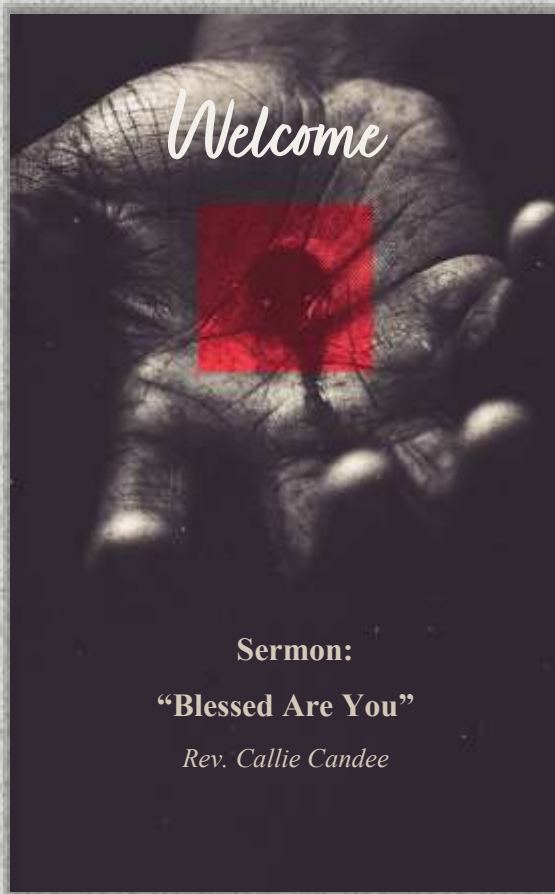


# First Presbyterian Church

April 12, 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](http://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***

*Karis Morton*

***Today's Flowers***

*Today's flowers are given to the glory of God!*

*Maundy Thursday Attendance, April 2 - 37*

***Last Week's Attendance, April 5***

*7:00 a.m. Worship Service - 45*

*11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 226*

*Online Worship Attendance - 23*

***Total Attendance – 294***

## **8:30 A.M. WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION**

### *Preparing to Receive God's Word*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

All glory, praise, and honor belong to the Lord our God.  
Here we are, O Lord. Open our eyes that we might see and believe.  
Fill us with your Spirit and we will go out and serve.  
Speak to us that we might hear and believe.  
Look with favor upon us and we will know your peace.  
Come to us this hour as we gather in this place to worship you.

\*Hymn #482

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration!
2. Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen How thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?
3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the amen Sound from His people again;  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

\*Call to Confession

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Please stand if able.

\*Assurance of Pardon

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for us.

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

John 20:19-31; 1 Peter 1:3-9

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

**"Blessed Are You"**

*Rev. Callie Candee*

*Responding to God's 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 #316

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love,  
And do what Thou wouldst do.

2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure,  
Until with Thee I will one will,  
To do and to endure.

3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Till I am wholly Thine,  
Until this earthly part of me,  
Glows with Thy fire divine.

4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
So shall I never die,  
But live with Thee the perfect life  
Of Thine eternity.

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

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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

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\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

O God, we confess that we go through our days without hearing your call to us and without spreading your love to those around us. Our ways of living fall short of your intentions for our lives and for human life. We have neglected your gifts and taken for granted our faith. For-  
**give us, O God, and open us up to a greater sense of Christ's pres-**  
ence. Help us to be faithful followers in spite of our doubt and fear.  
Create in us a clean heart that we would live faithful lives to your glo-  
ry.

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

\*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 *Resurrection Praise* Handel/Pethel

Scripture Reading John 20:19-31

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

\*Hymn #309

**Of the Father's Love Begotten**

1. Of the Father's Love begotten,  
Ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega,  
He the source, the ending He,  
Of the things that are, that have been,  
And that future years shall see,  
Evermore and evermore!
2. O ye heights of heaven adore Him;  
Angel hosts, His praises sing;  
Powers, dominions, bow before Him,  
And extol our God and King;  
Let no tongue on earth be silent,  
Every voice in concert ring,  
Evermore and evermore!
3. Christ, to Thee with God the Father,  
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,  
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving  
And unwearied praises be:  
Honor, glory, and dominion,  
And eternal victory,  
Evermore and evermore! Amen.

Scripture Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9

Sermon **"Blessed Are You"**  
*Rev. Callie Candee*

## *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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And do what Thou wouldst do.
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Until my heart is pure,  
Until with Thee I will one will,  
To do and to endure.
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Till I am wholly Thine,  
Until this earthly part of me,  
Glows with Thy fire divine.
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
So shall I never die,  
But live with Thee the perfect life  
Of Thine eternity.

