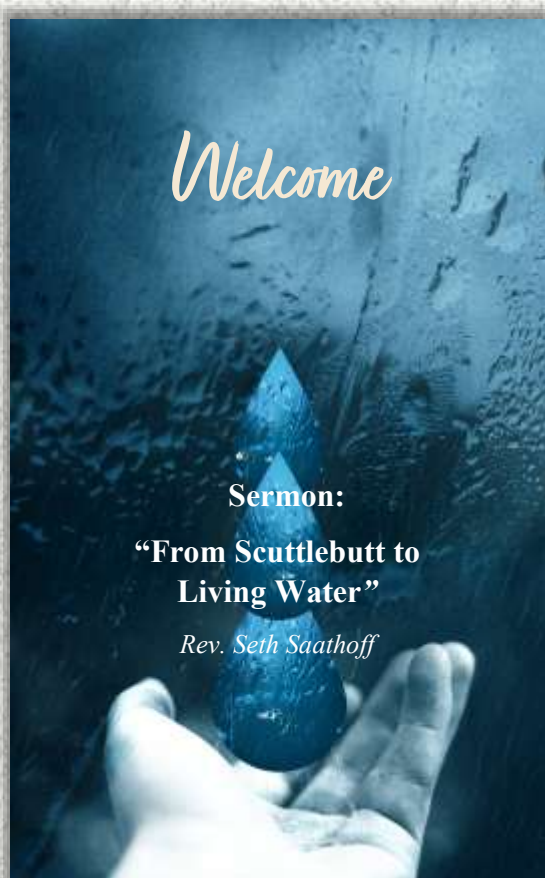


First Presbyterian Church

March 8, 2026



Sermon:

**“From Scuttlebutt to
Living Water”**

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

Matthew Laletas

Today's Flowers

*Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Greg Scott,
in memory of Irma Scott & Amy Scott Ochoa on their birthdays.*

Last Week's Attendance, March 1

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 7

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 136

Online Worship Attendance - 21

Total Attendance – 164

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

Preparing to Receive God's Word

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Come, let us sing to the Lord!

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving!

Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

Come, let us worship and celebrate God's loving presence with us.

We sing to God with our hearts and our spirits.

***Hymn**

Shall We Gather at the River

1. Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

2. On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day.
(Refrain)

*Please stand if able.

3. Er we reach the shining river,
lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown.
(Refrain)

4. Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace.
(Refrain)

***Call to Confession**

***Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

The waters of mercy and healing are poured over you. God is loving and faithful to those who come to Him.

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 17:1-7; John 4:1-26

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"From Scuttlebutt to Living Water"

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**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1. I sing the mighty power of God
that made the mountains rise;
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command,
and all the stars obey.
2. I sing the goodness of the Lord
that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His word
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye;
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky.
3. There's not a plant or flower below
but makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee
is ever in Thy care,
and everywhere that man can be,
Thou, God, art present there.

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparing to Receive God's Word

Opening Music

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

The Heart of Worship

Call to Worship

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***Hymn**

My Jesus I Love Thee

My Jesus I love Thee I know Thou art mine
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign
My gracious Redeemer my Savior art Thou
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life I will love Thee in death
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now.

*Please stand if able.

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

God our Rock, you know how deeply our hearts thirst. We long to be fountains of hope for others, but apart from your spring our well runs dry. We would like to be transformed people, but our stubborn pride prevents us from changing. We long to stand with those who are in need, but our fear and selfishness prevent us from doing so.

Forgive us, O God. Humble us, that we might be true servants to the lost and forsaken. Split open our hardened hearts, that faith, hope, and love might freely flow through us. Fill our minds with the presence of your Spirit, that we might learn how to drink deeply from the living water, Jesus Christ, and in our hearts be satisfied. Amen.

***Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

The waters of mercy and healing are poured over you. God is loving and faithful to those who come to Him.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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***Gloria Patri**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Just As I Am*

***Doxology**

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

***Choral Response**

The Word

Children's Time

Anthem

There Was Jesus

Scripture Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Hymn**

Cornerstone

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

Chorus:

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

2. When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
(Chorus)

Interlude:

He is Lord, Lord of all

When He shall come
With trumpet sound
Oh may I then
In Him be found
Dressed in his righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne (Chorus)

Scripture Reading

John 4:1-26

Sermon

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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

***Hymn**

10,000 Reasons

Chorus:

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

1. The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes (Chorus)
2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (Chorus)
3. And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore (Chorus 2x)

***Charge and Benediction**

***Choral Response**

I'll Fly Away

I'll fly away, O glory
I'll fly away
When I die, hallelujah by and by
I'll fly away

***Postlude**

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This Week's Scripture Readings

Exodus 17:1-7

¹ The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?"

³ But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?"

⁴ Then Moses cried out to the Lord, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me."

⁵ The Lord answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the Lord saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

John 4:1-26

¹ Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John— ² although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. ³ So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.

⁴ Now he had to go through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

¹¹ “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?”

¹³ Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

¹⁵ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”

¹⁶ He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”

¹⁷ “I have no husband,” she replied.

Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”

¹⁹ “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

²¹ “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

²⁵ The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

²⁶ Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”



Easter Lily Order and Dedications



As is our usual practice, we will have lilies for the Easter Sunday services, along with dedications in celebration, honor or memory of loved ones. Forms for dedications are located on page 19 of this bulletin (or you can pick one up at the Welcome Desk). Simply complete the form and place it in the offering plate, or return it to the church office with your payment of \$15 per lily. The deadline for lily orders is Sunday, March 15th.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation March 15

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place on March 15th at the 11:00 worship service. There we will learn of the church's projected budget, as well as going over highlights of the many committees at FPC. Annual Reports will be provided at that time.

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 randyblanton@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.



15th Annual Sew-a-Thon Thank You and Results

The Mission Sewing Group would like to thank all who worked to make the 2026 Sew-a-Thon a success. It takes many hands to make it happen. We would especially like to thank Shirley Dukes and her cooking team for preparing the delicious lunch. Thank you to HEB and Trader Joe's for contributing to the lunch and Silent Auction.

The 2026 Sew-a-Thon had 122 participating by sewing, tying quilts, ironing, cooking, and in various other ways. There were men who sewed, ironed, tied quilts, worked in the kitchen, lifted sewing machines out of trunks to deliver them to sewing tables, and hooked up electrical cords and power strips. Their help was greatly appreciated. The Mission Sewing Group will spend the next months completing the quilt tops that were started and will give them to Bags of Love and Project Linus to be distributed to needy children of Montgomery County. The Silent Auction raised \$1,756 with \$100 to Bags of Love. Also, \$100 was donated to the work of the Mission Sewing Group. The Quilt Raffle raised \$1,130 for the FPC Forever Fund. Two quilts were won by Karen Toland and Fred Kate.

Thank you for making the 2026 Sew-a-Thon a success. We feel blessed we can sew together to help the children of Montgomery County.

Mark your calendars for the 2027 Sew-a-Thon. It is always the last Saturday of February. Hope to see you in 2027.

Linda Harshbarger and Liz Kessler

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.



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**

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Calendar of Weekly Events

<i>Sunday</i> <i>March 8</i>	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) 5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)
<i>Monday</i> <i>March 9</i>	1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)
<i>Tuesday</i> <i>March 10</i>	10:00 a.m. Ruth Circle (Parlor) 5:15 p.m. Lydia Circle (Youth area)
<i>Wednesday</i> <i>March 11</i>	9:30 a.m. Martha Circle (Parlor) 4:00 p.m. Small Group Study (Rm. 206) 5:45 p.m. Handbells Practice (Sanctuary) 7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)

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Save the Date

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

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 Ivson, Virginia Olivier

Members' Relatives & Friends: 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), 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)



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, March 15th.***

Please print clearly.

Name _____

Number of lilies _____ Amount enclosed _____ Phone # _____

Designation _____

Staff and Church Information

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Sharon VanSchuyver, Director of Communications
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