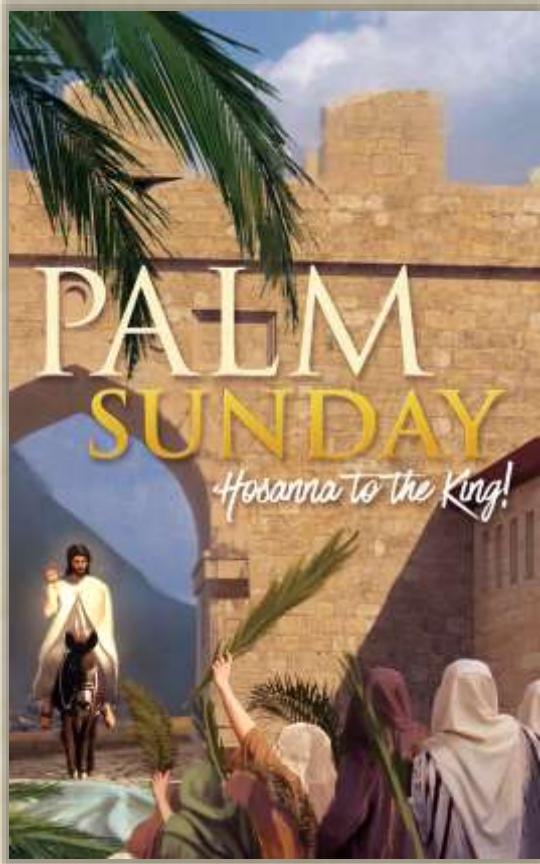


# First Presbyterian Church

## April 13, 2025



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First Presbyterian Church of Conroe Welcomes You!



Visitors and Guests: We are excited you have chosen to worship with us today! As a small token of our appreciation, we invite you to stop by the Welcome Desk in the narthex to pick up a complimentary FPC Conroe bookmark and a church brochure. We hope to see you again soon!

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 by visiting our welcome desk. We appreciate you joining us for services today.

### *~ Good Things to Know ~*

#### *Today's Worship Leader*

Karis Morton

#### *Today's Flowers*

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by John Wright.

#### *Last Week's Attendance, April 6*

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 19

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 123

Online Worship Attendance - 20

**Total Attendance – 162**

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

### *Preparing to Receive God's Word*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Look! The King is coming—righteous and victorious, humble and riding on a colt.

Hosanna in the highest!

The crowds gathered, spreading cloaks and branches along the road.

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With voices lifted high, they welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem.

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Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

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The little children sang;  
Through pillared court and temple  
The joyful anthem rang;  
To Jesus, who had blessed them  
Close folded to His breast,  
The children sang their praises,  
The simplest and the best.

2. From Olivet they followed  
'Mid an exultant crowd,  
The victor palm branch waving,  
And chanting clear and loud;  
The Lord of earth and heaven  
Rode on in lowly state,  
Nor scorned that little children  
Should on His bidding wait.

\*Please stand if able.

3. "Hosanna in the highest!"  
That ancient song we sing,  
For Christ is our Redeemer,  
The Lord of heaven our King.  
O may we ever praise Him  
With heart and life and voice,  
And in His blissful presence  
Eternally rejoice.

\*Call to Confession

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

Though the crowds cheered, though palms were waved, Jesus knew the road ahead would lead to the cross. And still, he rode on. For us, he gave himself that we might have life.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**Because of Christ's great love for us, we are forgiven!**

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### The Word

Scripture Readings

Luke 19:28-38; Luke 23:1-25

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

**"Thy Kingdom Come"**

Rev. Seth Saathoff

### Responding to the Word

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table  
Prayers of the People  
**The Lord's Prayer**  
Words of Institution  
Communion of the People  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn #98

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

1. O sacred head, now wounded,  
With grief and shame weighed down;  
Now scornfully surrounded  
With thorns, Thine only crown;  
O sacred head, what glory,  
What bliss till now was Thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory,  
I joy to call Thee mine.
2. What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered  
**Was all for sinners' gain:**  
Mine, mine was the transgression,  
But Thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!  
**'Tis I deserve Thy place;**  
Look on me with Thy favor,  
Vouch-safe to me Thy grace.

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

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

### *Preparing to Receive God's Word*

Opening Music

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *Hosanna Rock*

Call to Worship

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Eternal God, your thoughts are not our thoughts, neither are your ways our ways. We want a knight on a white horse to save us; Jesus came riding in on a young colt. We want to have all our problems solved; you reveal problems we did not know we had. You look at the ugliest soul and see something beautiful; we scan the finest of our neighbors anxiously hoping to find a flaw. You view our lives in the context of eternity, and so find a place for patience, yearning, even suffering, and dying; we demand instant results and look for tomorrow before savoring today.

