹ Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. ²⁰ Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one.

²¹ Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. ²² But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

²³ Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴ So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Notes



Financial Report
(2021 YTD as of 12/31/21)

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Revenue	\$703,500	\$703,030
Expenses	\$741,955	\$729,805

Stewardship Campaign for 2022

To fellow members of FPC-C:

I would like to update you on the status of our current Stewardship Campaign for the 2022 Budget. As of 12/22/21, we have received 88 pledges (13 of which are new pledges) for a total amount of \$503,033.18 or an average of \$5,716.29 per pledge. This is about 84% of the total pledge income needed to balance the 2022 Operating Budget. To date, there are still 22 pledging units (~\$86,700 in potential revenue) who made a commitment for the 2021 budget but have not, as of today, responded to the 2022 budget campaign. Those that have already made a commitment have done so generously, as witnessed by the average dollars per pledge. However, if we are to have any hope of balancing our 2022 Budget, we need the financial support of all of our members. I would encourage those who have not responded to prayerfully consider continuing your financial support of the church. If you intend to pledge, please submit your pledge as soon as possible so that we may finalize our 2022 Budget. I continue to pray (and hope that you do also) for the welfare and programs of our church.

-Fred Kate; Stewardship/Finance Coordinator

Please keep in mind that Covid is still quite active in our community. We ask that if you feel "less than" that you please refrain from going out into public places. There is a very real possibility that you could be contagious. We thank you for your consideration of others.

WNL is Taking Dinner Reservations

Wednesday Night Live is back. We will be serving dinner for the next eight weeks, beginning this Wednesday, January 12, 2022. Please call the church office to make your reservations, especially if you are wanting take-out. Reservations are required. The cost remains at \$5.00, but is free if you are under 13 years old or over 90 years old. Dinner will be served from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing and serving you again.

The Wanderers Bible Study Group

The Wanderers will begin studying “The Answer to Bad Religion Is Not No Religion”, by Martine Thielen. They will be meeting in the Parlor at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. You are invited to join them for thought-provoking and spirited discussions on this relevant topic.

12th Annual Chili Cook-Off February 6th, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.



Think you make the best chili in the south? If so, bring your favorite chili & fixins and let your peers decide! Or, *you be the judge!* Cast votes for your favorite team at the event, or on Facebook, prior to the event. Each vote is only \$1.

Team registrations needed by January 31st. Please direct any questions you may have to Dena Sowden at (979) 255-2096 or DSowden@FPCConroe.org.

Starting the Year Off Right

A couple of reminders:

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| Office Hours | 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday |
| The Connection | Please submit material for <i>The Connection</i> (weekly) each Monday prior to the Sunday you would like to have it printed in the bulletin. |
| The Link | Please submit material for The Link (monthly newsletter) by the 22 nd of each month in order to have it published in the following month's newsletter. |

Announcements can be submitted on an announcement form, which can be found on page 16 of this bulletin, or simply email your information to sharonv@fpcConroe.org.

Prayer List

Members: Soren Rose, Roy Kessler, Mary Hudson, Jean Ball, George Shackelford, Margaret Hill, Kim Phillip, Flem Keathley, Carolyn Hebert, Paul Ivison, Lorraine Bosse, Don and Doris Myers, Margaret Carson, Fay Harrison, Clyde Cruikshank, Virginia Tamborello, Ben Hughes, Jeanette DeFee, Polly Miller, Jeanne Leverette, Virginia Olivier, Tom Braaten

Members' Relatives & Friends: Amy S., Jack W. and Jenny C. (Cannon), William W. (Weinburger), Freddy G. (Taylor), Lynda H. and Amy D. (Ebanks), Sherry B. (Harrison), Mitchell B. (Blott), Maria H. (Hughes), Kellye H. and Jeffrey H. (Heasley), Deborah R. (Rose), Jack S. and Jay, Katie B. (Pohla), Wendy S. (Adamson), Harry S., Jr. (Havens), Tim J. (Staff), Krissy P. & family (**Kasmiersky**), **Judy N. (Dukes)**, **Sherry M. (Garrison)**, **Diane B.**, **Pat S.'s family**, Lindsey W., Ruby G., Beverly F. (S. Walker), Enrique E. (Moore), Paul M. (Alan Moore), Lee H. and Gene H. (Helms), Caleb & Michaela W. (Henderson), Lisa & her children (Webb), Gerald H. (Roberts), Tamara B. (Harrison), Leslie M. family and Martha K. (Juhl), Tucker H. (Hudson), Nikkia (Wilmerly), Virginia R. (Smith), Dana K. (Shorts)

Good Things to Know

Attendance

Sunday, January 2nd

8:30 a.m. Prayer and Communion - 9

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 95

Online Worship Attendance - 120

Total Attendance - 224

Today's Worship Leader

Martha Haines

Today's Flowers

Today's flowers are given for the glory of God by
Chuck and Janet Pohla, in honor of their anniversary.

