

First Presbyterian Church

April 28, 2024

Welcome

***Sermon:
“The Greater
Things”***

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8:30 A.M. WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

Preparation

Prelude

Adoration

Call to Worship

*Hymn #527

Near to the Heart of God

1. There is a place of quiet rest,
Near to the heart of God,
A place where sin cannot molest,
Near to the heart of God.

Refrain:

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
Sent from the heart of God,
Hold us, who wait before Thee
Near to the heart of God.

2. There is a place of comfort sweet,
Near to the heart of God,
A place where we our Savior meet,
Near to the heart of God. (Refrain)

Confession

*Call to Confession

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Our God is a God of profound reversals! While we were yet captive to sin, Christ died for us.

We have been brought out of the darkness into God's marvelous light. So let us keep awake and be vigilant as Christ's faithful disciples, encouraging one another.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*Gloria Patri

Welcome and Announcements

Proclamation

Scripture Readings

Psalms 30, John 21: 1-19

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Greater 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

Hymn #329

Break Thou the Bread of Life

1. Break Thou the bread of life,
Dear Lord, to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves
Beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page
I seek Thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for Thee,
O living Word!
2. Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord,
Now unto me,
As Thou didst bless the bread
By Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease,
All fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace,
My all in all!

*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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11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparation

Opening Music

Adoration

Introit

You Are Before Me, Lord

Pitt-Watson

Call to Worship

Leader: God calls us in the midst of our lives:

People: "Pause a while and know that I am God."

Leader: God calls us from our lofty ambitions, our haughtiness, from our occupations with marvels and matters beyond our scope:

People: "Let be and learn that I am God."

Leader: Come, behold the astounding things God has done in the world.

People: God is our shelter, our strength, ever ready to help in time of trouble.

Leader: People of God, hope in our God.

People: Enough for us to calm and quiet our souls.

Leader: God is with us, now and forevermore!

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*Prayer of Confession

O God, you give us the gift of your presence, yet we ignore it;
You give us your word, yet we distort it;
You give us your commandments, yet we disregard them.
Jesus did not come to abolish the law;
instead, we abolish it in our own hearts.
We know that forgiveness is found through you, and so we become complacent.

“Thou shalt not” seems peculiar and quaint in our culture of indulgence.

Forgive us, O God, for our halfhearted discipleship.
Let your commandments thunder in our hearts.
Give us the joy to follow you in word and deed;
Make us new, and prepare us to be servants of you, the living God, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

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

*Choral Response

Anthem

Fairest Lord Jesus

Schrader

Proclamation

Scripture Reading (*responsive reading on page 10*)

Psalm 30

Children's Time

*Hymn #335

Though I May Speak

1. Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain;
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
2. Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.
3. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship and are freed.

Scripture Reading

John 21: 1-19

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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.

*Postlude

*Please stand if able.

This Week's Scripture Readings

Psalm 30 (responsive reading)

¹ I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

² O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

³ O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

⁴ Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

⁵ For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

⁶ As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

⁷ By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

⁸ To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication:

⁹ "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?"

¹⁰ Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!"

¹¹ You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

¹² so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

John 21: 1-19

¹ After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ **Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.**

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ **Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?”** They answered him, “No.” ⁶ **He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.”** So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ **That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!”** When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ **Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.”** ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² **Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.”** Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.” ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”



Youth Auction and Mystery Dinner Today

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 today, 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.

Presbyterian 101 Class May 19

Are you interested in learning about what makes us Presbyterian - and the key tenets of the Presbyterian denomination? Want to hear more about fellowship, worship, and service opportunities here at First Presbyterian Church Conroe? Join us for "Presbyterian 101," on May 19, 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. Rev. Han and members of the congregation will facilitate a conversation that will help you learn more about our unique community of faith.

Summer Schedule Begins May 26

As we welcome in summer, we will going to a one-service format, with the 8:30 a.m. service being suspended May 26 through September 1. We will continue with our Sunday School schedule and 11:00 worship service as is.

National Day of Prayer May 2

Join us on May 2nd, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., for the National Day of Prayer. **The sanctuary will be open during that time and we'll meet at the flagpole at 2:00 p.m. to pray for our nation, our community and our church.**

Light Up The World – Light Up The World. ***“For you are my lamp, O LORD, and my God lightens my darkness.” 2 Samuel 22:29 ESV***

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.

The link to sign up is:

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



Calendar of Weekly Events

<p><i>Sunday</i> <i>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>
<p><i>Monday</i> <i>April 29</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>May 1</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</i> <i>May 5</i></p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion (Sanctuary) 9:00 a.m. Fellowship (Bistro) 9:00 a.m. Praise band (Gym) 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 with Cara Wood (Rm. 204) Ancient Christianity-video presentation and class discussion 9:30 a.m. Exploring Our Faith with Susan Buckley (Rm. 206) 9:30 a.m. Seekers' Bible Study with Randy Blanton (Rm. 207) "Micah: Social Injustice and the Covenant Community" 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) 5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p>
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Save the Date

May 2	National Day of Prayer
May 12	Mother's Day Brunch/Senior Sunday
May 15	PDS Graduation and Reception
May 19	Mission Sunday (Special Offering) / Pentecost Sunday
May 27	Memorial Day (Church office closed)
June 29	2 nd Annual Serve Our Neighbor Day

Prayer List

Members: The family of Mary Tyler, Marty Taylor, 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 - 18

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 132

Online Worship Attendance - 28

Total Attendance – 178

Today's Worship Leader

Mark Sowden / FPC Youth

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
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