\*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***

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### John 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, **"Peace be with you!"** <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, **"Peace be with you!** As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."<sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, **"Receive the Holy Spirit.** <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> **So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"**

**But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."**

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, **"Peace be with you!"** <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, **"Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."**

<sup>28</sup> **Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"**

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, **"Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."**

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

### 1 Peter 1:3-9

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> **who through faith are shielded by God's power** until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup> These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

# *Notes*



*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/019d201fdca70c79322d8f004fb0783>*

*Serve Our Neighbor Day*


Dear congregation, for Serve Our Neighbor day, on May 16<sup>th</sup>, we would like to serve members of our congregation that are in need. If you know of someone who could use help at their home, please let us know. We are looking for three projects for that Saturday. This could include cleaning, mowing, flower bed cleaning, sorting, organizing, or anything else that will not take more than two hours. Thank you for allowing us to help the people of the congregation. Please call Debra Slade-Redden (936) 520-8929 or email [dsladeredden@hotmail.com](mailto:dsladeredden@hotmail.com) with your ideas.

*Animal Crocheting Class April 19*

The next animal crocheting class is Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.





KEEP THE PROMISE DRIVE

# Planting Seeds of Hope

APRIL 1ST

DRIVE ENDS MAY 1ST

## Items Needed:

- CLEANING SUPPLIES
- HAND/DISH SOAP
- PAPER & PLASTIC GOODS
- LAUNDRY PODS/ DRYER SHEETS
- ZIPLOC BAGS
- SHAMPOO/ CONDITIONER
- BODY WASH/ DEODORANT
- TOOTHBRUSH/ TOOTHPASTE
- FEMINE HYGIENE PRODUCTS
- WET WIPES/ BABY WIPES
- DISPOSABLE RAZORS
- INDIVIDUAL FOOD CUPS
- PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY SANDWICHES
- JUICE POUCHES
- CHIPS
- POP TARTS/ CRACKERS/ FRUIT BARS
- FOOD STORAGE CONTAINERS
- CANNED SOUP
- BEDDING SETS/ TWIN OR FULL
- PILLOWS & BLANKETS
- TOWELS & WASH CLOTHS
- CHILDRENS UNDERWEAR & SOCKS

FamilyPromise  
of Montgomery County

## 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)

## Calendar of Weekly Events

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sunday</i> <i>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 <b>(Rm. 105) Paul's uplifting letter to the church at Philippi.</b></p> <p>9:30 a.m. Fellowship Class <b>(Rm. 204) Studying "1 &amp; 2 Peter",</b> by Max Lucado, 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><b>9:30 a.m. Seekers' Bible Study with Randy Blanton</b> (Library) <b>Paul's Letter to the Romans on Sunday (Contact Randy Blanton to join by Zoom).</b></p> <p><b>9:30 a.m. FPC Kids' Sunday School</b> (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 <a href="http://www.com/fpcConroe">www.com/fpcConroe</a> or YouTube.com/fpcConroe)</p> <p><b>4:00 p.m. "A Year Through the Bible" Study</b> (Rm. 105)</p> <p>5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Monday</i> <i>April 13</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Tuesday</i> <i>April 14</i></p>	<p>10:00 a.m. Ruth Circle (Parlor)</p> <p>5:15 p.m. Lydia Circle (Youth area)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Wednesday</i> <i>April 15</i></p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Martha Circle (Parlor)</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>

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**Save the Date**

- April 16                      PDS First Annual Talent Showcase
- April 19                      Animal Crocheting Class
- May 1-3                      **Men's Mo Ranch Retreat**
- May 10                      **Mother's Day Brunch**
- May 16                      Serve Our Neighbor Day

## Ministry Leaders

Administration	Cheryl Nichols (2027, Chair) Matthew Laletas (2028)
Building & Grounds	Bill Harshbarger (2026, Chair)
Care-Prayer	Randy Blanton (2026, Chair)
Discipleship	Elizabeth Laletas (2028, Chair) Sabrina Sowden (2027) Sean Morton (2027, Youth elder) Savannah Hector (2028, Youth elder)
Fellowship	Debbie Morse (2027, Chair)
Membership	David Nichols (2027, Chair)
Missions	Debra Slade-Redden (2028, Chair)
PDS	Pat Hudson (2027, Chair)
Worship	Mike Wisda (2026, Chair) Cynda Hector (2028)
Trustees	David Nichols (2026) Fred Kate (2027) Anne Spinks (2028)



*Thank You  
for  
Joining Us*

## Staff and Church Information

### Staff

Rev. Seth Saathoff, Senior Pastor  
Dena Sowden, Director of Christian Education  
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Yvonne Rose, Office Manager  
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