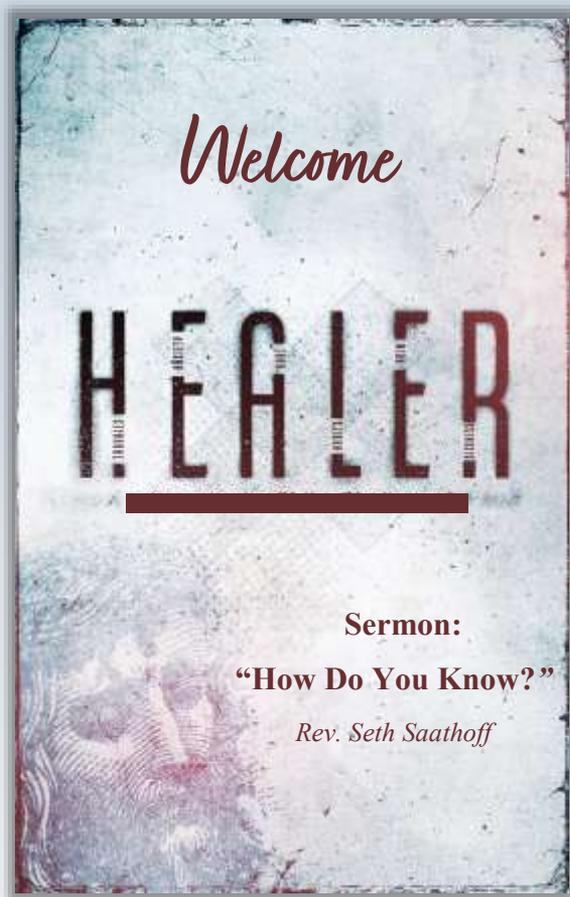


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First Presbyterian Church of Conroe Welcomes You!



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

Sean Morton

Today's Flowers

*Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by From Sara Barrera,
in memory of Manuel and Sara Rodriguez.*

Last Week's Attendance, March 8

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 14

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 122

Online Worship Attendance - 24

Total Attendance – 160

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

Preparing to Receive God's Word

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Day by day, God leads us:

To the deep pools of peace, to the lush lawns of grace.

Day by day, Jesus calls us:

To pour out ourselves in service, to anoint the stranger with hope.

Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

The community we could be, the family we are called to become.

With all that we are:

Let us make a joyful noise to God.

*Hymn

He Leadeth Me

1. He leadeth me! O blessed thought!
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
What e're I do, where'er I be,
Stil 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:

He leadeth me, He leadeth me,

By His own hand He leadeth me;

His faithful foll'wer I would be,

For by His hand He leadeth me.

3. Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me! (Refrain)

*Please stand if able.

4. And when my task on earth is done,
When by Thy grace the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God thru Jordan leadeth me. (Refrain)

*Call to Confession

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

The God who opens the eyes of the blind also opens hearts to mercy and grace. In Jesus Christ, our failures are forgiven, our sight is restored, and we are made new.

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

Psalms 23; John 9:1-34

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"How Do You Know?"
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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper
thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and
mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.

4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish
thy life and restore thee,
fitting thee well for the
tasks that are ever before thee.
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,
spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

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Opening Music

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *Let Every Christian Pray*

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*Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God, when you created us, you endowed us with various senses to perceive the world around us. You also gifted us with hearts for compassion and love to spur us into action. And yet, we still manage to miss what should be obvious.

We confess that we have failed to see your truths, even as they were revealed to us. We confess that we have been so sure of what we **“see” that we have become blind to everything and everyone that doesn't fit the narrative we want to see.**

Open our eyes to our own misunderstandings, our own failures, and our own faults. Shine a light on us and make it plain that we may believe; and believing, we may see; and seeing, we may act. For it is only when we see ourselves clearly that we can worship you truly. In the name of Jesus, we pray, amen.

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Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

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

*Choral Response

The Word

Children's Time

Anthem *Psalm 23* Sorenson

Scripture Reading Psalm 23

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*Hymn #280 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

4. The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

5. When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

Scripture Reading John 9:1-34

Sermon **"How Do You Know?"**
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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Annual Meeting of the Congregation

*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

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This Week's Scripture Readings

Psalm 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters, ³ he refreshes my soul.

He guides me **along the right paths for his name's sake.**

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

John 9:1-34

¹ As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, **"Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"**

³ **"Neither this man nor his parents sinned,"** said Jesus, **"but this happened** so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ **While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."**

⁶ After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, **and put it on the man's eyes.** ⁷ **"Go,"** he told him, **"wash in the Pool of Siloam"** (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

⁸ His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, **"Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?"** ⁹ Some claimed that he was.

Others said, **"No, he only looks like him."**

But he himself insisted, **"I am the man."**

¹⁰ **"How then were your eyes opened?"** they asked.

¹¹ He replied, **"The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see."**

¹² **"Where is this man?"** they asked him.

"I don't know," he said.

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. ¹⁴ Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. ¹⁵ Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see."

¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath."

But others asked, "How can a sinner perform such signs?" So they were divided.

¹⁷ Then they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened."

The man replied, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸ They still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents. ¹⁹ "Is this your son?" they asked. "Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?"

²⁰ "We know he is our son," the parents answered, "and we know he was born blind. ²¹ But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself." ²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ That was why his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

²⁴ A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. "Give glory to God by telling the truth," they said. "We know this man is a sinner."

²⁵ He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"

²⁶ Then they asked him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

²⁷ He answered, "I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?"

²⁸ Then they hurled insults at him and said, "You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses! ²⁹ We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from."

³⁰ The man answered, "Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will. ³² Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."

³⁴ To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.



Easter Lily Order and Dedications - Deadline Today



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 today 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 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.



Animal Crocheting Class April 19

The next animal crocheting class is Sunday, April 19th, after the 11:00 a.m. service, at 12:30 p.m. Call Kaleigh, at (713) 582-4804, if you have any questions or need child care.

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**

LIFE LINE SCREENING
The Rise of Prevention



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: Catherine C. (Rose), 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)

Calendar of Weekly Events

<p><i>Sunday</i> <i>March 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 (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>12:30 p.m. Session Meeting</p> <p>4:00 p.m. "A Year Through the Bible" Study (Rm. 105)</p> <p>5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p>
<p><i>Monday</i> <i>March 16</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>March 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>5:45 p.m. Handbells Practice (Sanctuary)</p> <p>7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)</p>

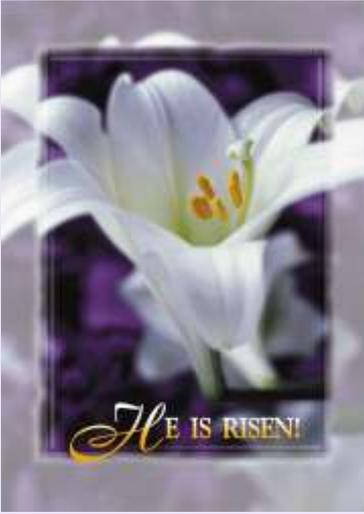
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Save the Date

- March 20 Life Line Screening
- March 29 Palm Sunday
- April 2 Maundy Thursday
- April 5 Easter Sunday
- April 19 Animal Crocheting Class

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)



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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