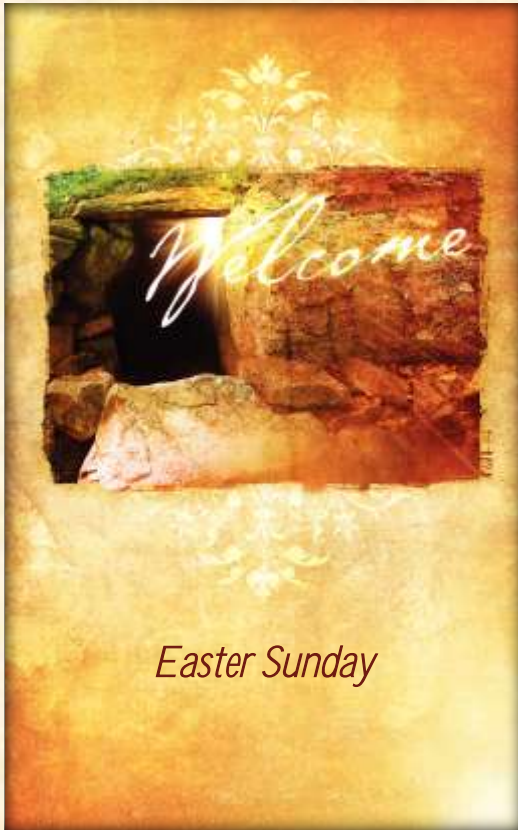


First Presbyterian Church

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7:00 A.M. WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

Preparation

Prelude

Adoration

Call to Worship

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*Hymn #123

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Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
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Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
3. But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!
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Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Confession

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of grace and God of glory....

on your people pour your power!

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God of the broken, God of the poor...

to your people send restoration.

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Welcome and Announcements

Proclamation

Scripture Readings

Luke 24:1-12, Acts 10:34-43

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"With the Grain of the Universe"

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 #151

Crown Him with Many Crowns

1. Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

2. Crown Him the Lord of love;
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

*Please stand if able.

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*Hymn #8

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates,
Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here!
2. Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heaven's employ,
Adorned with prayer, and love, and joy.
3. Redeemer, come! I open wide
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me Thy inner presence feel;
Thy grace and love in me reveal.

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

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11:00 A.M. WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

Preparation

Prelude *Handel – Passacaille*
 Leclair – Allegro from Violin Sonata in C
 Vivaldi – Spring Concerto from the Four Seasons, Movement 1

Adoration

Introit *We Serve a Risen Christ!* *Folts*

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Children's Time

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

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

*Choral Response

Anthem *Resurrection Praise by Handel/arr Pethel*
 Behold the Lamb arr Albritton
 O King of Love by Lloyd Larson
 Come Christians Join To Sing by Ranev

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*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Response

All creatures of our God and King
Praise yet our Christ again,
Sing alleluia! Amen!

Lift up your voice and with us, sing
Life shall not end the strain,
Alleluia! Amen!

*Postlude

*Please stand if able.

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This Week's Scripture Readings

Luke 24:1-12

¹ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men **said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen.** ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third **day rise again.”** ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ **Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God** shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his **name.”**

Notes



Easter Sunday - One Great Hour of Sharing

Since 1949 Presbyterian churches world-wide have made Easter contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing, a program supporting disaster assistance for those who have suffered from natural and man-made disasters and for those who suffer from hunger worldwide. The funds are also used to provide education and to coordinate experiences that will lead to financial independence. **Those at FPC who wish to contribute may find a “One Great Hour of Sharing” envelope on the tables at the back of the sanctuary TODAY, and may place the envelope and donation in the collection plate.**

-FPC Mission Committee

Easter Sunday Communion Elements

Communion will be observed at each of our Easter services. For those with diet restrictions/concerns, we will be using gluten-free wafers for everyone.

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.

We Would Like to Welcome Our Easter Guest Musicians

We are always grateful for the special music that is given at our Easter service, as it makes the day and messages more special and meaningful. Thanks go out to:

James McLeland – Violin

Sarah Marts – Violin

Avery Handlin – Viola

Teresa Matchett – Cello

Don't forget our

Easter Egg Hunt

today at 12:00 Noon!





