

First Presbyterian Church

April 27, 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. 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

Carly Hart

Today's Flowers

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by
Judy Weinburger, in beloved memory of Gary.

Last Week's Attendance, April 20

7:00 a.m. Worship Service - 26

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 248

Online Worship Attendance - 29

Total Attendance – 303

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

Preparing to Receive God's Word

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord.
Praise God in this sanctuary.
Praise God in the vault of heaven.
Praise God in the earth and skies.
Sing praises to the Lord.
Shout and sing praises to God.
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.
Let everything that draws breath praise the Lord.

*Hymn #482

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!
2. Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen How thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?
3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen Sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

*Please stand if able.

*Call to Confession

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

God's love is from everlasting to everlasting. Because of Christ, our sins are washed away, and our hearts are made new.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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

*Gloria Patri

The Word

Scripture Readings

Psalm 150; John 20:19-31

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Jesus Comes Knocking”
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 #316

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldest do.
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me,
Glows with Thy fire divine.
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity.

*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 VII: We Serve a Risen Christ

Call to Worship

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Gladly for aye we adore Him.

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*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Living God, you made the hearts of the disciples glad with the knowledge of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Forgive us because—like them—we find the truth of Easter so hard to believe. Forgive us that we are so easily downcast and given to despair. Forgive us that—although we claim to live by the resurrection faith—we choose to live behind locked doors. Forgive us that we take so much convincing of the hope that you give to the world. Forgive us that we spend much more time doubting than believing. Come to us, Lord God, in the power of the risen Christ. Take away our crippling doubts, fears, insecurities, and regrets for past mistakes. And through your Holy Spirit, bring us to life in your service; for the sake of Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

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*Gloria Patri

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 *Open My Eyes* Martin

Scripture Reading Psalm 150

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*Hymn #309

Of the Father's Love Begotten

1. Of the Father's Love begotten,
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore!
2. O ye heights of heaven adore Him;
Angel hosts, His praises sing;
Powers, dominions, bow before Him,
And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore!
3. Christ, to Thee with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
And unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore! Amen.

Scripture Reading John 20:19-31

Sermon **“Jesus Comes Knocking”**
Rev. Seth Saathoff

Responding to the Word

Prayers of the People

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1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me,
Glows with Thy fire divine.
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity.

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Response

He Lives

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.

*Postlude

This Week's Scripture Readings

Psalm 150

¹ Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament! ² Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

³ Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!
⁴ Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! ⁵ Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! ⁶ Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, **Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”** ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, **“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”** ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, **“Receive the Holy Spirit.** ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, **“We have seen the Lord.”** But he said to them, **“Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”**

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, **“Peace be with you.”** ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, **“Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”** ²⁸ Thomas answered him, **“My Lord and my God!”** ²⁹ Jesus said to him, **“Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”**

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Notes



One Great Hour of Sharing April 20 & 27

We will collect the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Easter Sunday, April 20th, as well as the following Sunday, April 27th. 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.

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.

New Bible Study Series Begins May 4th

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”.**

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.



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

\$5 for Kids 5-12
yrs old

<5 yrs FREE

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 to reserve your spot.



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>



SCAN ME

Capital Campaign Update

Our FPC Capital Campaign is progressing well, and we are moving quickly to our Celebration Sunday on May 18, 2025! For those of you who have not taken the opportunity to return your commitment cards with your three-year pledge, we humbly request that you prayerfully complete the pledge card and return it to the church by May 11. We want your contribution to be included in total funds committed to reducing our indebtedness over the next three years! If you think your gift would have little to no impact on our debt reduction, then think again! Consider this:

A \$50/per month commitment equals a total commitment of \$1,800.

What if 10 people/households made the same commitment? That level of giving equals \$18,000!

What if 20 people/households made the same commitment? That level of giving equals \$36,000!

These examples demonstrate the power and impact of the community of faith striving together to expand our capacity of ministry and missions. If you've not received a Capital Campaign commitment card, then you can find a card placed on either table as you enter the worship center or on the Visitor's Desk. We thank you for your prayerful consideration and commitment!



SHOW SOME LOVE FOR OUR PDS TEACHERS

Teacher Appreciation Week

Adopt a Teacher
or spread the love
to a few of them

May 5th - 8th

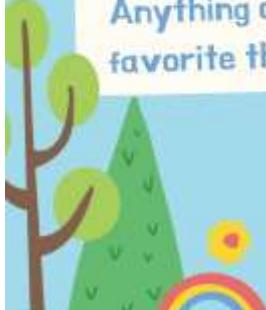
Here are a few ideas to
fill their baskets

Snacks, Gum,
Mints,

Notes and trinkets
of Encouragement
and Thanks

Anything off their
favorite things list

Last Day to bring
items is Sunday
May 4th



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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.

Prayer List

Members: Connie Tibbetts, Rev. Callie Candee, 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

Members' Relatives & Friends: Siana F. and family (Watson), Jerry W., Lisa W. (Webb), Celia G. (Hernandez- Garcia), Wes K. (Yates), Alicia I., James I., and Ron S. (Bailey), Susie K. (Davis), Anna (Harshbarger), Stephanie R. & Brooke J., Danielle S. & kids (Riggs-Harpur), Blade B., Judy N. (Dukes), Bonnie L., Michael R. (Dwyer), Tom J. & family, Bill M. (Browder), Tony N. (Spinks), Aimee L. (Amoneno), Buddy H. (Hayter), Amanda N. (Bosse), Brenda H. (Cannon), Scott P. (Peterson), Linda S., Larry B., Janie M. (Harrison), Lindsey W. (Walker), Shannon L. (Diamond), Rick J. (Juhl), Joe T. Sr., Harry S., Jr. and family (Havens), Steve T., Lonnie H. and Vivian M. (Hammonds), Kim H. (Ganek), John R. (Hethershaw), James M., Patty M., Enrique E. (Moore), Jeffrey H. & Leah H. (Heasley), Katie B. (Pohla), Wendy S. (Adamson), Sherry M. (Garrison), Lee H. (Helms), Caleb & Michaela W. (Henderson), Gerald H. (Roberts)

Calendar of Weekly Events

<i>Sunday April 27</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) 9:30 a.m. Seekers' Bible Study with Randy Blanton (Library) Study of the Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians (<i>Available by Zoom; contact Randy Blanton for details.</i>) 9:30 a.m. FPC Kid's Sunday School (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 www.com/fpcConroe or YouTube.com/fpcConroe) 12:30 p.m. Session Meeting (Rm. 105) 5:00-7:00 p.m. Youth Auction and Mystery Dinner (Gym)</p>
<i>Monday April 28</i>	1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)
<i>Wednesday April 30</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)

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11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary and Facebook Live www.com/fpcConroe or [YouTube.com/fpcConroe](https://www.youtube.com/fpcConroe))
12:30 p.m. Committee Meetings
5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)
5:00 p.m. "The Bible, an Overview" Study with Frank Denton

Save the Date

May 1	National Day of Prayer
May 5-8	PDS Teacher Appreciation Week
May 11	Mother's Day Brunch / Confirmation Sunday / PW Life Membership Awards
May 15	PDS Last Day of School
May 18	Senior Sunday / Mission Sunday Special Offering
May 22	CISD Last Day of School
May 26	Memorial Day (FPC office closed for observance)

Staff and Church Information

Staff

Rev. Seth Saathoff, Senior Pastor
Dena Sowden, Director of Christian Education
Sharon VanSchuyver, Director of Communications
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