

First Presbyterian Church

March 29, 2026



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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

Mark Sowden

Today's Flowers

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God.

Last Week's Attendance, March 22

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 10

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 131

Online Worship Attendance - 14

Total Attendance – 155

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

Preparing to Receive God's Word

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Look! The King is coming—righteous and victorious, humble and riding on a colt.

Hosanna in the highest!

The crowds gathered, spreading cloaks and branches along the road.

Hosanna in the highest!

With voices lifted high, they welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

*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)

*Please stand if able.

*Call to Confession

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Though the crowds cheered, though palms were waved, Jesus knew the road ahead would lead to the cross. And still, he rode on. For us, he gave himself that we might have life.

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

Psalms 118:19-29; Matthew 21:1-11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Lord Needs Them"

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 #89

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna,
The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple
The joyful anthem rang;
To Jesus, who had blessed them
Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises,
The simplest and the best.

2. From Olivet they followed
'Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving,
And chanting clear and loud;
The Lord of earth and heaven
Rode on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children
Should on His bidding wait.

3. "Hosanna in the highest!"
That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer,
The Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise Him
With heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence
Eternally rejoice.

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparing to Receive God's Word

Opening Music

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *Hosanna Rock*

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*Hymn

“Hosanna (Praise is Rising)”

1. Praise is rising,
Eyes are turning to You,
We turn to You
Hope is stirring,
Hearts are yearning for You,
We long for You

Pre-Chorus:

'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away
(Washed away)

*Please stand if able.

Chorus:
Hosanna, Hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna, Hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus

2. Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to You,
We turn to You
In Your Kingdom
Broken lives are made new,
You make us new

Ending:
Hosanna, Hosanna

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, your thoughts are not our thoughts, neither are your ways our ways. We want a knight on a white horse to save us; Jesus came riding in on a young colt. We want to have all our problems solved; you reveal problems we did not know we had. You look at the ugliest soul and see something beautiful; we scan the finest of our neighbors anxiously hoping to find a flaw. You view our lives in the context of eternity, and so find a place for patience, yearning, even suffering, and dying; we demand instant results and look for tomorrow before savoring today.

Your thoughts are not our thoughts, neither are your ways our ways. But you gather us here, not to have our worst confirmed, but to have our best liberated. So, we pray again this day that you will forgive in us what has gone wrong, repair in us what is wasted, and reveal in us what is good. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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*Gloria Patri

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

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

*Choral Response

The Word

Children's Time

Anthem

Let Loud Hosannas Ring

Williams

Scripture Reading

Psalm 118:19-29

The Word of the Lord.

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Responding to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith

(The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Response

At the Name of Jesus

That ev'ry knee shall bow,
and ev'ry tongue shall confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord!
At the name of Jesus!
At the name of Jesus!

*Postlude

This Week's Scripture Readings

Psalm 118:19-29

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. ²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. ²¹ I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

²² The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; ²³ the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

²⁵ Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success!

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you. ²⁷ The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

²⁹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Matthew 21:1-11

¹ As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, **“Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”**

⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵ **“Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”**

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, **“Who is this?”**

¹¹ **The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”**

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by Patti Drennan and J. Paul Williams

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"At the Name of Jesus"

By Cindy Berry

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Join Us for Easter Morning Breakfast

As we prepare for Holy Week, we want to remind you of the complimentary breakfast following the Easter Sunrise Service on April 5th. Please plan to join us for this food and fellowship opportunity.

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 (April 5). We will also have flowers available for those who wish to use them.

Easter Sunday - One Great Hour of Sharing

We will collect the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Easter Sunday, April 5th. 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. If you are unable to attend on April 5th, but would like to contribute, please send your check to the church with the notation that it is for this purpose. Thank you.

Congregational Survey



We are asking that everyone take the time to fill out the attached congregational survey. Please use the QR code here, or it can also be found at the following link:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/019d201fddca70c79322d8f004fb0783>

Animal Crocheting Class April 19

The next animal crocheting class is Sunday, April 19th, after the 11:00 a.m. service, at 12:30 p.m.

Call Kaleigh, at (713) 582-4804, if you have any questions or need child care.



Photos of Veterans

The Worship Committee is requesting photos of your loved ones who have served in the armed services and have passed. Please send your photos to Randy Blanton at randyblanton@yahoo.com in jpeg format, and include the name, branch of service, rank, and years of service. Please send the photos and requested information to Randy no later than Thursday, May 7. We plan to stream the photos of the men and women who have served and passed on Sunday, May 24, 2026.



