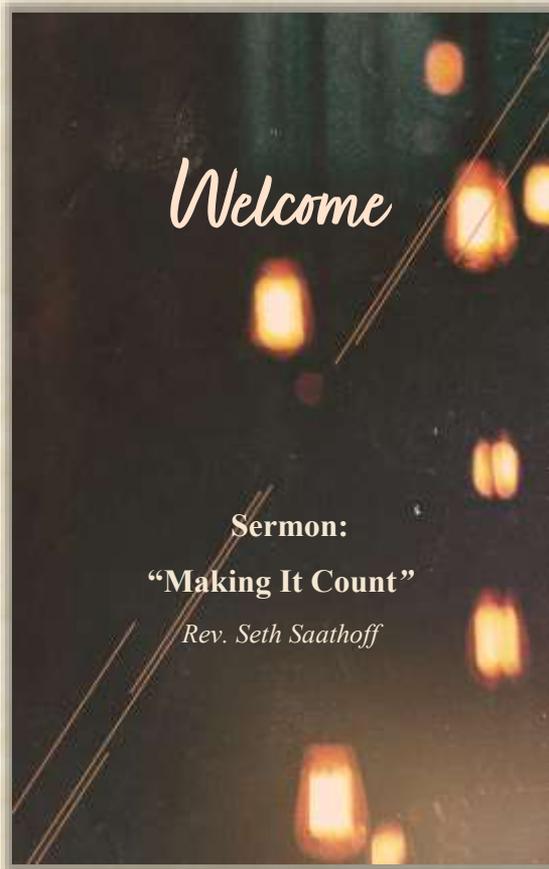


First Presbyterian Church

February 8, 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. 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 by Greg Scott, in honor of Jason Scott and new freedom.

Last Week's Attendance, February 1

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 15

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 127

Online Worship Attendance - 25

Total Attendance – 167

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

Preparing to Receive God's Word

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Lift up your voices, you people of God.

We come to worship the God of our salvation.

Rejoice, you people of God. The Lord draws near.

The Lord is the stronghold of my life. In Him I will rejoice.

Lift your eyes to the hills, you people of God. From where does your help come?

Our help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

*Hymn #487

When Morning Gilds the Skies

1. When morning gilds the skies,
My heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer
To Jesus I repair:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

3. Let earth's wide circle round
In joyful notes resound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky
From depth to height reply:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

4. Be this, while life is mine,
My canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song
Through all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

*Please stand if able.

*Call to Confession

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

The light of Christ is not extinguished by our failure. God does not discard the salt when it loses its strength, but restores and renews us by 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

Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 5:13-16

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Making It Count"

Rev. Seth Saathoff

Responding to the 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 #462

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near,
Daystar, in my heart appear.

2. Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day's return,
Till Thy mercy's beams I see,
Till Thou inward light impart,
Cheer my eyes, and warm my heart.

3. Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiancy divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more Thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparing to Receive God's Word

Opening Music

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining*

Call to Worship

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Gracious God, you call us the salt of the earth and the light of the world, yet we confess that we often lose our flavor and hide our light.

We choose comfort over courage, silence over truth, and safety over faithfulness. We dim the light you have placed within us because shining feels risky and loving feels costly.

Forgive us when our lives fail to reflect your grace. Restore in us the salt that brings healing and hope. Relight our lamps with your Spirit, that our words and actions may point beyond ourselves to your mercy and your justice.

By your grace, make us again who you have already called us to be, salt and light, for the sake of the world you love. Amen.

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*Gloria Patri

Minute for Mission

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

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

*Choral Response

The Word

Children's Time

Anthem

This Little Light of Mine

Johnson

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 58:1-9a

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Hymn #566

Glory to God in the Highest

Choir:

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

Congregation:

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth

All:

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship You,
we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand
of the Father: receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

Scripture Readings

Matthew 5:13-16

Sermon

"Making It Count"
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

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
ev'ry day, ev'ry day, ev'ry day, ev'ry day,
I'm gonna let my little light shine.

*Postlude

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This Week's Scripture Readings

Isaiah 58:1-9a

¹ **“Shout it aloud,** do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet. Declare to my people their rebellion and to the descendants of Jacob their sins. ² For day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God. They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them. ³ **‘Why have we fast-**ed,’ they say, **‘and you have not seen it? Why have we hum-**bled ourselves, and you have not noticed?’

“Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers. ⁴ Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high. ⁵ Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for people to humble themselves? Is it only for bowing **one’s head like a reed and for lying in sackcloth and ashes? Is that what** you call a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

⁶ **“Is not this the kind of fasting** I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? ⁸ Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. ⁹ Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.

Matthew 5:13-16

¹³ **“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness,** how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴ **“You are the light of the world.** A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Notes



Youth Thank You

On behalf of the Youth of this wonderful church and with the deepest appreciation, we say THANK YOU! Because of your amazing generosity we were able to raise over \$10,800.00 at the Chili Cook-Off! These funds help us tremendously, not only to keep the cost of the mission trip reasonable, but also to allow us to fund so many other things like providing meals free of charge every Sunday evening at the Spark, fund fun outings for the youth and so much more. Thank you so much for your love and support!

