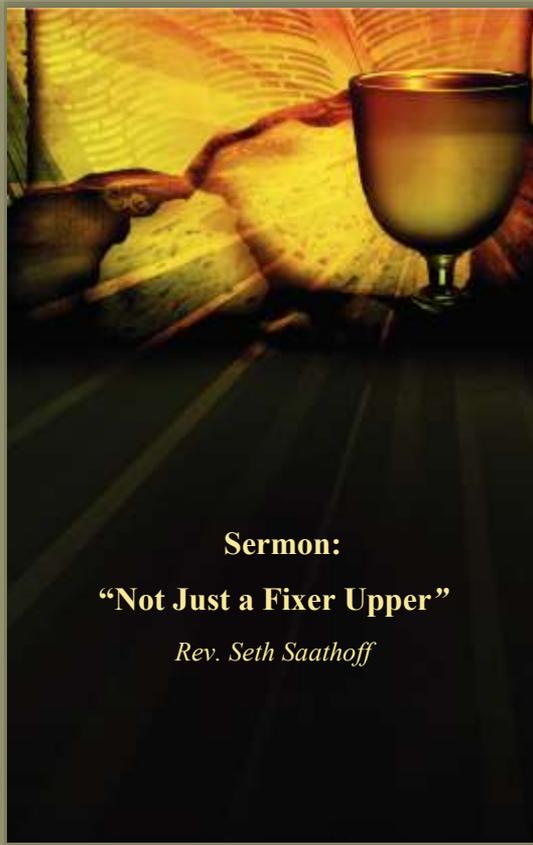


First Presbyterian Church

March 1, 2026



Sermon:

“Not Just a Fixer Upper”

Rev. Seth Saathoff

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Communion Sunday

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

Mark Sowden

Today's Flowers

*Today's flowers are given to the glory of God
and in honor of all our friends and family with March birthdays.*

Ash Wednesday Attendance, February 18

6:00 p.m. - 50

Last Week's Attendance, February 22

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 7

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 136

Online Worship Attendance - 27

Total Attendance – 170

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

Preparing to Receive God's Word

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

We lift our eyes up to the hills. Where does our help come from?
Our help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.
Who will be our guide on this Lenten journey?
The Lord will guide our feet and light our path throughout these forty days.
Who will guard our lives and be our sanctuary?
The Lord watches over us, both now and forevermore.

*Hymn #384

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

1. O love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.
2. O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.
3. O joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

*Please stand if able.

4. O cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

*Call to Confession

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. In him, we are forgiven, renewed, and set free to walk in newness of life.

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

Genesis 12:1-4a; John 3:1-17

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Not Just a Fixer Upper"

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

1. To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory: great things He hath done!

2. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.
(Refrain)

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

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11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparing to Receive God's Word

Opening Music

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *Let Every Christian Pray*

Call to Worship

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*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God of salvation, you shower our lives and our world with love, yet we so often turn away from your blessing. It is easy to complain. It is easy to believe that we do not have enough, that we will never have enough. The small annoyances of each day pile up until they feel like a mountainous burden, casting a shadow over our lives.

Free us from our unwise choices, O God. When we are distracted and confused, redirect our attention to the abundant opportunities to receive and share your love. During this Lenten journey, focus our hearts on you, that we may accept the gift of salvation offered to us each day through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. In him, we are forgiven, renewed, and set free to walk in newness of life.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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*Gloria Patri

Minute for Mission

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Come to Me

Berry

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Choral Response

The Word

Scripture Readings

Genesis 12:1-4a; John 3:1-17

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Not Just a Fixer Upper”
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Responding to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith

(The Nicene Creed)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Anthem

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn #485

To God Be the Glory

1. To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory: great things He hath done!

2. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.
(Refrain)

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Response

Psalm 23

I feast at His table, and I shall not want,
I shall not want, I shall not want.
I feast at His table, and I shall not want,
I shall not want for more.

He is the Strength to conquer sin.
I shall not want for more.
He's faithful when my trust is thin.
I shall not want.

*Postlude

This Week's Scripture Readings

Genesis 12:1-4a

¹ The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

² “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all people on earth will be blessed through you.”

⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

John 3:1-17

¹ Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

³ Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

⁴ “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

⁹ “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰ “**You are Israel’s teacher,**” said Jesus, “**and do you not understand these things?**” ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes **may have eternal life in him.**”

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Notes



An Update to the FPC, Conroe Capital Campaign

Paul encouraged the Ephesians regarding the ability of God and his work in **and through his people when he penned these inspired words, “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power at work in us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21, NIV)**

Our initial goal for the capital campaign was to raise \$800,000 over a three-year period. As of February 15, 2026, we have received \$805,000 and after we re-amortize our building loan for the second time (estimated to be finalized by April 1), we will have effectively reduced our annual debt service by \$70,000. **Through God’s grace, effectively working through his people, we have accomplished in less than one-year what we had hoped to achieve in three years.**

To compound this wonderful news, with the continued giving of your campaign pledges and one-time gifts, we estimate that we will have reduced our debt burden from \$2.4 million at the onset of our campaign to less than \$1 million at the closure of our three-year campaign, resulting in annual savings of **\$100,000!! Indeed, Paul summed it beautifully, “...to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (Ephesians 3:21, NIV)**

Finally, please continue to pray for the continued effectiveness of this effort and our church.

Blessings,

Capital Campaign Committee

Life Line Screening Event at FPC on March 20

Special screening package for \$129 for our members includes:

- ♥ Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- ♥ Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

Call to schedule an appointment near you!
800-324-9458 and use code: HABC001

LIFE LINE SCREENING
The Power of Prevention



Daylight Saving Time Begins March 8

SPRING FORWARD
daylight savings time starts
BEGINS MARCH 8





A wild and rugged frontier land, Alaska encompasses breathtaking landscapes and some of the most diverse neighborhoods in America. Alaskans are often very independent-minded people, which can make ministry challenging, but also very rewarding.

Teams work in Anchorage, the Matanuska Valley, and the Kenai Peninsula alongside local churches and ministries who are sharing the hope of Christ in a physically and spiritually dark place (Alaska is dark 20 hours/day in the winter: summers have sunshine long into the evening). On your mission trip, you'll be an encouragement to those you partner alongside, while building meaningful relationships and experiencing the unmatched beauty of Alaska.

WHY ALASKA?

- MOST UNCHURCHED STATE IN THE US
- POVERTY, ALCOHOLISM, ABUSE, AND HOMELESSNESS AMONG THE HIGHEST IN THE NATION
- LOCAL PASTORS WANT THE HELP AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF OUTREACH ORIENTED TEAMS
- INVEST IN AWESOME KIDS IN NEED OF CHRISTIAN ROLE MODELS
- EXPERIENCE THE RUGGED BEAUTY OF THE LAST FRONTIER: GLACIER-FED LAKES, LUSH FORESTS, AND SNOW-CAPPED MOUNTAINS TEEMING WITH WILDLIFE

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 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.



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.



Prayer List

Members: Marty Craig and family, James Dopp, Marilyn Kasmiersky and family, 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: 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), Kenneth H., Stephanie R. & 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)

Ministry Leaders

Administration	Cheryl Nichols (2027, Chair) Matthew Laletas (2028)
Building & Grounds	Bill Harshbarger (2026, Chair)
Care-Prayer	Randy Blanton (2026)
Discipleship	Sabrina Sowden (2027) Sean Morton (2027, Youth elder) Elizabeth Laletas (2028) Savannah Hector (2028, Youth elder)
Fellowship	Debbie Morse (2027, Chair)
Membership	David Nichols (2027)
Missions	Debra Slade-Redden (2028)
PDS	Pat Hudson (2027)
Worship	Mike Wisda (2026) Cynda Hector (2028)
Trustees	David Nichols (2026) Fred Kate (2027) Anne Spinks (2028)

Calendar of Weekly Events

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sunday</i> March 1</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 "The Promise of Heaven" STUDY guide (not the book), 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>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>12:00 p.m. Committee Meetings</p> <p>4:00 p.m. "A Year Through the Bible" Study (Rm. 105)</p> <p>5:00-7:00 p.m. Youth Outing</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Monday</i> March 2</p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Tuesday</i> March 3</p>	<p>10:00 a.m. Rebecca Circle (Parlor)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Wednesday</i> March 4</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>5:45 p.m. Handbells Practice (Sanctuary)</p> <p>7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)</p>

<p><i>Sunday March 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>
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Save the Date

- March 8 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- March 9-13 PDS Spring Break
- March 15 Annual Meeting of the Congregation
- March 29 Palm Sunday
- April 2 Maundy Thursday
- April 5 Easter Sunday

Staff and Church Information

Staff

Rev. Seth Saathoff, Senior Pastor
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