

First Presbyterian Church

March 17, 2024



Welcome

Sermon:

“Holy Waste”

Rev. Gregory Han

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8:30 A.M. WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

Preparation

Prelude

Adoration

Call to Worship

*Hymn #267

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.

1. Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings:
God made their glowing colors,
God made their tiny wings. (Refrain)
2. The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset, and the morning
That brightens up the sky, (Refrain)
4. God gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well. (Refrain)

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 (Responsive)

Psalm 126: 1-6

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³The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

⁵May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

⁶Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Scripture Reading

John 12: 1-8

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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 #339

Be Thou My Vision

1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art--
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
2. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.
3. Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*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. 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

Listen to My Words, O Lord

Folts

Call to Worship

One: God gives us one day at a time:

All: Long enough for laughter to follow any tears;

One: Deep enough for prayer and silence to dance together;

All: Time enough to help someone in need;

One: Plenty of time to notice beauty and praise the Maker;

All: Sufficient time to build a bridge of forgiveness or tear down
a wall of resentment;

One: The right time to embrace friends, smile at strangers, play with chil-
dren, sing praise to God.

All: Praise God for this day we are given.

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Confession

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Forgive us, O Lord, for lives unadjusted to the order of Your love and the familiarity of Your counsel.

Forgive us for...

...living too seldom aware of Your Word;
...hearts too seldom in rhythm with Your compassion;
...hands too seldom in line with Your will;
...attitudes too seldom shaped by Your love;
...ethics too seldom obedient to Your law;
...mouths too seldom accustomed to confession.

Lord, who frees us from pardon and gives us a new chance, cleanse us, we pray, and align us again with the familiarity of Your instruction.

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Welcome and Announcements

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

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

*Choral Response

Anthem

Be Not Distressed

Folts

Proclamation

Scripture Reading (*Responsive*)

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Children's Time

*Hymn #435

We All Are One in Mission

1. We all are one in mission, We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united By Christ the Lord of all.
A single, great commission Compels us from above
To plan and work together That all may know Christ's love.

2. We all are called for service To witness in God's name;
Our ministries are different, Our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others By God's surprising grace
So every folk and nation May feel God's warm embrace.

3. Now let us be united And let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel For God's redeeming word.
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I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Response

You Are Mine

I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice,
I claim you as my choice,
be still and know I am here.

Refrain:

Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me,
I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.

*Postlude

*Please stand if able.

This Week's Scripture Readings

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John 12: 1-8

¹ Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, **anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped them** with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ **“Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?”** ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ **Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial.”** ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”



Annual Meeting of the Congregation Today

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place today 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. Please join us.

Easter Lily Order/Dedication - Final Week

As is our usual practice, we will have lilies for the Easter Sunday services, along with dedications in celebration, honor or memory of loved ones. Forms for dedications are located on page 19 of this bulletin (or you can pick one up at the Welcome Desk). Simply complete the form and place it in the offering plate, or return it to the church office, with your payment of \$15 per lily. The deadline for lily orders is March 21.

Flowering the Cross

The flowering of the cross represents the transition from Good Friday to Easter, from meditation on Jesus' death to joyful celebration of His resurrection. The ceremony transforms a barren cross, a reminder of Jesus' death, into an Easter symbol, so please feel free to bring flowers for flowering the cross on Easter Sunday.

Join Us for Easter Morning Breakfast

Join us for breakfast on Easter Sunday, in the Family Life Center hallway, following the Easter Sunrise Service.

Continue to rejoice with your sisters and brothers-in-Christ while enjoying a home-cooked meal prepared by your Fellowship Kitchen Team. Not only is it better than going out to a restaurant, but also the price cannot be beat! Breakfast is FREE for all. We hope you will join us.



Are You a Music Lover?

If you enjoy making a joyful noise, and would be willing to lend your voice and your talents to the FPC music program, you are most welcome!

Contact Music Director, Stephanie Cooke, at schteff3@gmail.com. She will be able to answer any questions you may have and discuss opportunities with the choir and handbells.

PNC Update #3

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) would like to thank everyone who responded to the recent survey, which will help guide us in our search efforts. Over the next few weeks, the PNC will work on drafting the Ministry Discernment Profile, which will be uploaded to the PCUSA's Church Leadership Connection portal. This will give us the best opportunity to find a "match" with pastors who may be interested in coming to FPC Conroe. As always, the PNC asks for the congregation's prayers as we continue our work to find our next pastor.

Church Directory Update

Many of you have been asking about the status of the updated church pictorial directory. There was a delay in the process as the Membership committee worked to update the church's active membership listing. Now that this is complete, we are working with the publisher to make sure the directory is published in an expedited fashion. As soon as we have a delivery date from the publisher, we will reach out to everyone who participated in the photo session. We thank you for your patience!



