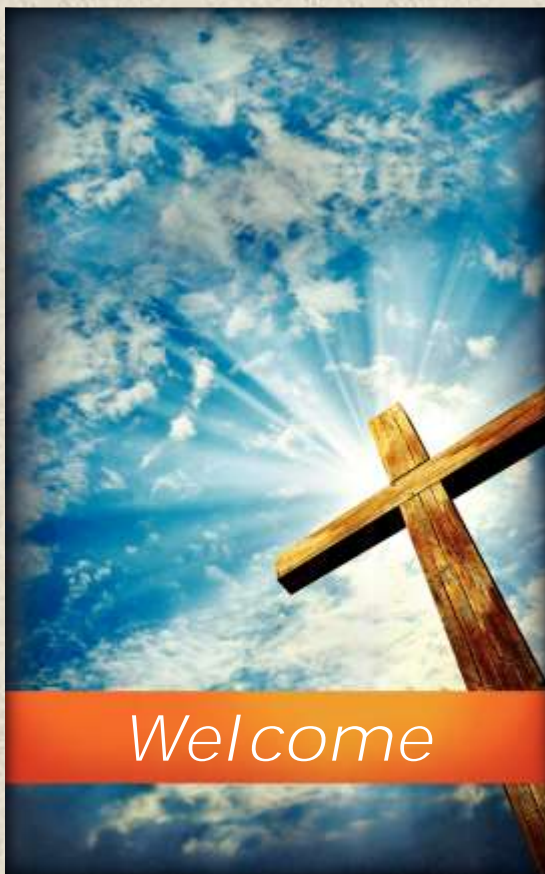


First Presbyterian Church

April 21, 2024



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8:30 A.M. WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

Preparation

Prelude

Adoration

Call to Worship

*Hymn #248

You Are Before Me, Lord

1. You are before me, Lord, You are behind,
And over me You have spread out Your hand;
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
Too high to grasp, too great to understand.
2. Then from Your Spirit where, Lord, shall I go;
And from Your presence where, Lord, shall I fly?
If I ascend to heaven You are there,
And still are with me if in hell I lie.
3. If I should take my flight into the dawn,
If I should dwell on ocean's farthest shore,
Your mighty hand will rest upon me still,
And Your right hand will guard me evermore.
4. If I should say, "Let darkness cover me,
And I shall hide within the veil of night,"
Surely the darkness is not dark t You:
The night is as the day, the darkness light.

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

1 John 1:1-2:2, Colossians 1: 15-20

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“All Things”
Rev. Greg 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

1. O that I had a thousand voices
To praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,
Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be,
What great things God has done for me!

3. You forest leaves so green and tender
That dance for joy in summer air,
You meadow grasses, bright and slender,
You flowers so fragrant and so fair,
You live to show God's praise alone.
Join me to make God's glory known!

4. All creatures that have breath and motion,
That throng the earth, the sea, the sky,
Come, share with me my heart's devotion,
Help me to sing God's praises high!
My utmost powers can never quite
Declare the wonders of God's might!

*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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"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

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11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparation

Opening Music

Adoration

Introit

You Are Before Me, Lord

Pitt-Watson

Call to Worship

Leader: The blessing of God

People: Rests on our shoulders.

Leader: The love of God

People: Dwells in our hearts.

Leader: The word of God

People: Inflames our speech.

Leader: The compassion of God

People: Stirs us to care.

Leader: The word of God

People: Compels us to sing.

Leader: The mystery of God

People: Leads us to worship.

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And from Your presence where, Lord, shall I fly?
If I ascend to heaven You are there,
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And I shall hide within the veil of night,"
Surely the darkness is not dark to You:
The night is as the day, the darkness light.

Confession

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we've forgotten that we can bring joy to one another. We are too often content to live with things as they are. We see the results around us of people who never knew love, who failed to find a welcome, who have missed a smile of acceptance.

O God, place us in your presence that we may be instruments of your love, that we might carry on your transforming and transfiguring ways. Open our eyes that we might see the world in the light of the grace of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

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and Christ died for us,
Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us,
Christ prays for us.

