



the weekly
Connection

May 17, 2020

Church Family

Please Welcome Guest Speaker, Rev. Kristi Click Blankman



Rev. Kristi Click Blankman is a native of Dallas, TX. When high school graduation rolled around, her love of the Texas hill country and Presbyterian upbringing took her to Schreiner University in Kerrville where she double majored in Psychology and Religion. In the fall of 2009, Kristi began her studies at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. During that time, she took a year off to serve in the highlands of Guatemala as a Young Adult Volunteer (a PCUSA program through Presbyterian World Mission). While in Guatemala, Kristi applied to The University of Texas for a Masters of Science in Social Work. When she returned stateside in the fall of 2012, she began her studies there concurrently with her Divinity degree. Kristi graduated in May of 2014 with her MDiv and MSSW. From there, she served as Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care and Mission at Spring Branch Presbyterian church from July 2014 to 2017 and feels that her call is to empower individuals to proclaim the Good News of Christ and equip the Church for concern and service to the life of the human community. Kristi joined the staff at Presbytery of New Covenant as Coordinator of Youth Ministries in 2017. This August, Kristi will celebrate five years of marriage with her husband Wes. They have an 18-month-old daughter, Ava, and live in Magnolia. In her spare time, when Kristi's not at the beck and call of Ava or wrangling teenagers, she enjoys running, reading, cooking, and playing with her two yellow labs.

Family Promise May 24-31

FPC will (tentatively) be hosting one family for Family Promise, from May 24-31. As is customary, meals will be needed, as well as volunteers willing to sleep over during their stay. If you are in the at-risk population, your health should be your first priority, so this may be something you want to consider. Anyone who would like to volunteer, please contact Jean Ball for details.

Resuming Church Services: What to Expect

It's almost that time... can I get a hallelujah?! Before you prepare to join in worship services, however, churches are under certain constraints (by Texas Department of State Health Services) of which you should be aware.

- ◆ Before entering services, each person may be required to have their temperature checked, and confirm that they are not experiencing any symptoms (which will be established with a brief checklist).
- ◆ Seating will need to be determined by the ushers, as the at-risk population will have their own designated section. Others may sit with your family/household, but six feet of space is required between persons of differing households.
- ◆ Hand sanitizing stations will be provided at each entrance for your convenience.
- ◆ At-risk population is advised to continue with virtual worship services at home until we can get a real sense of how safe it is for us to meet in person again. **At risk population are those 65+ or older, especially those with chronic lung disease; moderate to severe asthma; chronic heart disease; severe obesity; diabetes; chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis; liver disease; or a weakened immune system.**
- ◆ All food that is served by the church must be individually wrapped; therefore, even something as simple as coffee and donuts will look a little different on Sundays.

- ◆ And last, but not least, hand washing should be done correctly, thoroughly and often. Please make sure you are doing your part to keep our surfaces clean.

We ask that you be patient with us as we make these transitions, as we are doing our best to abide by the law. It would be nice if we could just go back to “business as usual”, but surely we all understand that safety is the overriding factor in making all of this work.

Your Comfort While in Services

As we prepare to re-enter the building for worship services, there are many things to consider with regard to keeping everyone safe and healthy. As such, we will not be sitting in the cloth chairs or using the blankets and pillows previously provided. Therefore, if you tend to be chilly in the Sanctuary, please dress accordingly.

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 fpconroe.org or email us as yrose@fpconroe.org. We appreciate your joining us for online services today, and hope you will visit in person when we are able to gather together again.

Good Things to Know

Online Attendance

Sunday, May 10th

9:00 a.m. Worship Service - 161

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 54

Total Online Attendance - 215

Today's Worship Leader

Mark Sowden

Today's Flowers

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Pat and Mary Hudson, in honor of their 58th anniversary.

Save the Date

Future Planning

May 24 - Confirmation Sunday

May 24-31 - Family Promise

May 25 - Memorial Day

May 31 - Pentecost

June 20 - Summer officially begins

June 21 - Father's Day/Sr. Recognition

Calendar of Weekly Events

Sunday, May 17

- 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services (Facebook Live www.facebook.com/fpcConroe)
10:00 a.m. Fellowship class with Cara Wood (Zoom Room Meeting ID: 267 960 141)
(Password: 330714) <https://zoom.us/j/267960141> (or call +13462487799, 267960141#)
12:30 p.m. Session Meeting (Zoom Room Meeting ID available by invitation)
3:00 p.m. Sunday Intermediate Bible Study (Zoom Room Meeting ID 825-6585-8919)
6:30 p.m. Sunday Night Youth Bible Study (Zoom Room Meeting ID 861-4152-3860)

