

# First Presbyterian Church

February 25, 2024

*Welcome*

**FOLLOW ME**

Sermon:

**“Peter’s Mistake”**

*Rev. Gregory Han*

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## 8:30 A.M. WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

### Preparation

Prelude

### Adoration

Call to Worship

\*Hymn #357

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1. O Master, let me walk with Thee  
In lowly paths of service free;  
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear  
The strain of toil, the fret of care.
3. Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee  
In closer, dearer company,  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
In trust that triumphs over wrong.
4. In hope that sends a shining ray  
Far down the future's broadening way;  
In peace that only thou canst give,  
With Thee, O Master, let me live.

### Confession

\*Call to Confession

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

Scripture tells us that no one who believes in God will be put to shame.

**God's love is sure, able to withstand any test.**

We need no longer live according to the temptations that play on our worst shame or fears.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

\*Gloria Patri

Welcome and Announcements

## Proclamation

Scripture Reading

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
Mark 8:31-38

Sermon

**“Peter’s Mistake”**  
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## Dedication

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn #83

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
How passing thought and fantasy,  
That God, the Son of God, should take  
**Our mortal form for mortals’ sake.**

2. For us baptized, for us He bore  
His holy fast and hungered sore;  
For us temptations sharp He knew,  
For us the tempter overthrew.

5. All glory to our Lord and God  
For love so deep, so high, so broad;  
The Trinity whom we adore  
Forever and forevermore.  
O Master, let me walk with Thee.

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

\*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 [fpcConroe.org](http://fpcConroe.org). There you can fill out the visitor form online, or you can do so now, on page 17 of this bulletin. We appreciate you joining us for services today, whether online or in person.

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## **11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

### *Preparation*

Opening Music

### *Adoration*

Introit

*How Lovely, Lord*

Call to Worship

One: Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day,

All: To the rising of life itself.

One: Be the purpose of God between us and each purpose,

All: The hand of God between us and each hand,

One: The pain of Christ between us and each pain,

All: The love of Christ between us and each love.

One: O God, who brought us to the bright light of this new day

All: Bring us to the guiding light of eternity.

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Great and loving God, forgive your church during these Lenten days.

Forgive your church  
its wealth among the hungry,  
its silence amidst the warfare,  
its cowardice among the oppressed.

Forgive us, your children,  
in times for our lack of confidence,  
our lack of faith,  
our lack of hope,  
our lack of love,  
our lack of courage in you.

Restore us to covenant with you and to feast in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. Help us during this Lenten season to renew our lives in your great Spirit, and to look forward to the hope and promise of new life given to us in Jesus Christ.

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Minute for Mission

## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology

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

\*Choral Response

Anthem

*Behold the Man*

*Owens*

### Proclamation

Scripture Reading

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **Children's Time**

\*Hymn #387

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us,  
Much we need Thy tender care;  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,  
For our use Thy folds prepare:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.
2. Thou hast promised to receive us,  
Poor and sinful though we be;  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,  
Grace to cleanse, and power to free:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Early let us turn to Thee;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Early let us turn to Thee.
3. Early let us seek Thy favor;  
Early let us do Thy will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior,  
With Thy love our bosoms fill:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast loved us, love us still;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

*Dedication*

Prayers of the People

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O Master, let me walk with Thee.

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\*Closing Response

**I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me**

**I’m gonna live so (live so) God can use me**  
Anywhere, Lord, any time! (any time!)  
**I’m gonna live so (live so) God can use me**  
Anywhere, Lord, any time! (any time!)

\*Postlude

\*Please stand if able.



## ***This Week's Scripture Readings***

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### Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

<sup>1</sup> When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, **"I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. <sup>2</sup> And I will make my covenant between me and you and will make you exceedingly numerous."** <sup>3</sup> Then Abram fell on his face, and God said to him, <sup>4</sup> **"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup> No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup> I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup> I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.**

<sup>15</sup> **God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup> I will bless her and also give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."**

### Mark 8:31-38

<sup>31</sup> Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> **But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."**

<sup>34</sup> **He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup> Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup> Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."**

# *Notes*



### *Communion by Intinction*



The First Presbyterian Church, Conroe, will resume Communion by intinction on March 3, 2024, during the 11:00 A.M. worship service. For those unfamiliar with this practice, communion by intinction is accomplished by taking the wafer, dipping it in the communion chalice, and immediately taking it. Please direct any questions to Dena Sowden, Director of Christian Education.

