

# First Presbyterian Church

March 22, 2026

*Welcome*



**Sermon:**

**“What Do You Do with the Mad  
That You Feel?”**

*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](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***

*Matthew Laletas*

***Today's Flowers***

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

***Last Week's Attendance, March 15***

*8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 13*

*11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 122*

*Online Worship Attendance - 23*

***Total Attendance – 158***

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

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Lift up your voices and call out to God.

We cry out, believing that God hears us.

Come together and wait for God.

We come together, trusting that God is still speaking.

**Surely God's presence is here with us now.**

**We wait in hope, for God's steadfast love lifts our hearts.**

Come, worship the Lord.

We celebrate the power of God that restores us.

\*Hymn

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

1. Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,  
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!  
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,  
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain:

Grace, grace, God's grace,

Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;

Grace, grace, God's grace,

Grace that is greater than all our sin!

2. Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold,  
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;  
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,  
Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.  
(Refrain)

\*Please stand if able.

4. Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,  
Freely bestowed on all who believe!  
You that are longing to see His face,  
Will you this moment His grace receive?  
(Refrain)

\*Call to Confession

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

**Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life." He who called Lazarus from the tomb also calls us also into new 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

Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 11:1-7, 17-44

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

**"What Do You Do with the Mad That You Feel?"**

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### 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 Know That My Redeemer Lives

1. I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What joy the blest assurance gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my everlasting Head!
2. He lives, to bless me with His love;  
He lives, to plead for me above;  
He lives, my hungry soul to feed;  
He lives, to help in time of need.
3. He lives, and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives, my mansion to prepare;  
He lives, to bring me safely there.
4. He lives, all glory to His name;  
He lives, my Savior still the same;  
What joy the blest assurance gives;  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

# 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

## Preparing to Receive God's Word

Opening Music

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*All Creatures of Our God and King*  
*FPC Handbell Choir*

*Lamb*

Call to Worship

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God of life, we confess that we are people who live as though death has the final word. Like Martha, we believe, but only up to a point. Like Mary, we grieve what we have lost and wonder why you did not act sooner.

We confess that we struggle with your timing. When you seem delayed, we grow impatient. When you seem absent, we grow doubtful. When hope feels sealed behind a stone, we resign ourselves to what we think cannot be changed.

Yet, we know, you are the resurrection and the life.

So call to us again, O Christ. Roll away the stones we have sealed in place, and lead us out from death into life, that we may live and walk in the freedom of your grace. 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 *My Worth Is Not in What I Own* Angerman

Scripture Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

\*Hymn #316 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love,  
And do what Thou wouldst do.
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure,  
Until with Thee I will one will,  
To do and to endure.
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Till I am wholly Thine,  
Until this earthly part of me,  
Glows with Thy fire divine.

Scripture Reading John 11:1-7, 17-44

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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.

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\*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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**"My Worth Is Not in What I Own"**

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## ***This Week's Scripture Readings***

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Ezekiel 37:1-14

<sup>1</sup> The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?”

I said, “Sovereign Lord, you alone know.”

<sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!’ <sup>5</sup> This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. <sup>6</sup> I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.”

<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. <sup>8</sup> I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

<sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’” <sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me: “Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.’” <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. <sup>14</sup> I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.’”

## John 11:1-7, 17-44

<sup>1</sup> Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent word to Jesus, **“Lord, the one you love is sick.”**

<sup>4</sup> When he heard this, Jesus said, **“This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God’s glory so that God’s Son may be glorified through it.”** <sup>5</sup> Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup> So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, <sup>7</sup> and then he said to his disciples, **“Let us go back to Judea.”**

<sup>17</sup> On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, <sup>19</sup> and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

<sup>21</sup> **“Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died.** <sup>22</sup> But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.”

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, **“Your brother will rise again.”**

<sup>24</sup> Martha answered, **“I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”**

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, **“I am** the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; <sup>26</sup> and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. **Do you believe this?”**

<sup>27</sup> **“Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”**

<sup>28</sup> After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. **“The Teacher is here,” she said, “and is asking for you.”** <sup>29</sup> When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

<sup>32</sup> When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, **she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”**

<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. <sup>34</sup> **“Where have you laid him?”** he asked.

**“Come and see, Lord,”** they replied.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus wept.

<sup>36</sup> **Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”**

<sup>37</sup> **But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”**

<sup>38</sup> Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. <sup>39</sup> **“Take away the stone,”** he said.

**“But, Lord,”** said Martha, the sister of the dead man, **“by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.”**

<sup>40</sup> Then Jesus said, **“Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”**

<sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, **“Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.”**

<sup>43</sup> When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, **“Lazarus, come out!”** <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, **“Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”**



### *Join Us for Easter Morning Breakfast*

As we prepare for Holy Week, we want to remind you of the complimentary breakfast following the Easter Sunrise Service on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to join us for this food and fellowship opportunity.

### *Flowering the Cross*



The flowering of the cross represents the transition from Good Friday to Easter, from meditation on Jesus' death to joyful celebration of His resurrection. The ceremony transforms a barren cross, a reminder of Jesus' death, into an Easter symbol, so please feel free to bring flowers for flowering the cross on Easter Sunday (April 5). We will also have flowers available for those who wish to use them.

### *Animal Crocheting Class April 19*

The next animal crocheting class is Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.





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

## Calendar of Weekly Events

<p><i>Sunday</i> <i>March 22</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) <b>Paul's uplifting letter to the church at Philippi.</b></p> <p>9:30 a.m. Fellowship Class (Rm. 204) <b>Studying "The Promise of Heaven" STUDY guide (not the book), by Dr. David Jeremiah,</b> 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><b>4:00 p.m. "A Year Through the Bible" Study</b> (Rm. 105)</p> <p>5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p>
<p><i>Monday</i> <i>March 23</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>March 25</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 29      Palm Sunday
- April 2        Maundy Thursday
- April 3        Good Friday
- April 5        Easter Sunday / Egg Hunt
- April 19       Animal Crocheting Class
- May 16        Serve Our Neighbor Day

## Prayer List

Members: John Gutekunst, 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

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