Mark & Dena Sowden



***Reservations Required for this meal.
Please contact the church office if you plan to attend.
(936) 756-8884***



Children's Church Volunteers Needed

We need Children's Church volunteers for January through May. Please use the Google docs link to find a Sunday that works for you. We would appreciate your help.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xoFy67DqrB1Z58XiSOknjtL41HEL-LZXYpA7iaqIUc/edit?usp=sharing>

Crocheting Stuffed Animals



Interested in learning how to crochet, or do you love to crochet and want to gather with friends to help create stuffed animals that will be donated to help various children's organizations? If so, Kaleigh will have a kickoff class on Sunday, February 22, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 105. She will also have a crochet room during the Sew-A-Thon.

If you are interested in participating, contact Kaleigh Riggs-Harpur or Dena Sowden for details.

Quilt Raffle

The Mission Sewing Group will be holding a Quilt Raffle in conjunction with the upcoming Sew-a-Thon.

Tickets will be for sale at the Sew-a-Thon Registration Table, in the Narthex, before and after the 11:00 Service for the next four Sundays, and during the Sew-a-Thon on February 28. Tickets are \$ 5.00 donation for one ticket and \$20.00 donation for 5 tickets. The drawing will be at 2:00 p.m. on February 28.

The winner of the 2026 Quilt Raffle will choose either one quilt on display or one quilt from our "stash." Winner's choice!
Proceeds will go to the FPC Forever Fund.

*Registration for the Fifteenth Annual Sew-a-thon Begins
Today Through February 22nd*

Registration begins today for the 15th Annual Sew-a-thon, which will be held on February 28th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., in the Family Life Center. Stop by the registration table, located in the Narthex, and sign up to participate. At this all day event, **participants will make children's quilts for Bags of Love and Project Linus.** The quilts, along with age/gender appropriate books, games, toys, and toiletry items, go in the Bags of Love which are given to children in Montgomery County who are removed **from their homes by Children's Protective Services.** The quilts donated to Project Linus, Montgomery County Chapter, are **given to children hospitalized in local hospitals.** **If you don't sew,** there are other ways you can participate, such as ironing and tying quilts. If you are unavailable on the 28th, you can still help by contributing some of the items that go in the Bags of Love. You will find a list of needed items below. You may also make a monetary contribution to the project by writing a check to FPC, with a notation Bags of Love. Items (new or gently used) are also needed for the Silent Auction. Proceeds from the Silent Auction fund the work of the Mission Sewing Group. If you have questions or want more information, call Liz Kessler (713) 818-1006 or Linda Harshbarger (281) 610-6162.

Items Needed for the Bags of Love

Stuffed animals	Coloring books	Crayons
Books – all ages	Toddler toys	Baby rattles
Boy toys – all ages	Baby teething rings	Baby 3-in-1
Kids toothbrush	Kids toothpaste	Notebooks
Calculators	Kids 3-in-1 (body wash, shampoo, conditioner)	

*Items should be small enough to fit in Bags of Love

Looking for Mo Men!



Interested in a weekend filled with food, fun and fellowship - in the beautiful Texas Hill Country? The annual Men's Conference at Mo-Ranch takes place Friday, May 1, through Sunday, May 3. It is a chance to experience incredible sermons, engaging workshops on a variety of "manly" topics (learn how to cook a brisket or how to play pickleball), as well as various Bible-oriented classes), and enjoy the gorgeous scenery from throughout the facility. You can even test your bravery on the famous Mo-Ranch slide into the refreshing Guadalupe River. Last year, four men from our church "tested" the waters; this year, we're looking for more! We'll leave from the church on Friday morning and return by mid-afternoon on Sunday.

For more information, contact Steve Scheffler (scscheffler@sbcglobal.net or 281.851.1690). We will partner with The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church to reserve our spots by early March, so give it some thought and save the date! You can also visit <https://www.moranch.org/attend-a-conference/adult-conferences/mens-conference-2/> for more details.



Looking Ahead: Youth Auction and Mystery Dinner

Mark your calendars! The Annual Youth Auction & Mystery Dinner has moved to AUGUST for planning and practical purposes. The exact date is TBD, but we'll announce it when we have a firm date set. Stay tuned for more information.

Prayer List

Members: Ron Bailey, Marcia Park and family, Steve and Connie Tibbetts, Nedra Murphy, Jean Heasley, Fred Kate, Sylvia Dopp, Gordon Juhl, Roy Kessler, Ruth Masters, Jeannene Wendt, Reed Watson, John Lancaster, Kari Elliott, Tildon Hebert, Alice Helms, Jean Ball, Mary Hudson, Paul Ivson, Virginia Olivier

Members' Relatives & Friends: 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), Kenneth H., Stephanie R. & Brooke J., Danielle S. & kids (Riggs-Harpur), Blade B., Judy N. (Dukes), Bonnie L., 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><i>Sunday</i> <i>February 8</i></p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion (Sanctuary) 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) 4:00 p.m. "A Year Through the Bible" Study (Rm. 105) 5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p>
<p><i>Monday</i> <i>February 9</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p><i>Tuesday</i> <i>February 10</i></p>	<p>10:00 a.m. Ruth Circle (Parlor) 5:15 p.m. Lydia Circle (Youth area)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>February 11</i></p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Martha Circle (Parlor) 4:00 p.m. Small Group Study (Rm. 206) 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Live Meal (Gym) 5:45 p.m. Handbells Practice (Sanctuary) 6:00 p.m. Bible Studies/Activities 7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)</p>

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Save the Date

- February 16 **President's Day (PDS/CISD holiday)**

- February 18 Ash Wednesday Service (End of WNL)

- February 21 Go Texan Parade
New Member Dinner

- February 28 15th Annual Sew-a-Thon

Staff and Church Information

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