Easter Lily Dedications

- ◇ Victoria Amoneno - - In memory of Donna Grove.
- ◇ David & Mary Carol Awalt - - In memory of Sally Rose Awalt.
- ◇ Byron & Margi Bailey - - Dedicated to Al & Peggy Whale, and Christine Bailey.
- ◇ Cindy Bailey — In memory of Larry Bailey.
- ◇ Barb Barton - - In honor of Barton family and Wiles family.
- ◇ Penny Bell - - In memory of loved ones.
- ◇ Karen Clark - - In memory of my parents, Marvin & Verna Vornkahl.
- ◇ Jane Corbit - - In memory of Charlie Corbit, and Nicole and Alex Corbit.
- ◇ Sandy Davis - - In memory of Bryan Davis, M.D.
- ◇ Jamie DeGeorge - - In loving memory of Mother & Daddy, Mickey & James Cannan.
- ◇ James & Sylvia Dopp - - For Mr. & Mrs. James Dopp, Sr. & Mr. & Mrs. Bell.
- ◇ Shirley Dukes - - In memory of loved ones.
- ◇ Bobby Ezell - - In memory of Patricia Ezell.
- ◇ Wayne & Deborah Geddes - - In memory of Nancy Penny.
- ◇ Bill & Linda Harshbarger - - In loving memory of our parents; in loving memory of our granddaughter, Ella Grace.
- ◇ Jean Heasley - - In loving memory of Kellye and Scott Heasley.

- ◇ Pat Hudson - - To the glory of God and His Redeemer Son, Jesus Christ.
- ◇ Judy Hughes - - In memory of Ben Hughes.
- ◇ Ann Johnson - - Dedicated to our children, Lynn & Steve Jenkins and Burt Johnson.
- ◇ Sabrina Johnson - - To Etta and Ski Wasjewski, Lee Dowden, Daniel Sullivan.
- ◇ Roy & Liz Kessler - - To the Glory of God!
- ◇ The Konzes - - In memory of Bess Edward Mink; in memory of Ann Michele King.
- ◇ Janet Pohla - - Remembering my mother.
- ◇ Bob & Paula Shepherd - - His victory is ours!
- ◇ Andrea Spengel - - John Spengel, Kenneth & Linette Siever, Henry & Dorothy Spengel.
- ◇ Marty Taylor & family - - In loving memory of Warren.
- ◇ Sharon Walker - - In memory of Lewis Walker, Jr.; in memory of our parents Sue & Buck Nichols, Sue & Lewis Walker, Sr.
- ◇ Voorhees/Curran Families - - A blessed and joyous Easter to all!
- ◇ Judy Weinburger - - In memory of my loving husband, Gary Weinburger.
- ◇ Donald & Elizabeth Yates - - For my brothers, Johnny and Ronald.

If you placed an order for lilies, please pick them up after the 11:00 service.

Those that are still in the Sanctuary on Tuesday morning will be added to our church landscaping to beautify our grounds.



Calendar of Weekly Events

<p><i>Sunday</i> <i>March 31</i></p>	<p>7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Breakfast (FLC)</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 Randy Blanton (Combined with Seekers' Group) (Rm. 105)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Fellowship Class with Cara Wood (Rm. 204) "Knowing the Bible – A Study of Romans", by Jared Wilson</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Exploring Our Faith with Susan Buckley (Rm. 206)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Seekers' Bible Study with Randy Blanton (Rm. 105) "Micah: Social Injustice and the Covenant Community"</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Narthex)</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary and Facebook Live www.com/fpcConroe or YouTube.com/fpcConroe)</p> <p>12:00 Easter Egg Hunt</p>
<p><i>Monday</i> <i>April 1</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>April 2</i></p>	<p>9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Mission Sewing (Rm. 105)</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Rebecca Circle (Parlor)</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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Save the Date

April 1	FPC & PDS Holiday (Office Closed)
April 25	PDS Art Show
April 28	Youth Auction
May 2	National Day of Prayer
May 12	Mother's Day Brunch/Senior Sunday
May 15	PDS Graduation

Prayer List

Members: Marty Taylor, Bob Shepherd, 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, 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), Aimee L., Gloria L. (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 24th

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 26

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 134

Online Worship Attendance - 35

Total Attendance – 195

Today's Worship Leader

Sharon Walker

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: _____

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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

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