

First Presbyterian Church

March 27, 2022



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8:30 A.M. COMMUNION AND PRAYER

Preparation

Prelude

Pavane

Martin

Adoration

Call to Worship

*Hymn #306

Fairest Lord Jesus

1. Fairest Lord Jesus,
ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
2. Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer
who makes the woeful heart to sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.

Confession

*Call to Confession

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the Good News.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri

Welcome and Announcements

Proclamation

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 13-15

Remarks

Rev. Dr. David H. Green

The Place of Worship

**“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.
You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your
soul and with all your might.”** (Deuteronomy 6:4-5)

Dedication

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn #263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
4. Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Peterson

*Please stand if able.

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Visitors, Welcome to FPC

First Presbyterian Church of Conroe welcomes you. 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 and fill out the Visitor form online, or on page 17 of this bulletin. We appreciate you joining us for services today, whether online or in person.

WELCOME

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparation

Opening Music

Adoration

Introit

We are the Laborers

Folts

Call to Worship

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Confession

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, for whom a thousand years are but a day: we confess to you how quickly the years of our lives pass by. We are like the flower that blooms in the morning and in the evening withers and dies. Forgive our sin, our fear of death, our lack of obedience. Remind us of your forgiving mercy that is constantly renewed in our lives. Teach us to number our days that we may serve you with a heart of wisdom. In **Christ's name we pray.**

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the Good News.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri

Welcome and Announcements

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *A Moment of Prayer* Paxton

*Doxology

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

*Choral Response

Anthem *I Am His Own* Dennis
FPC Handbell Choir

Proclamation

Scripture Reading

Revelation 4:1-8

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

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Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 13-15

Sermon

Rev. Dr. David H. Green

The Place of Worship

**“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.
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soul and with all your might.”** (Deuteronomy 6:4-5)

Dedication

*Affirmation of Faith: *(Adapted from Ephesians 2:8-10)*

By grace we have been saved through faith. And this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Dedication of Sanctuary Pews

*Hymn #371

Lift High the Cross

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (Refrain)
3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Your death has brought us life eternally. (Refrain)
4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory. (Refrain)

*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Response

It is no secret what God can do.
What He's done for others, He'll do for you.
With arms wide open, He'll pardon you.
It is no secret what God can do.

*Postlude

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Peterson

*Please stand if able.

This Week's Scripture Readings

Scripture Reading #1 (11:00 only):

Revelation 4:1-8

¹ After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, **“Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.”** ² At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. ³ And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. ⁴ Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. ⁵ From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, ⁶ and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal.

And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: ⁷ the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. ⁸ And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, **“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”**

Scripture Reading #2 (8:30 & 11:00):

Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 13-15

⁴ **“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.** ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

¹³ It is the LORD your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear. ¹⁴ You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you – ¹⁵ for the LORD your God in your midst is a jealous God – lest the anger of the LORD your God be kindled against you, and he destroy you from off the face of the earth.

Notes



Easter Lilies

We will have lilies for the Easter Sunday service this year, along with dedications in honor or memory of our loved ones. Forms for dedications are located on page 11 of this bulletin and they can also be found on the Welcome Desk. If you would like to purchase one or more lilies, please fill out the form, attach your \$15 (per lily) and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office. Deadline for lily orders is Sunday, April 10th.

Flag Dedications

We would love to see our flag dedications regain momentum in the new year. If you have someone you would like to see honored for their service to our country, or as a first responder, this is exactly the venue for just such an occasion.

If you would like to fly the flag in honor of someone, the cost is \$35. If you would like to have a custom-made commemorative box made to hold the flag after it has been flown, that is also available for \$35. Your dedication will be in place for 30 days or until our next honoree is recognized.

Worship Committee Openings

The Worship Committee has openings for new members. We also welcome any voluntary help with our projects and responsibilities. Any amount of time you could offer would be appreciated, and instruction will be provided. Some of our activities are:

Ushering

Preparing Communion

Candle and Banner upkeep

Please contact Janet or Chuck Pohla, or the church office, to volunteer.



Easter Lilies

History, mythology, and art are filled with stories and images that speak of the beauty and majesty of these elegant white flowers. One of the most famous Biblical references is in the Sermon on the Mount, when Christ said, "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they toil not, neither do they spin and yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

Often called the "White-Robed Apostles of Hope," lilies are said to have been found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane after Christ's agony. At Easter time, churches bank their communion tables and surround their crosses with masses of Easter Lilies, to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and hope of life everlasting.

To help bring the beauty of the lily to our church this Easter, church members may purchase a lily in memory or in honor of a loved one, a special occasion or relevant event. Simply complete the information below and enclose a check or cash in the amount of \$15 for each lily. Place your form and payment in the collection plate or return to the church office. **All orders should be in by Sunday, April 10th.**

Please print clearly.

Name _____

Number of lilies _____ Amount enclosed _____ Phone # _____

Designation _____

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Members' Relatives & Friends: Barbara B. (Das), James M., Patty M., Enrique E. (Moore), Alfred H. (Harshbarger), Amy S., Jack W. (Cannon), William W. (Weinburger), Freddy G. (Taylor), Lynda H. and Amy D. (Ebanks), Sherry B. (Harrison), Jeffrey H. & Leah H. (Heasley), Deborah R. (Rose), Katie B. (Pohla), Wendy S. (Adamson), Harry S., Jr. (Havens), Tim J. (Staff), Krissy P. & family (Kasmiersky), Judy N. (Dukes), Sherry M. (Garrison), Mike S., **Diane B., Pat S.'s family, Lindsey W., Ruby G., Beverly F. (S. Walker), Lee H.** (Helms), Caleb & Michaela W. (Henderson), Lena & her children (Webb), Gerald H. (Roberts), Tamara B. (Harrison), Leslie M. family and Martha K. (Juhl), Tucker H. (Hudson), Nikkia (Wilmberly), Virginia R. (Smith), Dana K. (Shorts)