### *Pastor Nominating Committee Update #2*

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) urges all members and visitors to participate in the Pastoral Nominating Committee survey, which is available in hard copy today, as well as electronically ([bit.ly/fpc\\_pnc](http://bit.ly/fpc_pnc)). It is critical that we receive your input as we prepare our search for the new pastor. The PNC is laying out a process and timeline that we trust will guide us toward finding a pastor that is the best fit for FPC Conroe. Our goal is to be both thorough and efficient as we proceed. Please complete the survey today, as this is the final day.

Also, to streamline communication with the PNC, we have created a dedicated email address for the PNC, which is [pnc@fpcconroe.org](mailto:pnc@fpcconroe.org). If you have any feedback, comments or ideas, this is the best way to communicate with the PNC. We welcome your input!

Finally, we ask for your prayers upon the PNC and this process, as well as our church, as we search for our next pastor.

Sincerely,

Your PNC: Dana Corbit, Shirley Dukes, Jay Hammonds, Pat Hudson, Roy Kessler, Charline Muller, Janet Pohla, Steve Scheffler, Mark Sowden

### *Sunday, March 3: Volunteer Rally Day*

Our church is a vibrant community that supports the worship of God and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and provides opportunities to use our gifts for Him, whether that be within the church or outside its walls. Much of the work of the church is done by volunteers contributing their time and talent to further His kingdom. On March 3, we will host a special Volunteer Rally Day in the Family Life Center after the 11:00 service. Our ministries will provide information about their functions and opportunities to volunteer. Refreshments will be provided.

On page 19 of this bulletin, you will find various church ministries that all contribute to maintaining and advancing the work of our church and its missions. In addition to those ministries, there are multiple opportunities to participate through Music, Presbyterian Women, Stephen Ministries, Mission Sewing, and other groups.

Volunteer Rally Day provides you a unique opportunity to find out about the various ministries of the church at one time. On March 3, plan to see what FPC-Conroe has to offer and how you can use your gifts for Him. Any one of these ministries would welcome your involvement!

### *Annual Meeting of the Congregation March 17*

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place on March 17<sup>th</sup> at the **11:00 worship service. There we will learn of the church's projected budget, as well as going over highlights of the many committees at FPC. Annual Reports will be provided at that time.**

*Our 2024 flower calendar is available at the Welcome Desk if you would like to sign up for a flower dedication. The flowers always contribute nicely to our Sunday worship services, and they are yours to take home if you so wish.*





There is a simple, convenient way for you to get preventive health screenings and learn your risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions.

These painless screenings go beyond your regular checkup to identify dangerous plaque buildup or blockage, a major risk factor for stroke and heart disease. The screenings are accurate, affordable and will give you valuable information about your health that you can share with your doctor.

We are pleased to host Life Line Screening, who will be on site on Friday, March 1, 2024 at First Presbyterian Church Conroe to conduct these valuable screenings. These 4 vital screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Register by calling toll free 1-844-591-7160, text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607 or online at <https://lisa.social/HC>.



## Calendar of Weekly Events

<p><i>Sunday</i> <i>February 25</i></p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Fellowship (Bistro)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Praise band (Gym)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Bereans Sunday School Class with Bob Shepherd <b>(Rm. 105): "The Book of Habakkuk - A Very Different Prophet."</b></p> <p>9:30 a.m. Fellowship Class with Cara Wood <b>(Rm. 204) "Knowing the Bible – A Study of Romans", by Jared Wilson</b></p> <p>9:30 a.m. Exploring Our Faith with Susan Buckley (Rm. 206)</p> <p><b>9:30 a.m. Seekers' Bible Study with Randy Blanton (Rm. 207)</b> <b>"Micah: Social Injustice and the Covenant Community"</b></p> <p>10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Narthex)</p> <p>10:40 a.m. Praise band (Sanctuary)</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary and Facebook Live <a href="http://www.com/fpcConroe">www.com/fpcConroe</a> or <a href="http://YouTube.com/fpcConroe">YouTube.com/fpcConroe</a>)</p> <p>5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p>
<p><i>Monday</i> <i>February 26</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>February 28</i></p>	<p>9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Mission Sewing (Rm. 105)</p> <p>3:30 p.m. Bible Study with Gordon Juhl: <i>Pilgrimage into the Last Third of Life</i> (Rm. 206)</p> <p>5:45 p.m. Handbells Practice (Sanctuary)</p> <p>7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)</p>
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	12:00 p.m. Volunteer Rally Day (FLC)
	12:00 p.m. Committee Meetings
	5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)

