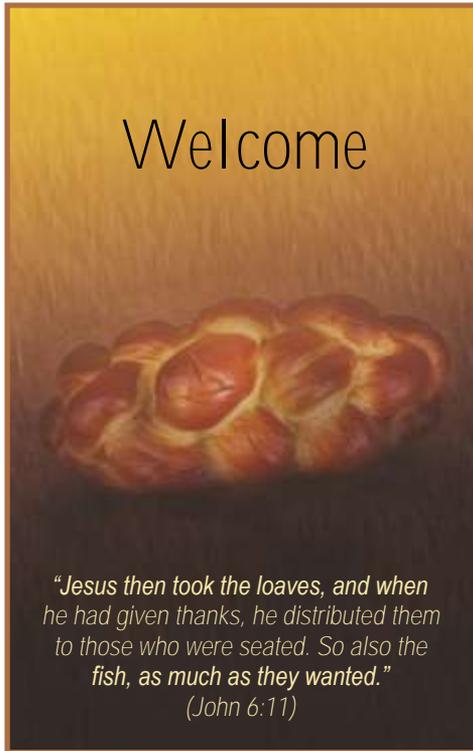


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First Presbyterian Church  
October 31, 2021



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## **8:30 A.M. COMMUNION AND PRAYER**

### Preparation

Prelude                      Chorale Prelude on "Eventide"                      Portman

### Adoration

Call to Worship

\*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.
3. Cure Thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to Thy control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.
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! That we fail not them nor 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

John 6:1-15

Remarks

Rev. Dr. David H. Green

Bread from Heaven

*“Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not.’” (Exodus 16:4)*

Dedication

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of thanksgiving

\*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!
2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
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.  
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Charge and Benediction

5. O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win with them the victor’s crown of gold.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*Postlude

Past Three O’Clock

Martin

\*Please stand if able.



*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](http://fpccconroe.org) or email us at [yrose@fpccconroe.org](mailto:yrose@fpccconroe.org). We appreciate you joining us for services today, whether online or in person.

WELCOME

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# 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

## Preparation

Opening Music

## Adoration

Introit                      Sing a New Song to the Lord

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\*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess our sin and the sin of this world. We are a people divided against ourselves. Our fears and jealousies set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason. Lord, have mercy on us. Heal us and forgive us through Jesus Christ.

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Welcome and Announcements

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology

**\*Prayer of Commitment and the Lord's Prayer**

\*Choral Response

Anthem

Fear Not

Ferguson

Proclamation

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 17:7-16

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## **Children's Time**

\*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.
3. Cast care aside, lean on thy guide;  
God's boundless mercy will provide;  
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove  
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
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.

Scripture Reading

John 6:1-15

Sermon

Rev. Dr. David H. Green

Miraculous Bread

*“Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted.” (John 6:11)*

Dedication

Prayers of the People

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\*Closing Response

\*Postlude

Past Three O'Clock

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## ***This Sunday's Scripture Readings***

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 17:7-16

<sup>7</sup> After a while the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land. <sup>8</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to him, <sup>9</sup> **"Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you."**

<sup>10</sup> So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, **"Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink."** <sup>11</sup> And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, **"Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand."**

<sup>12</sup> And she said, **"As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die."**

<sup>13</sup> And Elijah said to her, **"Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup> For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'"**

<sup>15</sup> And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup> The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Scripture Reading

John 6:1-15

<sup>1</sup> After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup> And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. <sup>3</sup> Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. <sup>5</sup> Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, **"Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?"**

<sup>6</sup> He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, **"Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little."**

<sup>8</sup> One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup> "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?"

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. <sup>11</sup> Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup> And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost."

<sup>13</sup> So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. <sup>14</sup> When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

<sup>15</sup> Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

### *Today's Community Memorial Service*

Over the past year-and-a-half, many have suffered an enormous amount of loss. We have experienced the death of loved ones, loss of jobs, loss of friends who have moved away, and we still have a sense of instability around us daily. As such, it seems appropriate that we have an occasion where we can name our loss and find comfort in the faith that we have, as well as in each other.



This afternoon, First Presbyterian Church-Conroe will host a Community Memorial Service, beginning at 2:00 p.m. During this service, there will be an opportunity to find comfort in the Word of God and encouragement from each other, as we call out the names of those individuals (or significant matters) we have lost over the past two years.

Please join us in the Sanctuary for a service of healing, as we honor those we've loved and lost.

# *Notes*



## *Elder and Trustee Nominations*

If you would like to nominate someone to hold the role of Elder or Trustee, now is the time.

*Elder Nominations:* The office of elder is one of discipleship, leadership, governance, and discipline. Elders are qualified by their faith, learning, vision, dedication, good judgment, and strong leadership abilities. The elder, individually **and jointly with the Session (the church's council of elders), is to strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation, encouraging the people in the worship and service of God, equipping and renewing them for work in the church and the world.**

*Trustee Nominations:* The powers and duties of the Trustees do not infringe upon the powers and duties of the Session. The primary functions of the Trustees are: (1) to provide legal administration for the processing and signature of documents authorized by the Session, including insurance policies, and (2) to **administer the church's endowment fund, The Forever Fund, which is invested by the Texas Presbyterian Foundation.**

We hope you will prayerfully consider those individuals that would be willing to serve the church in this way, and nominate them using the online form, or pick up one at the Welcome Desk on your way out and place them in the white boxes on the tables in the back of the Sanctuary.