Good Things to Know

Attendance

Sunday, March 20th

8:30 a.m. Prayer and Communion - 26

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 116

Online Worship Attendance - 28

Total Attendance - 170

Today's Worship Leader

Bobby Ezell

Today's Flower

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by:

- Sally DeStefano, in memory of her parents, Win and Dottie Bowers
 - Jackye Cannon, in memory of George Cannon

Calendar of Weekly Events

<p>Sunday March 27</p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Communion and Prayer (Sanctuary)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Fellowship (Bistro)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Bereans Sunday School Class with Bob Shepherd (Rm. 105): Paul's letter to the Colossians.</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Fellowship class with Cara Wood (Rm. 205 or Zoom Meeting ID: 267 960 141, Password: 337014) <i>Warriors of the Word</i>, by Aaron and Emily House.</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Young & U Sunday School Class (young adults and university age students) (Library and Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86497519299? Meeting ID: 864 9751 9299 Passcode: 77304)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Exploring Our Faith (Rm. 206) <i>Studying Stuff That Needs to be Said</i>, by John Pavlovitz.</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Wanderers (Parlor) <i>The Answer to Bad Religion Is Not No Religion</i>, by Martin Thielen.</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Narthex)</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Facebook Live www.facebook.com/fpcConroe or YouTube.com/fpcConroe)</p>
<p>Monday March 28</p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Afternoon Bible Study (Youth Commons Area)</p>
<p>Tuesday March 29</p>	<p>7:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Zoom Meeting ID: 844 897 863, Password: 77304)</p>
<p>Wednesday March 30</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Mission Sewing (Rm. 105)</p> <p>10:30 a.m. FPC Staff Meeting (Zoom ID available by invitation)</p> <p>5:45 p.m. Handbells Practice (Sanctuary)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Small Group Study (Rm. 206)</p> <p>7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Sanctuary)</p>

<p>Sunday April 3</p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Communion and Prayer (Sanctuary)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Fellowship (Bistro)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Bereans Sunday School Class with Bob Shepherd (Rm. 105): Paul's letter to the Colossians.</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Fellowship class with Cara Wood (Rm. 205 or Zoom Meeting ID: 267 960 141, Password: 337014) <i>Warriors of the Word</i>, by Aaron and Emily House.</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Young & U Sunday School Class (young adults and university age students) (Library and Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86497519299?pwd=cktiTmZ5SEM1SWZpNWRLUWhwS1lxQT09 Meeting ID: 864 9751 9299 Passcode: 77304))</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Exploring Our Faith (<i>Rm. 206</i>) <i>Studying Stuff That Needs to be Said</i>, by John Pavlovitz.</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Wanderers (<i>Parlor</i>) <i>The Answer to Bad Religion Is Not No Religion</i>, by Martin Thielen.</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Narthex)</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Facebook Live www.facebook.com/fpcConroe or YouTube.com/fpcConroe)</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Committee Meetings</p>
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Save the Date

April 7	Wednesday Night Bible Study Begins
April 10	Palm Sunday
April 11-14	PDS Book Fair
April 14	Maundy Thursday Service
April 15	Good Friday
April 17	Easter Sunday
May 5	National Day of Prayer
May 8	Mother's Day
May 22-29	Family Promise
May 30	Memorial Day

Ministry Leaders

Administration	Jay Swoboda (2022, Chair)
Building & Grounds	Stephan Tibbetts (2022, Chair) David Perciful (2022)
Care-Prayer	Bob Shepherd (2023, Chair)
Discipleship	Mark Sowden (2024, Chair) Jeselyn Graham (2024) Alex Williams (2024)
Fellowship	Audrey Christie (2024, Chair)
Membership	Donna Stewart (2022, Chair) Anna McNamara (2022) Abby Stewart (2022) Dena Sowden (2023)
Missions	Bobby Ezell (2024, Chair)
PDS	Sharon Walker (2022, Chair)
Worship	Chuck and Janet Pohla (2023, Chairs)

Visitor Form

Thank you for coming! We would love to get to know you.

Please complete this form and drop it in the offertory box at the back of the church. Or, if you would prefer to complete this form online, please visit our website at www.FPCConroe.org.

Member Information

Full Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

Birth date (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Spouse's Information

Spouse's First Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email: _____

Birth date (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Children's Information

Children's Names (Please indicate last name if different):

Full Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Full Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Full Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Full Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Getting Involved in the Life of the Church

(Please check all that apply)

- I would like more information about membership
- I would like information about baptism
- I would like to be contacted by a Stephen Minister
- Contact me about getting involved in the church

Please contact me regarding:

_____ Adult Sunday School

_____ Bible Studies

_____ Children & Nursery

_____ Men's groups

_____ Women's groups

_____ Greeters

_____ Handbells/Choir

_____ Youth choir

Other:

How did you first hear about us? (Please circle one)

Facebook

Drive by

Website

Friend/Family

Other

A scenic landscape featuring a large, rounded rock formation in the foreground. In the distance, a cross is visible on a peak. The sky is a mix of blue and green, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The entire image is overlaid with a faint, light-colored geometric pattern of intersecting lines forming triangles.

*Thank You
for
Joining Us*

Staff and Church Information

Staff

Rev. Dr. David H. Green, Senior Pastor
Dena Sowden, Director of Christian Education
Sharon VanSchuyver, Director of Finance and Communications
Stephanie Cooke, Interim Music Director
Shirley Dukes, Parish Nurse
Yvonne Rose, Office Manager



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