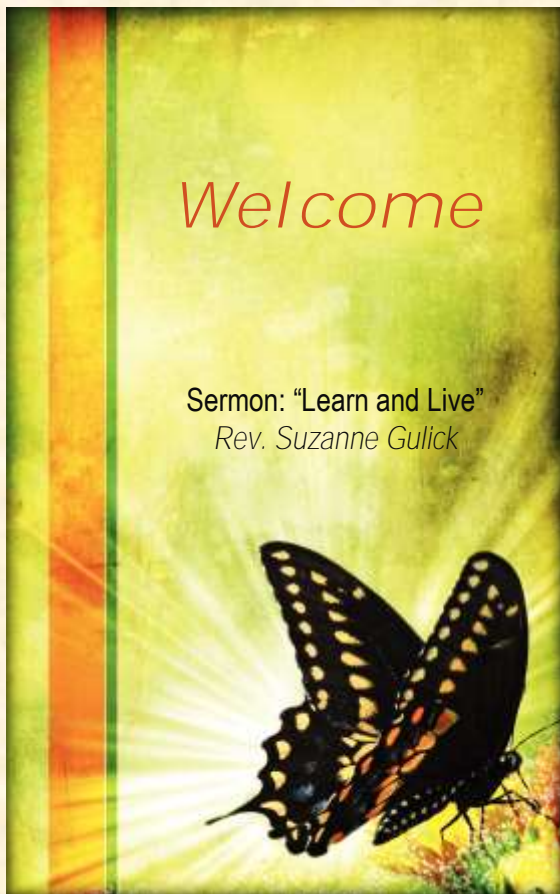


First Presbyterian Church

April 14, 2024



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8:30 A.M. WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

Preparation

Prelude

Adoration

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord hears us when we call:

People: Come let us put our trust in God.

Leader: The Lord fills our hearts with gladness:

People: Come let us sing God's praises with shouts of joy!

Leader: The Lord grants peace to our weary souls:

People: Come let us rest by the quiet waters of God's grace.

*Hymn #491

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

1. Stand up and bless the Lord,
Ye people of God's choice;
Stand up and bless the Lord your God
With heart and soul and voice.
4. God to our strength and song,
Now is salvation ours;
Then be God's love in Christ proclaimed
With all our ransomed powers.
5. Stand up and bless the Lord;
The Lord your God adore;
Stand up and bless God's glorious name,
Henceforth forevermore.

Confession

*Call to Confession

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of **God; and that is what we are** (1 John 3:1). **Children of God, we are** claimed by God, forgiven of our sins, and set free for love. Alleluia!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*Gloria Patri

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation

Scripture Readings Acts 3: 12-19; 1 John 3: 1-7; Luke 24: 36b-48

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Learn and Live”

Rev. Suzanne Gulick

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. To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory: great things He hath done!

2. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.
(Refrain)

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

*Please stand if able.

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11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparation

Opening Music

Adoration

Introit

You Are Before Me, Lord

Pitt-Watson

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*Prayer of Confession

Risen Christ, we are often troubled by our doubts. But you are not troubled by them. You do not require perfect understanding. Instead, you reveal yourself to us again and again that we might come to know you. Forgive us when our doubts keep us stuck, when fear prevents us from loving all creation as you call us to do. Help us to accept the peace you so graciously offer to us. Have mercy on us when we hoard or hide it, when we fail to offer it to others. Renew us and make us whole that in this world of strife we may be bearers of your peace. In resurrection hope we pray, Amen.

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Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Choral Response

Anthem

His Love is Flowing Like a River

Gallina

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation

Scripture Readings

Acts 3: 12-19; 1 John 3: 1-7

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

*Hymn #149

The Head That Once Was Crowned

1. The head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now;
A royal diadem adorns
The mighty victor's brow.
3. The joy of all who dwell above,
The joy of all below
To whom He manifests His love,
And grants His name to know.
5. They suffer with their Lord below,
They reign with Him above;
Their profit and their joy to know
The wonder of His love.

Scripture Reading

Luke 24: 36b-48

Sermon

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Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

1. To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

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But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.
(Refrain)

*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.
Holy Spirit, Lord of love, Who descended from above,

*Postlude

*Please stand if able.

This Week's Scripture Readings

Acts 3: 12-19

¹² **When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, “Fellow** Israelites why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you rejected the holy and righteous one and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷ **“And now, brothers and sisters, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent, therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out...”**

1 John 3: 1-7

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² **Beloved, we are God's children** now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴ Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Luke 24: 36b-48

³⁶ ... **Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."** ³⁷ They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ **He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?"** ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and **bones as you see that I have.**" ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ Yet for all their joy they were still **disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?"** ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴ **Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."** ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, **"Thus it is written, that the Messiah** is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

Notes



FPC Memorial Library Dedication

You are invited to the Dedication of the FPC Memorial Library on Sunday, April 21, 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.

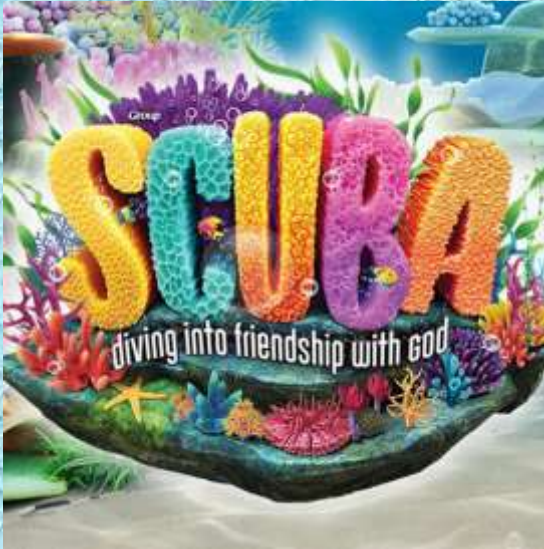
Youth Auction and Mystery Dinner

Join us for a fun night of mystery and intrigue (and some great BBO, 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! **We’ll have presale tickets in the Narthex, starting April 7-21, where you can take part in this “whodunnit”. 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.



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>

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.

Secure Mailing to FPC

Please be sure to use the new FPC mailing address when sending mail to the church. Unfortunately, we found out the hard way that our outside mailbox is not secure enough to keep out those with ill intent. Therefore, we need to be diligent in securing our correspondence by using the P.O. box address below. Thank you for your help with this.

2257 N Loop 336 W
Suite 140, # 349, Conroe, TX 77304

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.



Calendar of Weekly Events

<p><i>Sunday</i> <i>April 14</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 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>5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p>
<p><i>Monday</i> <i>April 15</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>April 17</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>

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Save the Date

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| April 21 | FPC Memorial Library Dedication
and Open House |
| April 25 | PDS Art Show |
| April 28 | Youth Auction |
| May 2 | National Day of Prayer |
| May 12 | Mother's Day Brunch/Senior Sunday |
| May 15 | PDS Graduation and Reception |



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 7th

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 18

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 141

Online Worship Attendance - 26

Total Attendance – 185

Today's Worship Leader

Bobby Ezell

Today's Flowers

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Chris Kattner,
in memory of his mother, Julia Rosenauer.

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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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)

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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Jackye Cannon and Jane Corbit, Bookkeeping
Shirley Dukes, Parish Nurse



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