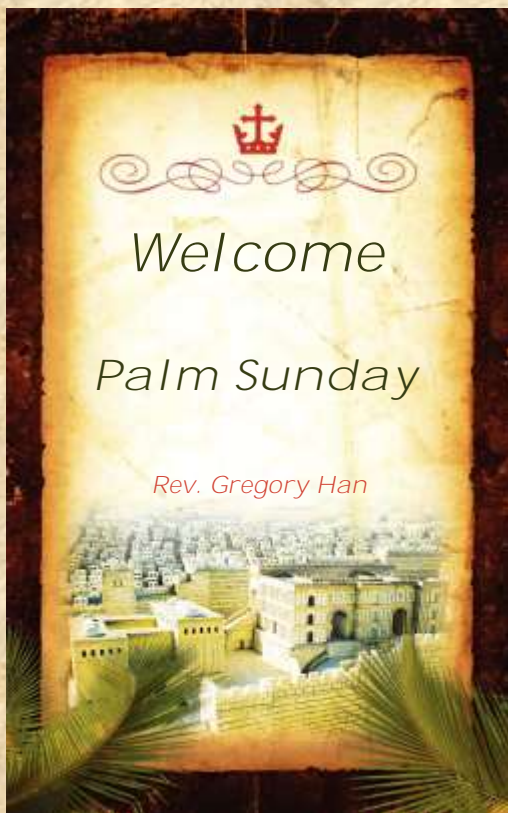


First Presbyterian Church

March 24, 2024



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8:30 A.M. WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

Preparation

Prelude

The Liturgy of the Palms

Call to Worship

One: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: O give thanks to God; for God is marvelous in our eyes.

All: This is the day our God has made. We give God thanks, for God is good!

Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem

Luke 19: 28-40

*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.

1. Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessed One. (Refrain)
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)

*Prayer for the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We praise You, O God, for the great acts of love by which You redeemed the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Today he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and King by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

Let these branches be signs of his victory, and grant that we may follow him in the way of suffering and the cross, that, by dying and rising with him, we may enter into Your Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Passion

Scripture

Luke 22:14-38

*Hymn #94

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

1. An upper room did our Lord prepare
For those He loved until the end:
And His disciples still gather there
To celebrate their risen Friend.
2. A lasting gift Jesus gave His own:
To share His bread, His loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down,
He by His cross shall lift us up.

Scripture

Luke 22:39-23:26

Hymn #93

Ah, Holy Jesus

1. Ah, holy Jesus, how have You offended,
That mortal judgment has on You descended?
By foes derided, by Your own rejected,
O most afflicted!
2. Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon You?
It is my treason, Lord, that has undone You.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied You;
I crucified You.

*Scripture

Luke 23:27-46

(A moment of silence.)

*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.

3. What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee, dearest friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever;
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
Outlive my love to Thee.

Scripture

Luke 23:47-56

Meditation on the Word

Cross-Shattered Christ

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 #91

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

1. Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road
With palms and scattered garments strowed.

4. Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, Thy power, and reign.

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

*Please stand if able.

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

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Opening Music

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Introit

Hosanna, The People Cried

Weston

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Anthem *Hosanna to the Son of David* Lorenz

The Liturgy of the Passion

Scripture Luke 22:14-38

Hymn #94 *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare* Choir

Scripture Luke 22:39-62

Hymn #97 *Go to Dark Gethsemane* Choir

Scripture Luke 22:63-23:26

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Scripture

Luke 23:47-56

Hymn #102

Were You There?

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?)
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?)
4. Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? (Were you there?)
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? (Were you there?)

Meditation on the Word

Cross-Shattered Christ

Dedication

Prayers of the People

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

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

*Choral Response

*Hymn #91

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*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Response

Jesus, Lamb of God

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us,
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, give us your peace.

*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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Notes



A Note About This Morning's Worship

The Service for Palm/Passion Sunday embodies the necessary tension that exists between the joyful entry of the palm processional and the somberness of the week of the Passion.

Why do we combine the palms and the Passion? It is in accord with the historical tradition of the Christian Church. Since at least the 4th century, the focus of the first day of Holy Week has been the passion of Christ. After a joyous procession of palms, the story of the Passion has been read aloud. Meditation on the cross of Christ is a necessary prelude to the joyful celebration of Easter Sunday.

As we conclude our Lenten preparation for the glory of Christ's resurrection, let us remember the whole story – the triumph and the tragedy, the darkness and the light.

Easter Sunday - One Great Hour of Sharing

Since 1949 Presbyterian churches world-wide have made Easter contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing, a program supporting disaster assistance for those who have suffered from natural and man-made disasters and for those who suffer from hunger worldwide. The funds are also used to provide education and to coordinate experiences that will lead to financial independence.

Those at FPC who wish to contribute may find a "One Great Hour of Sharing" envelope on the tables at the back of the sanctuary on March 24 and on March 31 and may place the envelope and donation in the collection plate.

-FPC Mission Committee

Easter Sunday Communion Elements

Communion will be observed at each of our Easter services. For those with diet restrictions/concerns, we will be using gluten-free wafers for everyone.

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. This will be done at the 8:30 and 11:00 services.

Join Us for Easter Morning Breakfast

Join us for breakfast on Easter Sunday, in the Family Life Center hallway, following the Easter Sunrise Service.

Continue to rejoice with your sisters and brothers-in-Christ while enjoying a home-cooked meal prepared by your Fellowship Kitchen Team. Not only is it better than going out to a restaurant, but also the price cannot be beat! Breakfast is FREE for all. We hope you will join us.

Thank You From the Keathley Family

From Darlene: "My father Flem Keathley passed away on the 5th and we had his service at the church on Wednesday the 13th. I wanted to thank the congregation for the love and support they gave my father and my late mother, Evelyn, for so many years. They loved the church and all the wonderful people there. My mom was in the choir for years and my father volunteered in many ways as well. I was so happy to see so many familiar faces at his service and it meant so much to me that he was remembered. Thank you so much!"



Are You a Music Lover?

If you enjoy making a joyful noise, and would be willing to lend your voice and your talents to the FPC music program, you are most welcome!

Contact Music Director, Stephanie Cooke, at schteff3@gmail.com. She will be able to answer any questions you may have and discuss opportunities with both the choir and handbells.

Calendar of Weekly Events

<p><i>Sunday</i> <i>March 24</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 Roy Kessler - "PNC Thoughts"</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. 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. The Spark (Gym)</p>
<p><i>Monday</i> <i>March 25</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>March 27</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>Thursday</i> <i>March 28</i></p>	<p>7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service (Sanctuary)</p>

<p><i>Sunday March 31</i></p>	<p>7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Breakfast (FLC)</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 Easter Egg Hunt</p>
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Save the Date

March 28	Maundy Thursday Service
March 29	CISD Holiday (Good Friday)
March 29	Youth Lock-in at FPC
March 31	Easter Sunday Services Easter Egg Hunt
April 1	FPC & PDS Holiday (Office Closed)



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 Ivson, 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), Gloria L. and Merri H. (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 17th

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 19

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 105

Online Worship Attendance - 33

Total Attendance – 157

Today's Worship Leader

Mark Sowden and FPC Youth

Today's Flowers

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Jackye Cannon,
in memory of George Cannon.

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)

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
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