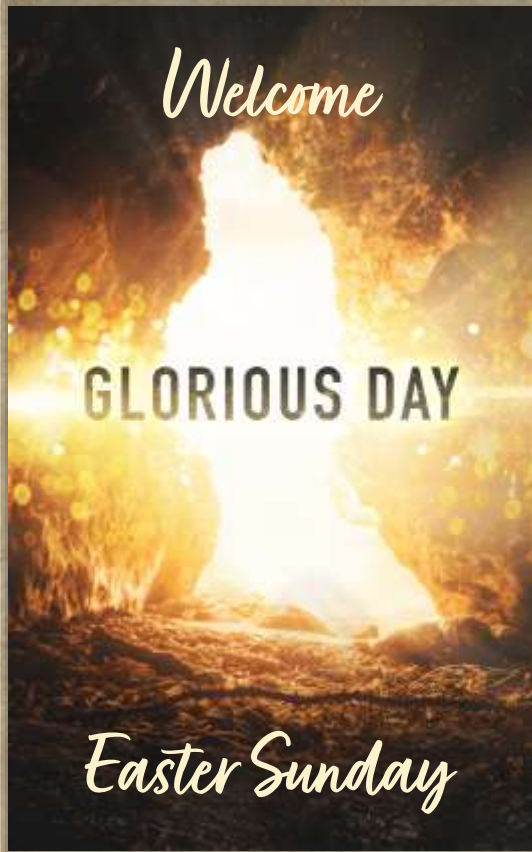


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First Presbyterian Church of Conroe Welcomes You!



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

Karen Clark

Today's Flowers

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Harold & Louise Jessup. Happy trails and best wishes!

Last Week's Attendance, March 29

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 15

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 149

Online Worship Attendance - 24

Total Attendance – 188

7:00 A.M. WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

Call to Worship

Hear the good news; the stone has been rolled away and the tomb is empty.

Alleluia! He is risen!

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Alleluia! He is risen!

Death has been swallowed up in victory.

Alleluia! He is risen!

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

Alleluia! He is risen!

Hear the good news of the gospel; Jesus Christ is risen!

Alleluia! He is risen indeed!

*Hymn #113

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
2. **Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!**
Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

*Please stand if able.

*Call to Confession

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Christ, our risen Savior, has conquered sin and death. In His resurrection, we are given new life. As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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

Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 31:1-6; Matthew 28:1-10

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Rev. Seth Saathoff

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

He Lives

1. I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today.

I know that He is living, Whatever men may say.

I see His hand of mercy; I hear His voice of cheer;

And just the time I need Him He's always near.

Refrain:

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.

2. In all the world around me I see His loving care,
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair;
I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast;
The day of His appearing will come at last. (Refrain)

*Charge and Benediction

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"Crown Him, the Risen King!"

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11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparing to Receive God's Word

Opening Music

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

We Serve a Risen Christ

Folts

Call to Worship

Hear the good news; the stone has been rolled away and the tomb is empty.

Alleluia! He is risen!

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Alleluia! He is risen!

Death has been swallowed up in victory.

Alleluia! He is risen!

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

Alleluia! He is risen!

Hear the good news of the gospel; Jesus Christ is risen!

Alleluia! He is risen indeed!

*Hymn

An Easter Celebration

Choir Only:

O sons and daughters of the King,

Whom heavenly hosts in glory sing,

Today the grave has lost its sting!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done;

Now is the victor's triumph won!

Now be the song of praise begun.

Alleluia!

*Please stand if able.

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded graveclothes where Thy body lay.

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won!

Please join us in singing "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

All:

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
3. But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Choir:

Alleluia!

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Risen Lord, on this day of resurrection, we come before You with humble hearts. We confess that we have not always lived in the light of Your victory over death. We have allowed fear, doubt, and sin to cloud our hearts, forgetting the power of Your resurrection to transform us. We have failed to love one another as You have loved us, and we have sought the things of this world rather than the things of Your kingdom.

Forgive us, O Lord. Renew in us a spirit of hope and joy, that we might live as those who have been raised with You to new life. In Your mercy, transform our hearts, that we might walk in the light of the resurrection, now and forevermore. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Christ, our risen Savior, has conquered sin and death. In His resurrection, we are given new life. As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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

*Gloria Patri

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem *Crown Him, the Risen King!*

Larson

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Choral Response

The Word

Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 31:1-6; Matthew 28:1-10

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Afraid Yet Filled With Joy"

Rev. Seth Saathoff

Responding to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith

(The Nicene Creed)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Anthem *Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed!* Getty

FPC Handbell Choir

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn #108

Christ Is Alive!

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
2. Christ is alive! No longer bound
To distant years in Palestine,
But saving, healing, here and now,
And touching every place and time.
3. Not throned afar, remotely high,
Untouched, unmoved by human pains,
But daily, in the midst of life,
Our Savior in the God-head reigns.
4. In every insult, rift, and war,
Where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
And lives, where even hope has died.
5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring
Good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring
With joy, with justice, love, and praise.

*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

Jeremiah 31:1-6

¹ **“At that time,” declares the Lord, “I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they will be my people.”**

² This is what the Lord says:

“The people who survive the sword will find favor in the wilderness; I will come to give rest to Israel.”

³ The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying:

“I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness. ⁴ I will build you up again, and you, Virgin Israel, will be rebuilt. Again you will take up your timbrels and go out to dance with the joyful. ⁵ Again you will plant vineyards on the hills of Samaria; the farmers will plant them and enjoy their fruit. ⁶ There will be a day when watchmen cry out on the hills of Ephraim, ‘Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.’”

Matthew 28:1-10

¹ After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵ **The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”**

⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them. **“Greetings,”** he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, **“Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”**

Notes



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.





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.



Calendar of Weekly Events

<p><i>Sunday</i> <i>April 5</i></p>	<p>7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service (Sanctuary) 8:00 a.m. Breakfast is Served (FLC) 9:30 a.m. Bereans Sunday School Class with Bob Shepherd (Rm. 105) Paul's uplifting letter to the church at Philippi. 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. 9:30 a.m. Exploring Our Faith with Susan Buckley (Rm. 206) 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). 9:30 a.m. FPC Kids' Sunday School (Rm. 203) 10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Narthex) 10:35 a.m. Praise band (Sanctuary) 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary and Facebook Live www.com/fpcConroe or YouTube.com/fpcConroe) 12:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt (FPC grounds) 4:00 p.m. "A Year Through the Bible" Study (Rm. 105) WILL NOT MEET TODAY</p>
<p><i>Monday</i> <i>April 6</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>April 8</i></p>	<p>9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Mission Sewing (Rm. 105) 4:00 p.m. Small Group Study (Parlor) 5:45 p.m. Handbells Practice (Sanctuary) 7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)</p>

<p><i>Sunday April 12</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>
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Save the Date

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| April 6 | FPC Holiday (Church office closed) |
| April 19 | Animal Crocheting Class |
| May 16 | Serve Our Neighbor Day |

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), Connie W., 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)

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