Calendar of Weekly Events

<p>Sunday January 9</p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Communion and Prayer (Sanctuary)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Fellowship (Bistro)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Bereans Sunday School Class with Bob Shepherd (Rm. 105): Paul's letter to the Colossians.</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Fellowship class with Cara Wood (Rm. 205 or Zoom Meeting ID: 267 960 141, Password: 330714) <i>Life Lessons from Romans</i>, by Max Lucado.</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Young & U Sunday School Class (young adults and university age students) (Library and Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86497519299?pwd=cktiTmZ5SEM1SWZpNWRLUWhwS1lxQT09 Meeting ID: 864 9751 9299 Passcode: 77304)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Exploring Our Faith (Rm. 206) <i>The Master Plan: My Journey from Life in Prison to a Life of Purpose</i>, by Chris Wilson, together with <i>Restoring Peace: Using Lessons From Prison to Mend Broken Relationships</i>, by Kirk Blackard.</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Wanderers (Parlor) <i>The Answer to Bad Religious Is Not No Religion</i>, by Martin Thielen.</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Narthex)</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Facebook Live www.facebook.com/fpcConroe or YouTube.com/fpcConroe)</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Committee Meetings</p>
<p>Monday January 10</p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Afternoon Bible Study (Youth Commons Area)</p>
<p>Tuesday January 11</p>	<p>7:30 p.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Zoom Meeting ID: 844 897 863, Password: 77304))</p>
<p>Wednesday January 12</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Mission Sewing (Rm. 105)</p> <p>10:30 a.m. FPC Staff Meeting (Zoom ID available by invitation)</p> <p>5:45 p.m. Handbells Practice (Sanctuary)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Disciple Bible Study (Room 105 and Zoom 879 2931 2569 passcode 77304)</p> <p>7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Sanctuary)</p>

<p>Sunday January 16</p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Communion and Prayer (Sanctuary)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Fellowship (Bistro)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Bereans Sunday School Class with Bob Shepherd (Rm. 105): Paul's letter to the Colossians.</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Fellowship class with Cara Wood (Rm. 205 or Zoom Meeting ID: 267 960 141, Password: 330714) <i>Life Lessons from Romans</i>, by Max Lucado.</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Young & U Sunday School Class (young adults and university age students) (Library and Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86497519299?pwd=cktiTmZ5SEM1SWZpNWRLUWhwS1lxQT09 Meeting ID: 864 9751 9299 Passcode: 77304))</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Exploring Our Faith (Rm. 206) <i>The Master Plan: My Journey from Life in Prison to a Life of Purpose</i>, by Chris Wilson, together with <i>Restoring Peace: Using Lessons From Prison to Mend Broken Relationships</i>, by Kirk Blackard.</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Wanderers (Parlor) <i>The Answer to Bad Religious Is Not No Religion</i>, by Martin Thielen.</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Narthex)</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Facebook Live www.facebook.com/fpcConroe or YouTube.com/fpcConroe)</p>
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Save the Date

- January 12 Wednesday Night Live Resumes
- January 17 CISD Holiday - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- February 6 Annual Chili Cook-off
- February 21 CISD Holiday - **President's Day**
- March 13 Daylight Saving Time Begins

Ministry Leaders

Administration	Jay Swoboda (2022, Chair)
Building & Grounds	Stephan Tibbetts (2022, Chair), David Perciful (2022)
Care-Prayer	Bob Shepherd (2023, Chair)
Discipleship	Anne Spinks (2021, Chair), Mark Sowden (2021)
Fellowship	Shirley Dukes (2021, Chair)
Membership	Donna Stewart (2021, Chair), Anna McNamara (2022), Abby Stewart (2022), Dena Sowden (2023)
Missions	Tom Young (2021)
PDS	Karen Clark (2021), Sharon Walker (2022)
Worship	Chuck and Janet Pohla (2023, Chairs)

ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

Today's Date _____

Date(s) to run announcement _____

Announcement _____

Request to announce in (choose as many as apply):

The Connection
(weekly bulletin)

The Link
(monthly newsletter)

Website

Pulpit

Phone Tree

Outdoor Sign

Please send any supporting photos or documents to
sharonv@fpcConroe.org.

Thank you.

Visitor Form

Thank you for coming! We would love to get to know you.

Please complete this form and drop it in the offertory box at the back of the church. Or, if you would prefer to complete this form online, please visit our website at www.FPCConroe.org.

Member Information

Full Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

Birth date (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Spouse's Information

Spouse's First Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email: _____

Birth date (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Children's Information

Children's Names (Please indicate last name if different):

Full Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Full Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Full Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Full Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Getting Involved in the Life of the Church

(Please check all that apply)

- I would like more information about membership
- I would like information about baptism
- I would like to be contacted by a Stephen Minister
- Contact me about getting involved in the church

Please contact me regarding:

_____ Adult Sunday School

_____ Bible Studies

_____ Children & Nursery

_____ Men's groups

_____ Women's groups

_____ Greeters

_____ Handbells/Choir

_____ Youth choir

Other:

How did you first hear about us? (Please circle one)

Facebook

Drive by

Website

Friend/Family

Other

Member Information for Church Directory
First Presbyterian Church of Conroe

Please list all information you would like included in the new directory. There is not a limit to phone numbers or email addresses.

Member Information

Full Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

Birth date (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Spouse's Information

Spouse's First Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email: _____

Birth date (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Children's Information

Children's Names (Please indicate last name if different):

Full Name: _____ Birth date: _____

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Staff and Church Information

Staff

Rev. Dr. David H. Green, Senior Pastor
Dena Sowden, Director of Christian Education
Sharon VanSchuyver, Director of Communications and Finance
Stephanie Cooke, Interim Music Director
Shirley Dukes, Parish Nurse
Yvonne Rose, Office Manager



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