

First Presbyterian Church

April 26, 2026



Sermon:

“The Truth About Sheep”

Rev. Seth Saathoff

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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

Carly Hart

Today's Flowers

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

Last Week's Attendance, April 19

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 14

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 140

Online Worship Attendance - 24

Total Attendance – 165

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

Preparing to Receive God's Word

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

The Lord is our helper, our guide, and our protector.
The Lord is our God, our companion, and our friend.
The Lord is almighty with wisdom and power.
The Lord is present with comfort and care.
The Lord is with us this day and all our days.
The Lord is our shepherd and we are his flock.

*Hymn #387

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
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2. Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and power to free:
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Early let us turn to Thee;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
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*Please stand if able.

3. Early let us seek Thy favor;
Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With Thy love our bosoms fill:
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*Call to Confession

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Even though we have walked through the valley of sin, we need not be afraid, for God is surely with 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 10:1-10; Psalm 23

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Truth About Sheep"

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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 #106

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to His Name.

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.
(Refrain)
3. We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever.
(Refrain)
4. Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Savior.
(Refrain)

*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

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*Prayer of Confession

You are a God of new life, yet we are bound to the old way of doing things. You are a God of good news, yet we live in fear and dread. You are a God of resurrection, yet we spend our days proclaiming death and destruction. You are a God of abundance, yet we fear there **isn't enough grace to cover over our mistakes. You are a God of empowerment**, yet we doubt whether we can do your work. You are a God of forgiveness, yet we cannot bring ourselves to forgive others. You are a God who shepherds his flock, yet we scatter and run at the first sign of trouble.

Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us. Lead us from doubt and despair to lush fields and springs of faith. We know that you can, and we pray that you will. Amen.

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Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

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

*Choral Response

The Word

Children's Time

Anthem

The Risen Christ

Fettke

Scripture Reading

John 10:1-10

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Hymn

His Name Is Wonderful

His name is wonderful,
his name is wonderful,
his name is wonderful,
Jesus, my Lord,

He is the mighty King,
Master of everything;
his name is wonderful,
Jesus, my Lord.

He's the great Shepherd,
the Rock of all ages,
almighty God is he;
bow down before him,
love and adore him,
his name is wonderful,
Jesus my Lord.

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

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This Week's Scripture Readings

John 10:1-10

¹ **“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the** sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not **recognize a stranger's voice.**” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷ Therefore Jesus said again, **“Very truly I tell you, I am** the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Psalm 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³ He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Notes



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.

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>

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.

Prayer List Updates

We ask for continued support in keeping our prayer list updated. If any of our prayer requests have had a change in status, or need to be removed, please make the church office staff aware. Thank you.

PDS Teacher Appreciation

Teacher appreciation is May 4-7. We will have boxes set out for each staff member of PDS with available notecards for you to write a note of appreciation or encouragement. Thank you for supporting PDS!



6 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 hourst: 5:30 - 6:30.
Along with other families, help provide a meal during our host week for up to 5 families.
Interested? Contact Deborah Gwides 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 60 people in the barn'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 Stormie 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.

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
- FEMININE 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 OF FULL
- PILLOWS & BLANKETS
- TOWELS & WASH CLOTHS
- CHILDRENS UNDERWEAR & SOCKS

 Family Promise
of Montgomery County

Calendar of Weekly Events

<p><i>Sunday</i> <i>April 26</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>4:00 p.m. "A Year Through the Bible" Study (Rm. 105)</p> <p>5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym) NOT MEETING TODAY</p>
<p><i>Monday</i> <i>April 27</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>April 29</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>Sunday May 3</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. 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>
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Save the Date

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| 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: Lindsey Rose M., 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), Danielle S. & kids, 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)

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)

Staff and Church Information

Staff

Rev. Seth Saathoff, Senior Pastor
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