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*Gloria Patri

Children's Time

Library Dedication

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

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

*Choral Response

Anthem

10,000 Reasons

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Proclamation

Scripture Readings

1 John 1:1-2:2

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Hymn #439

In Christ There Is No East or West

1. In Christ there is no east or west,
In Him no south or north;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.
2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close-binding humankind.
4. In Christ now meet both east and west,
In Him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth.

Scripture Reading

Colossians 1: 15-20

Sermon

"All Things"

Rev. Greg Han

Dedication

Prayers of the People

Hymn #475

O That I Had a Thousand Voices

1. O that I had a thousand voices
To praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,
Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be,
What great things God has done for me!
3. You forest leaves so green and tender
That dance for joy in summer air,
You meadow grasses, bright and slender,
You flowers so fragrant and so fair,
You live to show God's praise alone.
Join me to make God's glory known!
4. All creatures that have breath and motion,
That throng the earth, the sea, the sky,
Come, share with me my heart's devotion,
Help me to sing God's praises high!
My utmost powers can never quite
Declare the wonders of God's might!

*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.

*Postlude

*Please stand if able.

This Week's Scripture Readings

1 John 1:1-2:2

¹ We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—² this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³ what we have seen and heard we also declare to you so that you also may have fellowship with us, and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷ but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1} My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, ² and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Colossians 1: 15-20

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Notes



FPC Memorial Library Dedication

You are invited to the Dedication of the FPC Memorial Library today during the 11:00 a.m. service. Following the service, there will be an Open House of the Library and a reception with refreshments.

The Memorial Library remodel has been a two year project to honor Patricia Ezell, a member who passed away in 2020. Patricia was an educator and librarian. She was also the founder of the Texas Lit Chick Book Club, who helped make the remodel happen. We hope you will attend the Grand Opening Celebration.

Youth Auction and Mystery Dinner

THE GREAT CANINE *Follicle Debacle*

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!

Our FPC website (www.fpcConroe.org) and our Facebook page will have the **link to prepurchase tickets, so you can take part in this "whodunnit"**. You may also use the attached QR code for ticket purchase.

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.



Pastor Nominating Committee Update #4

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is making solid progress as it works toward the selection of our next pastor. Thanks in part to the results of the survey that many of you completed, we have finished the Ministry Discernment Profile that is being used to match us with potential candidates. That process has begun and we are confident we will find the right fit for the future of our church. While we can't project a precise timeline for when that will happen, we are working diligently to ensure an efficient process. If you have any comments, input or questions, please reach out to the PNC at pnc@fpccconroe.org. We welcome your input!

Sincerely,

Your PNC: Dana Corbit, Shirley Dukes, Jay Hammonds, Pat Hudson, Roy Kessler, Charline Muller, Janet Pohla, Steve Scheffler, Mark Sowden

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>



Calendar of Weekly Events

<p><i>Sunday</i> <i>April 21</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 Bob Shepherd (Rm. 105) The Lord's Passover - past and future significance</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Fellowship Class with Cara Wood (Rm. 204) Ancient Christianity-video presentation and class discussion</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. 207) "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>12:30 p.m. Session Meeting</p> <p>5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p>
<p><i>Monday</i> <i>April 22</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>April 24</i></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 April 28</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 Bob Shepherd (Rm. 105) Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Fellowship Class with Cara Wood (Rm. 204) Ancient Christianity-video presentation and class discussion</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. 207) "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. Youth Auction and Mystery Dinner (Gym)</p>
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Save the Date

April 25	PDS Art Show
April 28	Youth Auction and Mystery Dinner
May 2	National Day of Prayer
May 12	Mother's Day Brunch/Senior Sunday
May 15	PDS Graduation and Reception
June 29	2 nd Annual Serve Our Neighbor Day

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: Bonnie L., Michael R. (Dwyer). 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), 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, April 14th

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 20

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 113

Online Worship Attendance - 21

Total Attendance – 154

Today's Worship Leader

Karen Clark

Today's Flowers

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Marty Taylor, in gratitude to God for almost 55 years with Warren (April 19).

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: _____

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

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

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
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