



## EXPERIENCES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020

### THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Please silence all electronic devices and do not take flash photos during the service. As the prelude begins, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection as we prepare for worship.

Please keep your face coverings on at all times unless you are partaking in the communion elements.

† Please stand at these times if you are able to do so.

#### PREPARATION

##### PRELUDE — THANKS BE TO THEE

GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL

##### WELCOME AND GREETINGS

##### RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP & OFFERING

##### CALL TO WORSHIP FROM PSALM 107

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

**People:** Let the redeemed of the Lord say so.

Leader: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!

**People:** For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

**All:** Let them thank the Lord for his

steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

##### OPENING PRAYER OF ADORATION

#### ADORATION AND CONFESSION

##### † CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP — COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

Come, Thou Almighty King,  
Help us Thy name to sing,  
Help us to praise:  
Father, all glorious,  
O'er all victorious,  
Come, and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word,  
Gird on Thy mighty sword,  
Our prayer attend:  
Come, and Thy people bless,  
And give Thy word success;  
Spirit of holiness, On us descend.

##### CALL TO CONFESSION

## CONFESSING OUR SIN

Generous God, you have given us so much. Give us one more thing. Give us thankful hearts because we know our hearts can be hard and cold. We confess that we often hold on when we should let go. We are clutching when we should be spending, hoarding when we could be generous, doubting when we should lean on faith. We are fearful instead of trusting in your everlasting care.

Loving God, you have given us so much. Give us again the assurance of your love and care, and fill us with grateful hearts and open hands. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our savior who gave all.

## SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: ...Friends, believe the Good News.

All: (With enthusiasm) In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

## AFFIRMATION AND DEDICATION

### †DECLARING OUR 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.

### †GLORIA PATRI — HYMN 546

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## PROCLAMATION

### STEWARDSHIP VIDEO — REACH OUT

### SCRIPTURE READING — GENESIS 50:15-21

<sup>15</sup> When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup> So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: <sup>17</sup> 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you."' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup> His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they

are today. <sup>21</sup> So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

**SERMON — MADE FOR THIS MOMENT:  
EXPERIENCES**                      REV. DR. BOB FULLER

## **PRAYER FOR STEWARDSHIP**

# **SERVICE OF DEDICATION AND THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

*The Minister will invite you to come forward and place your commitment card and offering on the table. As the music plays please come forward down the center aisle with your family and place your cards on the communion table. You may use the commitment card you received in the mail or one provided this morning in the pews or worship bulletin. Even if you are unsure of how to make a specific commitment at this time, you are encouraged to come forward and affirm your pledge to participate in the mission of the church by Loving Jesus Christ, Loving One Another and Loving the City.*

**CHORAL WORSHIP — THE KING OF  
LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS**                      ROBERT LEE

The King of love my shepherd is whose  
goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am  
His, and He is mine forever. Where streams  
of living water flow, my ransomed soul He  
leadeth, And where the verdant pastures  
grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Foolish and stubborn oft I strayed, but yet  
in love He sought me, And on His shoulder  
gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me.  
And so throughout the length of days thy  
goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd may I  
sing thy praise, within thy house forever!

**DOXOLOGY**                      OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below; praise  
Him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father,  
Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## **†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION**

## **BENEDICTION**

**†CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP —  
NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD**

Now thank we all our God  
with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom His world rejoices;  
Who, from our mothers' arms,  
hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in His grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.

## **BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL RESPONSE —**  
**O LORD, SEEK US**                      K. LEE SCOTT

O Lord, seek us, O Lord, find us Ever in your  
patient care; Be your love before, behind us,  
All around us, everywhere. Turn not from us,  
call to mind us, find, embrace us, ever bear;  
Be your love before, behind us, All around  
us, Everywhere.