Monday, May 18

- 11:00 a.m. PDS Staff Meeting (Zoom online every other week; meeting ID is available by invitation)
1:00 p.m. Monday Afternoon Bible Study (Marty Taylor; Zoom Room Meeting ID available by invitation)

Tuesday, May 19

- 7:30-9:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Zoom Room Meeting ID: 844 897 863)
<https://zoom.us/j/844897863> (or call +13462487799,844897863#)

Wednesday, May 20

- 9:30 a.m. FPC Staff Meeting (Zoom Room Meeting ID available by invitation)
11:00 a.m. Children's Time (Facebook Live www.facebook.com/fpcConroe)
2:00 p.m. Handbell Meeting (Zoom Room Meeting ID: 237 364 240)
<https://zoom.us/j/237364240> (or call +13462487799,237364240#)
3:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Meeting (Zoom Room Meeting ID: 332 284 801)
<https://zoom.us/j/332284801> (or call +13462487799,332284801#)
6:30 p.m. The Spark Youth Event (Zoom Room Meeting ID: 525-257-3330)

Thursday, May 21

- 6:30 p.m. Youth Confirmation Class 2020 (Zoom Room Meeting ID: 864-039-702)
<https://zoom.us/j/864039703> (or call +13462487799, 864039702#)

Sunday, May 24

Confirmation Sunday / Family Promise Arrives

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Services (Facebook Live www.facebook.com/fpcConroe)
11:00 a.m. Fellowship class with Cara Wood (Zoom Room Meeting ID: 267 960 141)
(Password: 330714) <https://zoom.us/j/267960141> (or call +13462487799, 267960141#)
3:00 p.m. Sunday Intermediate Bible Study (Zoom Room Meeting ID 825-6585-8919)
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***If you have any questions about the calendar of events,
please visit the website fpcconroe.org, or contact the group leader.***

Prayer List

Members: Flem Keathley, Gary and Judy Weinburger, Don and Doris Myers, Margaret Carson, Jeannene Wendt, Peaches Grams, Jo & David Miller, Fay Harrison, Lorraine Bosse, David Gotschall, Jean Heasley, Sarah Gutekunst, Clyde Cruikshank, Joanne Tralmer, Virginia Tamborello, Frances Mitchell, Ben Hughes, Jeanette DeFee, Polly Miller, Pat Smith, Jeanne Leverette, Virginia Olivier, Jane LaMaster, Evelyn Kenward, Tom Braaten, Philip Williamson

Members' Relatives & Friends: Judy N. (Dukes), Ralph B. (Crowl), Zakary V. (Haines), Sherry M. (Garrison), Barbara Y., Craig S. and Alan B. (Swoboda), the family of Pam M., Diane B., Pat S.'s family, Lindsey W., Ruby G., Beverly F. (S. Walker), Enrique E. (Moore), Stephen R. (Heasley), Ann (Ebanks), Paul M. (Alan Moore), Cy S. (Taylor), Lee H. and Gene H. (Helms), Deborah R. (Rose), Caleb & Michaela W. (Henderson), Megan M. (Havens), Lisa & her children (Webb), Gerald H. (Roberts), Tamara B. (Harrison), (S. Walker), Leslie M. family and Martha K. (Juhl), Janis H. and Katie B. (Pohla), Tucker H. (Hudson), Nikkia (Wilmlerly), Virginia R. (Smith), Dana K. (Shorts)

Ministry Team Leaders

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<i>Administration:</i>	Jay Swoboda (2020, Chair), Todd Harrell (2021), David Perciful (2022)
<i>Building & Grounds:</i>	Warren Taylor (2020), Stephan Tibbetts (2022)
<i>Care-Prayer:</i>	Donald Yates (2020)
<i>Discipleship:</i>	Hailey Simon (2020), Kyle Williams (2020), Mark Sowden (2021), Anne Spinks (2021), Mike Garrison (2022)
<i>Fellowship:</i>	Shirley Dukes (2021)
<i>Membership:</i>	Gabby Alvarez (2020), Donna Stewart (2021)
<i>Missions:</i>	Tom Young (2021), Rusty Smith (2022)
<i>Trustee:</i>	Keith Stewart (2020)
<i>Worship:</i>	Karen Clark (2021)

Staff and Church Information

Staff

Rev. Dr. David H. Green, Senior Pastor
Dena Sowden, Director of Christian Education
Brandon Folts, Director of Music
Nadine Wilkinson, Organist
Shirley Dukes, Parish Nurse
Sharon VanSchuyver, Church Administrator
Yvonne Rose, Office Assistant

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