Your thoughts are not our thoughts, neither are your ways our ways. But you gather us here, not to have our worst confirmed, but to have our best liberated. So, we pray again this day that you will forgive in us what has gone wrong, repair in us what is wasted, and reveal in us what is good. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Minute for Mission

## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology

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

\*Choral Response

## *The Word*

### **Children's Time**

Anthem

*Hosanna! Hosanna!*

Williams/Martin

Scripture Readings

Luke 19:28-38

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

\*Hymn #88

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor  
To Thee, Redeemer, King!  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.

2. The people of the Hebrews

With palms before Thee went;  
Our praise and prayers and anthems  
Before Thee we present.  
(Refrain)

3. To Thee, before Thy passion,

They sang their hymns of praise;  
To Thee, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise.  
(Refrain)

4. Thou didst accept their praises;

Accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest,  
Thou good and gracious King!  
(Refrain)

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At the Name of Jesus

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**and ev'ry tongue shall confess**  
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At the name of Jesus!  
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\*Postlude

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

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Luke 19:28-38

<sup>28</sup> After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup> When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> **saying**, “**Go into** the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘**Why are you untying it?**’ just say this, ‘**The Lord needs it.**’” <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “**Why are you untying the colt?**” <sup>34</sup> They said, “**The Lord needs it.**” <sup>35</sup> Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying,

“**Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!**  
**Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!**”

Luke 23:1-25

<sup>1</sup> Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. <sup>2</sup> **They began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man inciting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to Caesar and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.”** <sup>3</sup> Then Pilate asked him, “**Are you the king of the Jews?**” He answered, “**You say so.**” <sup>4</sup> Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no basis for an accusation against this man.” <sup>5</sup> But they were insistent and said, “**He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.**”

<sup>6</sup> When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. <sup>7</sup> **And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time.** <sup>8</sup> When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. <sup>9</sup> He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup> The chief priests and the scribes stood by vehemently accusing him. <sup>11</sup> Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him and sent him back to Pilate.

<sup>12</sup> That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

<sup>13</sup> Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people <sup>14</sup> and said to them, “**You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people, and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him.** <sup>15</sup> Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. <sup>16</sup> **I will therefore have him flogged and release him.**”

<sup>18</sup> Then they all shouted out together, “**Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!**” <sup>19</sup> (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city and for murder.) <sup>20</sup> Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again, <sup>21</sup> but they kept shouting, “**Crucify, crucify him!**” <sup>22</sup> A third time he said to them, “**Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.**” <sup>23</sup> But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified, and their voices prevailed. <sup>24</sup> So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. <sup>25</sup> He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

## Notes



### *Join Us for Easter Morning Breakfast*

As we prepare for Holy Week, we want to remind you of the complimentary breakfast following the Easter Sunrise Service on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to join us for this food and fellowship opportunity.

### *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 (April 20). We will also have flowers available for those who wish to use them.

### *Easter Sunday - One Great Hour of Sharing*

We will collect the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, as well as the following Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. This special offering of the Presbyterian Church (USA) supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster recovery through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Those who wish to contribute can find a **"One Great Hour of Sharing" envelope on the tables at the back** of the sanctuary, and your donation can be placed in the collection plate. Thank you.

-FPC Mission Committee

### *Greeters Needed for 8:30 Service*

We are in need of greeters for the 8:30 a.m. service. If you would be able to greet before and after the service, once a month, please contact Judy Weinburger at (713) 202-8458.



# First Presbyterian Church

## Celebrate Easter With Us!

**April 17** | Maundy Thursday Service (7 p.m.)

**April 20** | Easter Sunrise Service (7 a.m.)  
Traditional Easter Service (11 a.m.)  
Easter Egg Hunt (12:15 p.m.)



Breakfast

*You are cordially invited to*

A Mystery Party

Date April 27, 2025

Time 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Location Family Life Center

**Adults**  
\$15/person

**Kids < 12 yrs**  
\$5/child

Please RSVP no later than

**It's Never Too Late To Join The Fun!!**

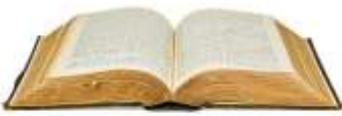
Details Enclosed



Presale tickets available in the Narthex on  
Sundays, Online (scan QR Code to pay) or email  
[DSowden@FPCConroe](mailto:DSowden@FPCConroe) to reserve your spot.