**POSTLUDE — NOW THANK WE ALL  
OUR GOD (NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT)**  
SIGFRID KARG-ELERT

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A Congregation of ECO

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

9:00 AM

Rev. Dr. Joe Moore,

Rev. Scott Simpson, Carrie Everson

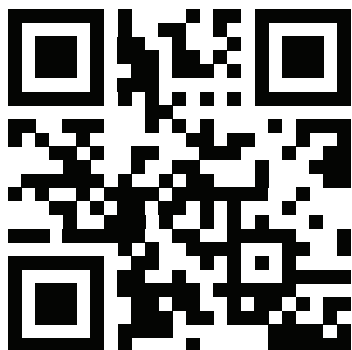
## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Judy and B. Coleman Renick, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs B. Coleman Renick by their family and friends.

## WELCOME VISITORS & COVENANT PARTNERS

We welcome those of you visiting with us today and pray that you connect with the Holy Spirit during your time here. If this is your first time with us, please fill out the Online Friendship Pad so we can send you a special welcome gift via email.

Fill out the Friendship Pad Online at [fpcsanantonio.org/we-are-here](http://fpcsanantonio.org/we-are-here) to let us know you are worshipping with us. The link is also on the front page of the mobile app, or you can scan the QR code.



## GIVING OPTIONS

To reduce common touch points, we are offering a collection box for physical donations on your way out of service today. You may also give online at [fpcsanantonio.org/giveonline](http://fpcsanantonio.org/giveonline), text "FPCGIVE" to 779-77 (messaging & data rates may apply), give through our mobile app [fpcsanantonio.org/mobile-app](http://fpcsanantonio.org/mobile-app), or mail in your gifts to 404 N. Alamo St., San Antonio, TX 78205.

## DO YOU NEED PRAYER?

The Prayer Wall at [fpcsanantonio.org/prayer-wall](http://fpcsanantonio.org/prayer-wall) is there for you – ask for prayer, pray for others, and see when people are praying for your needs. This collection of prayers is published to the wider audience of anyone who visits the prayer wall website. You may submit a prayer request online at [fpcsanantonio.org/prayer-wall](http://fpcsanantonio.org/prayer-wall) or email your request to [PrayerWall@fpcsat.org](mailto:PrayerWall@fpcsat.org).

## PRAYER AND CARE

Care and Concern is an email prayer list within the congregation. Given its private nature, it can offer more personal information for congregational care to take place as well as prayer. You must submit your email address and request to be part of this email list by contacting Lisa Snow at [lisas@fpcsat.org](mailto:lisas@fpcsat.org) or 210-226-0215. Care and Concern Line: 210-222-CARE.

**FPC Virtual Prayer Room** meets Wednesdays on

Zoom from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Zoom Meeting ID: 826 9365 7302

Password: 727274. View weekly prayer focus at

[fpcsanantonio.org/virtual-prayer-room](http://fpcsanantonio.org/virtual-prayer-room)

**Have a Need / Fill a Need** - Congregational

COVID Support Ministry is available at

[fpcsanantonio.org/fill-a-need](http://fpcsanantonio.org/fill-a-need).

## OFFICE HOURS RESUME

The Church Offices are now available for business needs Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM. The doors are locked, please contact the receptionist by calling (210) 226-0215 to be let in or contact your ministry leader to schedule a time to come in.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



## REUNION: WELCOME BACK TO FPC

We continue to have in-person Sunday worship, Sunday Classes, and midweek meetings and studies. Visit [fpcsanantonio.org/reunion](https://fpcsanantonio.org/reunion) for reopening guidelines. As an added precaution, air purification units have been added around the church building.

### SUNDAY SERVICES ON-CAMPUS & ONLINE

**Each Sunday | 9:00 AM & 11:02 AM**

We have resumed in-person worship. We will continue streaming both services live on our webpage [fpcsanantonio.org/media](https://fpcsanantonio.org/media). A recorded version of each service will be available online immediately following the close of service.