Easter Lily Dedications

- Karen Clark: In loving memory of Joe, and in memory of parents, Marvin & Verna VornKahl.
- Jane Corbit: In memory of Charlie Corbit; in memory of Nicole & Alex Corbit.
- Janis Gill: In memory of our parents.
- Sandy Davis: In memory of Bryan Davis.
- Bill & Linda Harshbarger: In loving memory of our parents and our granddaughter, Ella Grace.
- Betty Hilton: Dedicated to my parents, Carl and Charlotte Hilton.
- Patrick Hudson: In honor of my "Mary H."!
To the Glory of our awesome God!!
- Judy Hughes: In memory of Ben Hughes, and Madie Jones.
- Ann Johnson: In memory of Ole Johnson.
- Roy & Liz Kessler: To the Glory of God.
- B. C. Linton: In memory of parents Maurine & Albert Albright, and sister-in-law Sarah Albright.
- David & Vivian McDonald: In memory of our parents and family members no longer with us.
- Janet Pohla: In memory of my mother.
- Greg Scott: In memory of Irma Scott & Amy Scott Ochoa;
in honor of Cynda Hector.
- Bob & Paula Shepherd: He is risen!!
- Andrea Spengel: In memory of John Spengel and Kenneth & Linette Siever.
- Don & Marilyn Stewart: In memory of our parents.

- Virginia Tamborello: In memory of our parents, James & Gladys Slade, and sister, Linda Sue Pyka.
- Marty Taylor: In loving memory of Warren
- Steve & Connie Tibbetts: Dedicated to our parents.
- Voorhees/Curran families: A blessed Easter to all!
- Sharon & Richard West: In memory of Effie Bradford, and in memory of Jack West.

Prayer List

Members: John Gutekunst, James Dopp, Marilyn Kasmiersky and family, Ron Bailey, Marcia Park and family, Steve and Connie Tibbetts, Nedra Murphy, Jean Heasley, Fred Kate, Sylvia Dopp, Roy Kessler, Ruth Masters, Jeannene Wendt, Reed Watson, John Lancaster, Kari Elliott, Tildon Hebert, Alice Helms, Jean Ball, Mary Hudson, Paul Ivison, Virginia Olivier

Members' Relatives & Friends: Catherine C. (Rose), Reagan M. (Taylor), Melissa and Mark M. (Miller), Connor, Caroline and baby M. (Saathoffs), Gabrielle T. (Tanner), Noah G. (Simon), David W. (Hart), Bret F. (Kasmiersky), Dorene D. and Dan S. (B. Hernandez), Siana F. and family (Watson), Wes K. (Yates), Alicia I., James I., and Ron S. (Bailey), Susie K. (Davis), Kenneth H., Stephanie R. & kids (Riggs-Harpur), Blade B., Judy N. (Dukes), Michael R. (Dwyer), Tom J. & family, Bill M. (Browder), Tony N. (Spinks), 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), John R. (Hethershaw), James M., Patty M., Enrique E. (Moore), Jeffrey H. & Leah H. (Heasley), Wendy S. (Adamson), Sherry M. (Garrison), Lee H. (Helms), Caleb & Michaela W. (Henderson), Gerald H. (Roberts)

Calendar of Weekly Events

<p><i>Sunday</i> <i>March 29</i></p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Bereans Sunday School Class with Bob Shepherd (Rm. 105) Paul's uplifting letter to the church at Philippi.</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Fellowship Class (Rm. 204) Studying "The Promise of Heaven" STUDY guide (not the book), by Dr. David Jeremiah, taught by Deborah Geddes, Glenna Lang and Glenn Elms.</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 (Library) Paul's Letter to the Romans on Sunday (Contact Randy Blanton to join by Zoom).</p> <p>9:30 a.m. FPC Kids' Sunday School (Rm. 203)</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Narthex)</p> <p>10:35 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>4:00 p.m. "A Year Through the Bible" Study (Rm. 105)</p> <p>5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p>
<p><i>Monday</i> <i>March 30</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>April 1</i></p>	<p>9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Mission Sewing (Rm. 105)</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Small Group Study (Parlor)</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>April 2</i></p>	<p>7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service (Sanctuary)</p>

<p><i>Sunday</i> <i>April 5</i></p>	<p>7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service (Sanctuary)</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Breakfast is Served (FLC)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Bereans Sunday School Class with Bob Shepherd (Rm. 105) Paul's uplifting letter to the church at Philippi.</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Fellowship Class (Rm. 204) Studying "The Promise of Heaven" STUDY guide (not the book), by Dr. David Jeremiah, taught by Deborah Geddes, Glenna Lang and Glenn Elms.</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 (Library) Paul's Letter to the Romans on Sunday (Contact Randy Blanton to join by Zoom).</p> <p>9:30 a.m. FPC Kids' Sunday School (Rm. 203)</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Narthex)</p> <p>10:35 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 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt (FPC grounds)</p> <p>12:00 p.m. Committee Meetings</p> <p>4:00 p.m. "A Year Through the Bible" Study (Rm. 105) WILL NOT MEET TODAY</p> <p>5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p>
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Save the Date

- April 2 Maudy Thursday
- April 5 Easter Sunday / Egg Hunt
- April 6 FPC Holiday (Church office closed)
- April 19 Animal Crocheting Class
- May 16 Serve Our Neighbor Day

Staff and Church Information

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