

First Presbyterian Church

April 7, 2024



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8:30 A.M. WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

Preparation

Prelude

Adoration

Call to Worship

*Hymn #517

We Come as Guests Invited

1. We come as guests invited When Jesus bids us dine,
His friends on earth united To share the bread and wine;
The bread of life is broken, The wine is freely poured
For us, in solemn token Of Christ our dying Lord.
2. We eat and drink, receiving From Christ the grace we need,
And in our hearts believing On Him by faith we feed;
With wonder and thanksgiving For love that knows no end,
We find in Jesus living Our ever-present Friend.
3. One bread is ours for sharing, One single fruitful vine,
Our fellowship declaring Renewed in bread and wine;
Renewed, sustained, and given By token, sign, and word,
The pledge and seal of heaven, The love of Christ our Lord.

Confession

*Call to Confession

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ,
and Christ died for us,
Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us,
Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life
has begun! Friends, believe in the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*Gloria Patri

Welcome and Announcements

Proclamation

Scripture Readings

Exodus 33: 7-14, Luke 24: 13-35

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“God’s Guidance”

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 #104

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

1. Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: All creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.
2. Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

*Please stand if able.

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

Preparation

Opening Music

Adoration

Introit

We Serve a Risen Christ!

Folts

Call to Worship

Mighty God calls from daybreak to dusk:

“Gather together my people.”

God’s summons is not quiet or tame.

God comes like a wildfire, consuming all that stands in the way.

God comes like a whirlwind, determined to get our attention.

God’s call echoes through the universe, in all times and places:

“Gather together my faithful people.”

Let us worship together, for the God of all creation calls.

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Loving and merciful God, you created each of us in your own image to live in community. You graced us with the gifts of apostles, prophets, pastors and teachers. You equipped all for the work of ministry.

Yet too often we tarnish your image, waste our gifts, and refuse to accept your call to service.

We pray that you will shape us as you intended when you created us. Fill us with your Spirit and strengthen us to continue our journey. Complete the task of shaping the Christian community as one people of God. We trust that all things are possible through you.

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Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns* Wagner

*Doxology

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

*Choral Response

Proclamation

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*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Response

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

**There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;**
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain:

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, Filling us with Your love;
And for these blessings We lift our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.
Holy Spirit, Lord of love, Who descended from above,

*Postlude

*Please stand if able.

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"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

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This Week's Scripture Readings

Exodus 33: 7-14

⁷ Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp; he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the Lord would go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp. ⁸ Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise and stand, each of them, at the entrance of their tents and watch Moses until he had gone into the tent. ⁹ When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the Lord would speak with Moses. ¹⁰ When all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise and bow down, all of them, at the entrance of their tent. ¹¹ Thus the Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. Then he would return to the camp, but his young assistant, Joshua son of Nun, would not leave the tent.

¹² Moses said to the Lord, **"See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.'** ¹³ Now if I have found favor in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider, too, that this nation is your people."¹⁴ He said, **"My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."**

Luke 24: 13-35

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, **“What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?”** They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, **“Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?”** ¹⁹ He asked them, **“What things?”** They replied, **“The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.”** ²⁵ Then he said to them, **“Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?”** ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, **“Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.”** So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² **They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”** ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ **They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”** ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Notes



Youth Auction and Mystery Dinner

Join us for a fun night of mystery and intrigue (and some great BBQ, too!) as **we try to solve the mystery of “The Great Canine Follicle Debacle”!**

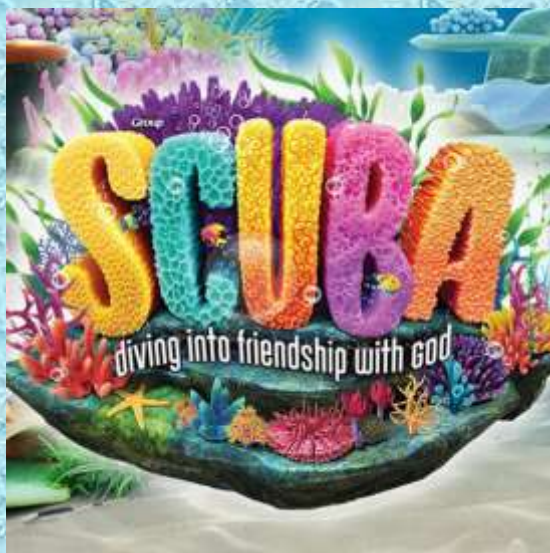


It looks like someone really had it in for Petunia the Poodle. Someone substituted a bottle of hair removal lotion for her shampoo, and now she's bald! It's up to the guests to figure out who is responsible, since their bumbling human owners are sure to mess things up! **We'll have presale tickets in the Narthex, starting April 7-21, where you can take part in this “whodunnit”.** All the fun happens on April 28th, from 5-7 p.m. Tickets are \$15/person and \$5 per child <12.

Contact Dena Sowden for details. DSowden@FPCConroe.org or (979) 255-2096.

Library Dedication

Please join us for the upcoming Library Dedication and Reception, which will be held on Sunday, April 21st. The reception will be held in the bistro hallway with light refreshments. We hope to see you there.



SCUBA VBS 2024

July 8, 2024 — July 12, 2024

Take kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about! Be sure and check out check out our After-VBS Sports program, too. Details can be found in the VBS link below.

Don't forget Family Night, Friday July 12, from 5-7 pm, in the FLC gym. Details will be sent home the week of VBS.

The link to sign up is:

<https://vbspro.events/p/fpccconroe24>

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.

Secure Mailing to FPC

Please be sure to use the new FPC mailing address when sending mail to the church. Unfortunately, we found out the hard way that our outside mailbox is not secure enough to keep out those with ill intent. Therefore, we need to be diligent in securing our correspondence by using the P.O. box address below. Thank you for your help with this.

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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>April 7</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 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>10:40 a.m. Praise band (Sanctuary)</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary and Facebook Live www.com/fpcConroe or YouTube.com/fpcConroe)</p> <p>12:00 p.m. Committee Meetings</p> <p>5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p>
<p><i>Monday</i> <i>April 8</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p><i>Tuesday</i> <i>April 9</i></p>	<p>10:00 a.m. Ruth Circle (Parlor)</p> <p>5:15 p.m. Lydia Circle (Youth area)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>April 10</i></p>	<p>9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Mission Sewing (Rm. 105)</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Martha 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>

<p><i>Sunday April 14</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 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>10:40 a.m. Praise band (Sanctuary)</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary and Facebook Live www.com/fpcConroe or YouTube.com/fpcConroe)</p> <p>5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p>
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Save the Date

April 21	Library Dedication and Reception
April 25	PDS Art Show
April 28	Youth Auction
May 2	National Day of Prayer
May 12	Mother's Day Brunch/Senior Sunday/ PW Life Membership Award
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 31st

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service - 30 8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 44
11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 215
Online Worship Attendance - 40
Total Attendance – 329

Today's Worship Leader

Martha Haines

Today's Flowers

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Sharon Walker,
in memory of Sue and Buck Nichols.

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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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)

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
Yvonne Rose, Office Manager
Stephanie Cooke, Music Director
Rolethial McKelvey, Accompanist
Jackye Cannon and Jane Corbit, Bookkeeping
Shirley Dukes, Parish Nurse



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