## Save the Date

March 1	Life Line Screenings
March 3	Volunteer Sunday
March 11-15	PDS & CISD Spring Break
March 17	Annual Meeting
March 24	Palm Sunday
March 25-28	PDS Book Fair
March 28	Maundy Thursday Service
March 29	CISD Holiday (Good Friday)
March 30	Youth Lock-in at FPC
March 31	Easter Sunday

## Prayer List

Members: The family of Warren Taylor, Karen Hethershaw, Jo Miller, Reed Watson, John Lancaster, Nedra Murphy, Kari Elliott, Tildon Hebert, David Green, Ron Bailey, Joanne Deaver, Alice Helms, Polly Miller, Jean Ball, Roy Kessler, Mary Hudson, Flem Keathley, Paul Ivson, Don Myer, Virginia Tamborello, Jeanne Leverette, Virginia Olivier

Members' Relatives & Friends: Rev. Callie Candee and family, Marie J. (Das), Tom J. & family, Bill M. (Browder), Lee family (Corbit), Byer family and Tony N. (Spinks), Gloria L. and Merri H. (Amoneno), Buddy H. (Hayter), Amanda N. (Bosse), Brenda H. (Cannon), Scott P. (Peterson), Mary T. (Nichols), Linda S., Larry B., Janie M. (Harrison), Genevieve W. (Morton), Lindsey W. (Walker), Karl W. (Watt), Lisa J. (Miller), Shannon L. (Diamond), Rick J., Sydney H. and Martha K. (Juhl), Michael R. (Dwyer), Harry S., Jr. and family (Havens), Joy D. (Rose), Steve T., Lonnie H. and Vivian M. (Hammonds), Wendy C. (Harshbarger), Wendy C., Christy V. (Massey), Gloria S., Kim H., Vickie K., Cindy K. (Ganek), John R. (Hethershaw), James M., Patty M., Enrique E. (Moore), William W. (Weinburger), Jeffrey H. & Leah H. (Heasley), Katie B. (Pohla), Wendy S. (Adamson), Judy N. (Dukes), Sherry M. (Garrison), Lee H. (Helms), Caleb & Michaela W. (Henderson), Gerald H. (Roberts), Tucker H. (Hudson)

## Good Things to Know

### *Attendance*

Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 16      11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 116

Online Worship Attendance - 34

Total Attendance – 166

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

Mark Sowden / FPC Youth

### ***Today's Flowers***

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God, in celebration of  
Judy & Ray Lucas' 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary today,  
from their daughters, Lori and Kim.



## Visitor Form

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

Please complete this form by tearing it off and dropping it in the offertory plate. Or, if you would prefer to complete this form online, please visit our website at [www.fpcConroe.org](http://www.fpcConroe.org).

### Contact Information

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_

### Children's Information

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Other:

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

Facebook

Drive by

Website

Friend/Family

Other

## Ministry Leaders

Administration	Cheryl Nichols (2025, Chair)
Building & Grounds	Bill Harshbarger (2026, Chair)
Care-Prayer	Bob Shepherd (2024, Chair)
Discipleship	Mark Sowden (2024, Chair) Dena Sowden (2024) Alex Williams (2024) Masen Stuntz (2025)
Fellowship	TBD
Membership	Steve Scheffler (2025)
Missions	Bobby Ezell (2024, Chair) Catherine Scheffler (2025)
PDS	Sharon Walker (2025, Chair)
Worship	Randy Blanton and Mike Wisda (2026, Co-chairs)

*For Pastoral Care, Contact Rev. Callie Candee*

**Greetings from Reverend Callie Candee!** I'm so grateful to have been asked to assist with pastoral care duties here at First Presbyterian Church-Conroe. I'll be available for phone and home visits. I'm carrying the church's emergency phone and can be contacted directly at (936) 290-4535.



## Staff and Church Information

### Staff

Rev. Callie Candee, Pastoral Care  
Rev. Greg Han, Temporary Pulpit Pastor  
Dena Sowden, Director of Christian Education  
Sharon VanSchuyver, Director of Communications  
Stephanie Cooke, Music Director  
Rolethial McKelvey, Accompanist  
Jackye Cannon and Jane Corbit, Bookkeeping  
Yvonne Rose, Office Manager  
Shirley Dukes, Parish Nurse



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