

# First Presbyterian Church

February 15, 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***

*Carly Hart*

***Today's Flowers***

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

***Last Week's Attendance, February 8***

*8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 9*

*11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 146*

*Online Worship Attendance - 28*

***Total Attendance – 183***

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

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

The Lord is mighty and full of glory.

**Let us gather at God's holy mountain.**

In Jesus Christ we have seen God's glory.

**Let us gather in God's holy church.**

In Jesus Christ, God's glory is burning brilliantly for the whole world to see.

Let us gather and worship the Lord.

\*Hymn #446

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
God, whose word cannot be broken,  
Formed thee for a blest abode.  
On the rock of ages founded,  
What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
2. See, the streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters  
And all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river  
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord the giver,  
Never fails from age to age.

\*Please stand if able.

\*Call to Confession

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

On the mountainside, the disciples were overshadowed by a bright cloud, **and they were afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.”**

The One who shines with the glory of God is the same One who draws near to us in mercy. In Christ, our fear is met with grace, our sin with forgiveness, our shame with glory.

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

Exodus 24:12-18; Matthew 17:1-9

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

**“All Downhill from Here”**

*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 #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.
3. To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
Then wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.

\*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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\*Hymn

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Chorus:

Open the eyes of my heart Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You.

(Chorus)

Verse:

To see You high and lifted up,

Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love

As we sing holy, holy, holy

(Chorus)

(Verse)

Bridge:

Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy

I want to see You

\*Please stand if able.

(Bridge)  
(Chorus)  
(Chorus)  
(Verse)  
(Verse)  
(Chorus)  
(Bridge)  
(Chorus)

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

God of shining glory, in Jesus Christ you revealed the fullness of your glory. On the mountaintop, Jesus shined brightly for all to see and know that God is here. But we turn away, distracted by our own plans, caught up in our own whims and desires that we fail to see all that we are looking for is right in front of us. We confess that we speak when we should listen, that we act when we should wait, that we hold grudges when we should forgive.

Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our overzealous attitudes and our compassionless thinking. Forgive us for failing to see your face in the face of our neighbors. Forgive us for living our lives as if nothing has changed at all. Forgive us for being overwhelmed by the brokenness of the world that we fail to do anything at all.

Bring us back to the mountain, Lord, and show us your face once more. Show us the face of grace, mercy, and compassion. Let that face be our vision and our mission. 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

*Jesus Is All the World to Me*

*Larson*

Scripture Reading

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Scripture Readings

Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon

**“All Downhill from Here”**

*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.

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\*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***

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### Exodus 24:12-18

<sup>12</sup> The Lord **said to Moses**, “**Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction.**”

<sup>13</sup> Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> **He said to the elders**, “**Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them.**”

<sup>15</sup> When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, <sup>16</sup> and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from within the cloud. <sup>17</sup> To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. <sup>18</sup> Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

### Matthew 17:1-9

<sup>1</sup> After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup> There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. <sup>3</sup> Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

<sup>4</sup> **Peter said to Jesus**, “**Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.**”

<sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a **voice from the cloud said**, “**This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!**”

<sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them. “**Get up,**” he said. “**Don't be afraid.**” <sup>8</sup> When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “**Don't tell anyone** what you have seen, until the Son of Man has **been raised from the dead.**”

# *Notes*



### ***Photos of Veterans***

The Worship Committee is requesting photos of your loved ones who have served in the armed services and have passed. Please send your photos to Randy Blanton at [randyjblanton@yahoo.com](mailto:randyjblanton@yahoo.com) in jpeg format, and include the name, branch of service, rank, and years of service. Please send the photos and requested information to Randy no later than Thursday, May 7. We plan to stream the photos of the men and women who have served and passed on Sunday, May 24, 2026.

### ***Go Texan Parade***

FPC and PDS will be participating in the Go Texan Parade 2026, on February 21, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. It will be conveniently held in downtown Conroe and is really quite impressive. If you would like to participate or get more details, please contact Dena Sowden [dsowden@fpccconroe.org](mailto:dsowden@fpccconroe.org).



## ***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 22<sup>nd</sup>*

Registration begins today for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Sew-a-thon, which will be held on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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: Marilyn Kasmiersky and family, 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 Ivison, 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 15</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 (Rm. 204) Studying "The Promise of Heaven" <b>STUDY guide (not the book)</b>, by Dr. David Jeremiah, 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</b> (Contact Randy Blanton to join by Zoom).</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>12:30 p.m. Session Meeting</p> <p>5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p>
<p><i>Monday</i> <i>February 16</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>February 18</i></p>	<p>9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Mission Sewing (Rm. 105)</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Small Group Study (Rm. 206)</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Live Meal (Gym)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship Service (Sanctuary)</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      15<sup>th</sup> Annual Sew-a-Thon
  
- March 15          Annual Meeting of the Congregation

## Staff and Church Information

### Staff

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