## New Bible Study Series Begins May 4<sup>th</sup>

On May 4, Frank Denton will host a one-hour class on Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m., “The Bible, an Overview” as an introduction into his new Bible Study to begin in June. This study will take you through the Bible Genesis-Revelation in a 52-week period. We will cover a book (or two) each week in our one-hour study. As a guideline we will use Dr. Alan B Stringfellow’s work book “Through the Bible in One Year”.



You will learn major themes of all the books, the key verses, the central messages. You will learn how each book is organized, how it came into being and its role in the Bible story.

This may well be the most exciting journey of your Christian life. It will go through step by step each book and connect the dots, if you will, for God’s plan of redemption for mankind from the first chapter. You will learn why the Jewish faith and traditions have had a strong influence on our Christian community even today. How the prophecies and events of the Old Testament relate to the New Testament and even our modern traditions and Christian faith.

Sermons we hear weekly and hymns we sing will take on a new and special meaning after seeing how they relate to events in the Bible.

We hope to see you Sunday May 4th at 5:00 for an introduction to this exciting and informative journey.

### ***Children’s Church***

After the Children’s Time, children between 5-8 will be invited to attend Children’s Church, where they will pray, sing praise songs, and learn Bible stories - everything we do in a regular church service, but more age-appropriate. Children will return to the sanctuary for the final hymn.

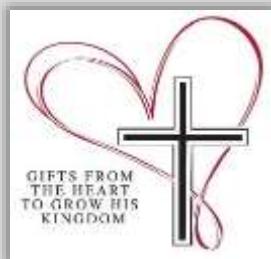
Volunteers are needed, so please use the link or scan the QR code to pick a date!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D4CABAD2EA2F94-55218097-childrens>



## Capital Campaign Update

We would ask that you continue to pray for our Capital Campaign.



The results will be announced on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

### *Spiritual Direction with Rev. Callie Candee*

Christians have sought out silent prayer retreats for centuries; driven by a hunger for closer communion with God, we choose times of silence, of meditation of Scripture, to hear God more clearly and to follow Jesus' invitation to 'come away with me to a quiet place and rest.' In our ever too busy world, such an invitation is a blessing, as we enter stillness, reflection upon God's Word, and open ourselves to hearing more fully God's response to us. Rev. Callie Candee is offering one-on-one Spiritual Direction sessions for our congregation. She can be reached at [CallieCandee@yahoo.com](mailto:CallieCandee@yahoo.com).

## Calendar of Weekly Events

<i>Palm Sunday April 13</i>	<p>8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion (Sanctuary) 9:30 a.m. Bereans Sunday School Class with Bob Shepherd (Rm. 105) Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus. 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Class (Rm. 204) Studying "More Parables from the Back Side" by J. Ellsworth Kalas, taught by Deborah Geddes, Glenna Lang and Glenn Elms. 9:30 a.m. Exploring Our Faith with Susan Buckley (Rm. 206) <b>9:30 a.m. Seekers' Bible Study with Randy Blanton</b> (Library) Study of the Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians (<i>Available by Zoom; contact Randy Blanton for details.</i>) <b>9:30 a.m. FPC Kid's Sunday School</b> (Rm. 203) 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="https://www.youtube.com/fpcConroe">YouTube.com/fpcConroe</a>) 12:30 p.m. First Steps Class and Luncheon (FLC) 5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p>
<i>Monday April 14</i>	1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)
<i>Wednesday April 16</i>	9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Mission Sewing (Rm. 105) 5:45 p.m. Handbells Practice (Sanctuary) 7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)
<i>Thursday April 17</i>	7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday worship service (Sanctuary)

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[www.com/fpcConroe](http://www.com/fpcConroe) or [YouTube.com/fpcConroe](https://www.youtube.com/fpcConroe))  
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## Save the Date

April 17	Maundy Thursday
April 18	Good Friday
April 20	Easter Sunday Services with One Great Hour of Sharing, Early Breakfast, and Easter Egg Hunt
April 21	FPC and PDS Closed for Easter Holiday
April 27	Youth Auction & Mystery Dinner
May 1	National Day of Prayer



## Prayer List

Members: Family and friends of Cecil Watt, Judy Weinburger, Ruth Masters, Kyle Walker, Glenna Lang, Jeannene Wendt, Reed Watson, John Lancaster, Nedra Murphy, Kari Elliott, Tildon Hebert, David Green, Ron Bailey, Joanne Deaver, Alice Helms, Polly Miller, Jean Ball, Mary Hudson, Paul Ivison, Virginia Tamborello, Jeanne Leverette, Virginia Olivier

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*Thank You  
for  
Joining Us*

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### Staff

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