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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.



Calendar of Weekly Events

<i>Sunday</i> <i>March 17</i>	<p>8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion (Sanctuary) 9:00 a.m. Fellowship (Bistro) 9:00 a.m. Praise band (Gym) 9:30 a.m. Bereans Sunday School Class with Pat Hudson (Rm. 105): “Someone Loves You.” 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Class with Cara Wood (Rm. 204) “Knowing the Bible – A Study of Romans”, by Jared Wilson 9:30 a.m. Exploring Our Faith with Susan Buckley (Rm. 206) 9:30 a.m. Seekers’ Bible Study with Randy Blanton (Rm. 207) “Micah: Social Injustice and the Covenant Community” 10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Narthex) 10:40 a.m. Praise band (Sanctuary) 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary and Facebook Live www.com/fpcConroe or YouTube.com/fpcConroe) 12:00 p.m. Session Meeting 5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p>
<i>Monday</i> <i>March 18</i>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<i>Wednesday</i> <i>March 20</i>	<p>9:30 a.m. Martha Circle (Parlor) 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Mission Sewing (Rm. 105) 3:30 p.m. Bible Study with Gordon Juhl: <i>Pilgrimage into the Last Third of Life</i> (Rm. 206) 5:45 p.m. Handbells Practice (Sanctuary) 7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)</p>

<p><i>Sunday</i> <i>March 24</i></p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion (Sanctuary) 9:00 a.m. Fellowship (Bistro) 9:00 a.m. Praise band (Gym) 9:30 a.m. Bereans Sunday School Class with Roy Kessler - “PNC Thoughts” 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Class with Cara Wood (Rm. 204) “Knowing the Bible – A Study of Romans”, by Jared Wilson 9:30 a.m. Exploring Our Faith with Susan Buckley (Rm. 206) 9:30 a.m. Seekers’ Bible Study with Randy Blanton (Rm. 207) “Micah: Social Injustice and the Covenant Community” 10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Narthex) 10:40 a.m. Praise band (Sanctuary) 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary and Facebook Live www.com/fpcConroe or YouTube.com/fpcConroe) 5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p>
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Save the Date

March 18-21	PDS Book Fair
March 24	Palm Sunday
March 28	Maundy Thursday Service
March 29	CISD Holiday (Good Friday)
March 29	Youth Lock-in at FPC
March 31	Easter Sunday Services Easter Egg Hunt

Prayer List

Members: Bob Shepherd, Cheryl Nichols and family, the family of Flem Keathley, 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 Ivison, Don Myer, Virginia Tamborello, Jeanne Leverette, Virginia Olivier

Members' Relatives & Friends: The family of Dorothy P. (Lucas), Marie J. (Das), Tom J. & family, Bill M. (Browder), Lee family (Corbit), Tony N. (Spinks), Gloria L. and Merri H. (Amoneno), Buddy H. (Hayter), Amanda N. (Bosse), Brenda H. (Cannon), Scott P. (Peterson), 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, March 10th

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 23

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 135

Online Worship Attendance - 38

Total Attendance - 196

Today's Worship Leader

Bobby Ezell

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.

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: _____

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)

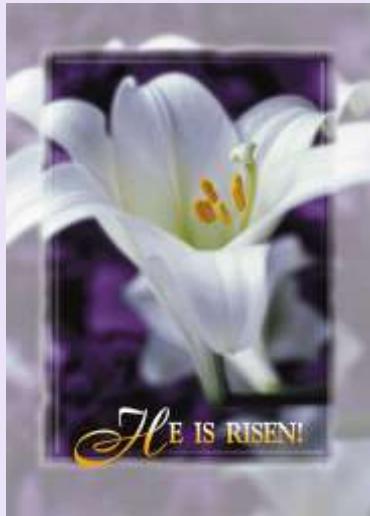
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Drive by

Website

Friend/Family

Other



Easter Lilies

History, mythology, and art are filled with stories and images that speak of the beauty and majesty of these elegant white flowers. One of the most famous Biblical references is in the Sermon on the Mount, when Christ said, "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they toil not, neither do they spin and yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

Often called the "White-Robed Apostles of Hope," lilies are said to have been found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane after Christ's agony. At Easter time, churches bank their communion tables and surround their crosses with masses of Easter Lilies, to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and hope of life everlasting.

To help bring the beauty of the lily to our church this Easter, church members may purchase a lily in memory or in honor of a loved one, a special occasion or relevant event. Simply complete the information below and enclose a check or cash in the amount of \$15 for each lily. Place your form and payment in the collection plate or return to the church office. ***All orders should be in by Thursday, March 21st.***

Please print clearly.

Name _____

Number of lilies _____ Amount enclosed _____ Phone # _____

Designation _____

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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