

# First Presbyterian Church

March 17, 2024



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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*)

Psalms 126: 1-6

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup>Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

<sup>4</sup>Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

<sup>5</sup>May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

<sup>6</sup>Those 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

Sermon

**"Holy Waste"**

Rev. Gregory Han

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](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

*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 children, sing praise to God.

All: Praise God for this day we are given.

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\*Prayer of Confession

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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\*Assurance of Pardon

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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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<sup>5</sup> May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

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

## 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.**  
We all are one in mission, We all are one in call,  
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Sermon

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*Dedication*

Prayers of the People

Congregational Meeting

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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

\*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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### Psalm 126: 1-6

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**"The Lord has done great things for them."**

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### John 12: 1-8

<sup>1</sup> Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup> **"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?"** <sup>6</sup> (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.) <sup>7</sup> **Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial."** <sup>8</sup> 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.



### *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!



# classic CAR SHOW & market

**PRESBYTERIAN DAY SCHOOL PARKING LOT**

**MARCH 23 | 09:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**FAMILY FUN, RAFFLE, VENDORS, GAMES & FUNDRAISER**

**\$5 ADMISSION (includes one raffle ticket & voting tokens)**

**\$30 CAR ENTRY FEE (prizes awarded)**

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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

<p><i>Sunday</i> <i>March 17</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 Pat Hudson <b>(Rm. 105): "Someone Loves You."</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>12:00 p.m. Session Meeting</p> <p>5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p>
<p><i>Monday</i> <i>March 18</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>March 20</i></p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Martha Circle (Parlor)</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>

<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 -  <b>"PNC Thoughts"</b>  9:30 a.m. Fellowship Class with Cara Wood (Rm. 204) <b>"Knowing  the Bible – A Study of Romans", by Jared Wilson</b>  9:30 a.m. Exploring Our Faith with Susan Buckley (Rm. 206)  <b>9:30 a.m. Seekers' Bible Study with Randy Blanton</b> (Rm. 207)  <b>"Micah: Social Injustice and the Covenant Community"</b>  10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Narthex)  10:40 a.m. Praise band (Sanctuary)  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>)  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 10<sup>th</sup>

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](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



# 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 21<sup>st</sup>.***

**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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