## *Wednesday Night Live (WNL) Dinners*

The Fall WNL is back in full swing in the Family Life Center (FLC). A full dinner will be served both on-site and for takeout. Reservations are requested for both. Please make them by 5:00 p.m. each Tuesday. Take-out dinners will be ready for pick-up at 5:00 p.m. and on-site dining will begin at 5:15 p.m.

Regrettably, we must increase the cost of the meal to \$5, due to the increase in both food items and supplies. Children under 12 years old and adults over 75 years of age, are not charged. Reservations can be made through the FPC office (936) 756-8884 or by call/text Shirley Dukes, (936) 760-8655. Your Kitchen Crew looks forward to breaking bread with you once again.

## Exploring Our Faith Sunday School Class

The Exploring Our Faith Sunday School Class begins a new book study on November 7, 2021: *The Master Plan: My Journey from Life in Prison to a Life of Purpose*, by Chris Wilson, together with *Restoring Peace: Using Lessons From Prison to Mend Broken Relationships*, by Kirk Blackard.

### Prayer List

Members: The family of Mills McNeel, the family of Evelyn Kenward, the family of Pat Smith, Jean Ball, George Shackelford, Margaret Hill, Kim Phillip, Flem Keathley, Carolyn Hebert, Paul Ivison, Leona Cowie, 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: Jenny C. (Cannon), Lynda H. and Amy D. (Ebanks), Sherry B. (Harrison), Mitchell B. (Blott), Maria H. (Hughes), Kellye H. and Jeffrey H. (Heasley), Sabra S. (Swoboda), Deborah R. (Rose), Jack S. and Jay, Katie B. (Pohla), Wendy S. (Adamson), Harry S., Jr. (Havens), Russell W. (Weinburger), 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, October 24<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 15

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 122

Online Worship Attendance - 66

Total Attendance - 203

#### ***Today's Worship Leader***

Bobby Ezell

## Save the Date

November 4	<b>Seafarer's boxes packing day</b>
November 7	Communion Sunday/Family Promise arrives/ Daylight Saving Time ends
November 14	Family Promise departs
November 17	WNL Thanksgiving meal and Worship Service
November 25	Thanksgiving Holiday (PDS and FPC office closed)
December 5	Special Music Sunday

## 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)

## Calendar of Weekly Events

<p>Sunday <i>October 31</i></p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Communion and Prayer (Sanctuary)            9:00 a.m. Fellowship (Bistro)            9:30 a.m. Fellowship class with Cara Wood: A Bible study on the Max Lucado book, <i>"Life Lessons from Romans"</i> (<b>Zoom Meeting ID:</b> 267 960 141, Password: 330714) <a href="https://zoom.us/j/267960141">https://zoom.us/j/267960141</a> (or call +1 346 248 7799, 267960141#)            9:30 a.m. Bereans Sunday School Class with Bob Shepherd (Rm. 105): Paul's letter to the Colossians.            9:30 a.m. Young &amp; U Sunday School Class (young adults and university age students) (Library and Zoom <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86497519299?pwd=cktiTmZ5SEM1SWZpNWRLUWhwS1xOT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86497519299?</a>  <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86497519299?pwd=cktiTmZ5SEM1SWZpNWRLUWhwS1xOT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86497519299?</a>            Meeting ID: 864 9751 9299 Passcode: 77304)            9:30 a.m. Exploring Our Faith (Rm. 206) <i>The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided By Politics And Religion</i>, by Jonathan Haidt.            9:30 a.m. Wanderers (Parlor) <i>Ecclesiastes: The Search for Meaning in Modern Music</i>            10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Narthex)            11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Facebook Live <a href="http://www.facebook.com/fpcConroe">www.facebook.com/fpcConroe</a> or YouTube.com/fpcConroe)            2:00 p.m. Memorial Service (Sanctuary)</p>
<p>Monday <i>November 1</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Afternoon Bible Study (Youth Commons Area)</p>
<p>Tuesday <i>November 2</i></p>	<p>7:30 p.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Zoom Meeting ID: 844 897 863, Password: 77304))</p>
<p>Wednesday <i>November 3</i></p>	<p>9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Mission Sewing (Rm. 105)            9:30 a.m. FPC Staff Meeting (Zoom ID available by invitation)            5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Live Dinner (Gym)            5:45 p.m. Handbells Practice (Sanctuary)            6:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)            6:00 p.m. Disciple Bible Study (Room 105 and Zoom 879 2931 2569 passcode 77304)            7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Sanctuary)</p>

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Dena Sowden, Director of Christian Education  
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