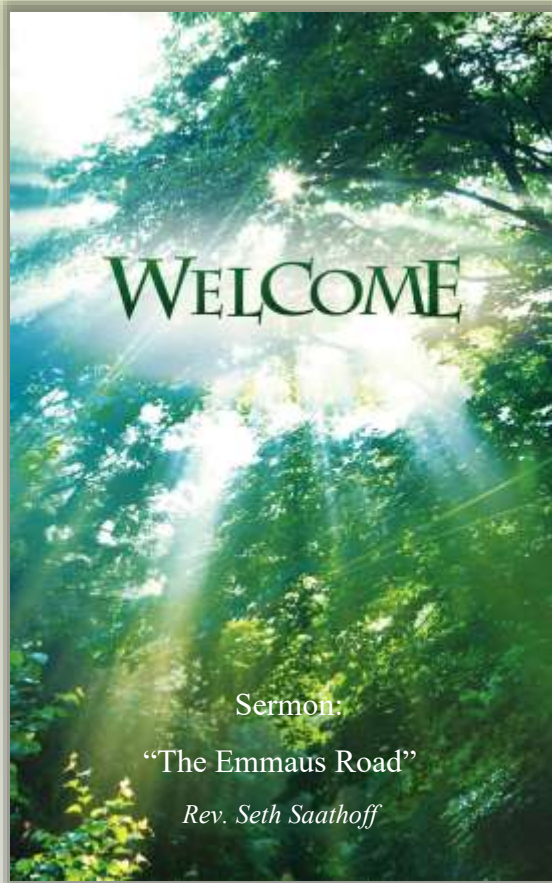


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First Presbyterian Church of Conroe Welcomes You!



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

Elizabeth Laletas

Today's Flowers

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Marty Taylor, in loving memory of Warren Taylor, and by Judy Weinburger, in memory of Gary Weinburger.

Last Week's Attendance, April 12

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 13

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 130

Online Worship Attendance - 22

Total Attendance – 165

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

Preparing to Receive God's Word

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

As you walk with us, as we journey together,
Lord, your word fills our hearts!
As you speak with us, as your love is revealed,
Lord, your fire burns in our hearts!
As we proclaim what we have seen and heard,
May all people be drawn to you, the risen Lord!

*Hymn #442

The Church's One Foundation

1. The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the word;
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

4. Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.

*Please stand if able.

5. Yet she on earth has union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
May live eternally.

*Call to Confession

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to some of his disciples, but they did not recognize him. At the table, he took bread, blessed it, and broke it. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

Christ visits us today, opening our eyes to his presence and awakening our hearts to his grace.

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

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Luke 24:13-35

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Emmaus Road"

Rev. Seth Saathoff

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 #111

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

1. Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. The Lord of life is risen today!
Bring flowers of song, bedeck the way;
Let every tongue rejoice and say:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. Praise we in songs of victory
That love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

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

As you walk with us, as we journey together,
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May all people be drawn to you, the risen Lord!

*Hymn

Blessed Be Your Name

1. Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name.
2. Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name.

Pre-Chorus:

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll

Turn back to praise.

When the darkness closes in, Lord,
Still I will say

Chorus:

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Blessed be Your glorious name.

*Please stand if able.

3. Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name.

4. Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name.
(Pre-Chorus)
(Chorus)

Bridge:
You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name.
(Pre-Chorus)
(Chorus)

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Lord, you are so patient with us. You brought us through Easter when we rejoiced at the news of the resurrection. You were with us in the upper room when we remained hidden out of fear, sharing with Thomas our doubts and anxieties. Now you come to us on the road just as you come to us in our everyday lives.

But we aren't always ready for you and don't always see you or feel your presence. We let so many things crowd in on our lives and these intrusions blot out our awareness of your presence.

Forgive our blindness and our stubbornness. Help us keep our hearts and eyes open to your presence that we may rejoice and spread the good news.

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Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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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

Christ Lives Again

Purifoy

Scripture Reading

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

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Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Sermon

“The Emmaus Road”

Rev. Seth Saathoff

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

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

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

¹ I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.
² Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

³ The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me; I was overcome by distress and sorrow. ⁴ Then I called on the name of the Lord: **"Lord, save me!"**

¹² What shall I return to the Lord for all his goodness to me?

¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants. ¹⁶ Truly I am your servant, Lord; I serve you just as my mother did; you have freed me from my chains.

¹⁷ I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the Lord. ¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, ¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the Lord—in your midst, Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord.

Luke 24:13-35

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷ He asked them, **"What are you discussing together as you walk along?"**

They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, **"Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"**

¹⁹ **"What things?"** he asked.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

²⁵ He said to them, **“How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?”** ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, **“Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.”** So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They **asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”**

³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ **and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.”** ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

Notes

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Animal Crocheting Class Today

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.



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>

Serve Our Neighbor Day

Dear congregation, for Serve Our Neighbor day, on May 16th, 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 with your ideas.

Members of Armed Services Photos

The Worship Committee is requesting photos of your loved ones that have **served, or who are presently serving, in our nation's armed services.** 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. The photos of the men and women who have served, and have passed, will be streamed on May 24, 2026.

Spiritual Direction with Rev. Callie Candee

Christians have sought out silent prayer retreats for centuries; driven by a hunger for closer communion with God, we choose times of silence, of meditation of Scripture, to hear God more clearly and to follow Jesus' invitation to 'come away with me to a quiet place and rest.' In our ever too busy world, such an invitation is a blessing, as we enter stillness, reflection upon God's Word, and open ourselves to hearing more fully God's response to us. Rev. Callie Candee is offering one-on-one Spiritual Direction sessions for our congregation. She can be reached at CallieCandee@yahoo.com.



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**Ways You Can
Be Involved at
First Presbyterian Church**

- 1. Family Promise of Montgomery County**
4 weeks per year, time slots available: Mon-Fri during or hours: 5:30 - 6:30.
Along with other families, help provide a meal during our host week for up to 5 Families.
Interested? Contact Deborah Giddes 832-212-2600
- 2. Montgomery County Food Bank**
3rd Thursday of each month; approx. 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Along with a team, prepare a meal for about 60 people in the bank facility; must wear closed-toed shoes & fill out a waiver form the first time volunteering. Interested? Contact Susan Buckley.
- 3. Montgomery County Women's Center**
3rd Saturday of every other month. Approx. 8:00 - 12:00
Along with a team, prepare a meal for about 80 people in the banai's church; the Women's Center, the Women's Center picks up meals from.
Interested? Contact Shirley Dukes 936-760-8655
- 4. The Salvation Army**
1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Mondays of each month; approx. 9:45-12:30
Making sack lunches to be prepared and dropped off at The Salvation Army.
Interested? Contact:
Liz Reeves (M) 713-818-1006, Chris Kattner (F) 936-524-0380
Cindy Bailey (M) 936-597-3579, John & Suzy King
- 5. Compassion United**
Various volunteer opportunities are available; our church doesn't currently have a group involved with Compassion United.
Interested? Contact Stomlie Garrett, Volunteer Coordinator with my 936-274-3799
- 6. Angel Reach**
Various volunteer opportunities are available; our church doesn't currently have a group involved with Angel Reach
Interested? Katrina Katrina Atkinson, Engagement Coordinator: 936-202-8499

Calendar of Weekly Events

<p><i>Sunday</i> <i>April 19</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 "1 & 2 Peter", 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>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>12:30 p.m. Session Meeting</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Animal Crocheting class (Rm. 105)</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>April 20</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>April 22</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>

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Save the Date

- May 1-3 **Men's Mo Ranch Retreat**
- May 10 **Mother's Day Brunch**
- May 16 **Serve Our Neighbor Day**
- May 17 **Senior Sunday**
- May 24 **Pentecost / Resume Summer Service Schedule**
- May 25 **Memorial Day (FPC office closed)**

Prayer List

Members: Cindy and Ron Massey, John Gutekunst, James Dopp, 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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Administration	Cheryl Nichols (2027, Chair) Matthew Laletas (2028)
Building & Grounds	Bill Harshbarger (2026, Chair)
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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)

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