- **8:45 - 11:15 AM** - Fellowship in Courtyard
- **9:00 AM** - Traditional Service
- **10:00 AM** - Sunday School Hour
- **11:02 AM** - Contemporary Service

### SAVE THE DATE: 11:00 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE TO RESUME!

**Sunday | November 29 | 11:00 AM | Sanctuary**

At long last, FPC will resume our 11:00 In-Person Traditional Service, beginning with Advent and Communion on Sunday, November 29, in addition to our current 9:00 AM Traditional and 11:02 Contemporary Services.

### SUNDAY CLASSES ON-CAMPUS & ONLINE

**Adult Sunday Class Information**

[fpcsanantonio.org/adult-sunday-classes](https://fpcsanantonio.org/adult-sunday-classes)

**Youth Sunday Class Information**

[fpcsanantonio.org/youth-sundays](https://fpcsanantonio.org/youth-sundays)

**Children's Sunday School Information**

Children's ministry is offering on-campus options for Nursery – 5th Grade and online options for two years - 5th Grade. [fpcsanantonio.org/children-sundays](https://fpcsanantonio.org/children-sundays)

### FALL MINISTRY GUIDE

Visit [fpcsanantonio.org/fall2020](https://fpcsanantonio.org/fall2020) for the full ministry opportunities at FPC this semester for Adults, University, Youth, and Children.

### KRL WINTER SUPPORT

Thank you for your support of The Kingdom Restoration Lab (KRL) at FPC. Help fill the food and clothing pantries with necessities for our under-

resourced neighbors in their journey to becoming self-sufficient:

### CURRENT NEEDS:

- Men's and/or Women's socks and underwear (must be new)
- Jackets/coats/warm clothing (men and women)
- Casual shoes (for both men and women)
- Hygiene Kit Needs: Men's Deodorant, Travel Size 2-in-1 Shampoo/Conditioner, Body Wipes, Razors

You may donate by shopping the Amazon wish list at <http://tiny.cc/KRL-support> (link is case sensitive), created by our partner, SA Hope Center. All of the items that you purchase are shipped directly to the KRL. If you are interested in volunteering for our KRL ministries, contact Lindsay at [lindsays@fpcsat.org](mailto:lindsays@fpcsat.org).

### REDEEMING THE CRISIS CHURCH SPIRITUAL GIFTS SURVEY

[fpcsanantonio.org/gifts-survey](https://fpcsanantonio.org/gifts-survey)

One of our first steps in REDEEMING THE CRISIS is to gather information. We are working to inventory our congregation to assess the skills, resources, relationships, connections and spiritual gifts we can bring to bear for the sake of our community. The Spiritual Gift Survey takes us to the step of personal investment, and will help us to learn how the Lord has designed and gifted each of us to show His mercy in this moment. You will be hearing a lot more about REDEEMING THE CRISIS. The Lord is summoning us to REACH OUT to our city, to REACH IN to one another and to REACH UP to the Lord Jesus Christ in prayer and worship.

### STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS TODAY

[fpcsanantonio.org/stewardship2021](https://fpcsanantonio.org/stewardship2021)

Brochures and Commitment Forms were sent to covenant partners. Commitment Forms are also available online at [fpcsanantonio.org/give](https://fpcsanantonio.org/give), and are inserted in today's bulletin. Please take the complimentary pen with you after service today.

### FAMILY ADVENT KITS

**Week of Sunday, November 29**

The Children's Committee would like to gift each

family a special book along with a kit so that you may assemble an advent wreath at home! In light of COVID-19 we will not be hosting an Advent Festival, but we want our families to still be able to celebrate Advent and the coming of the King of kings. Please contact Heather Beltrame at [heatherb@fpcsat.org](mailto:heatherb@fpcsat.org) to reserve your kit. Pick up will be on November 29 and anytime after that week on campus.

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## **FPC'S DRIVE-THRU CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

**Sunday | December 13 | 3:00 - 4:00 PM | Large Parking Lot**

This year we will have a unique, drive-thru Christmas Pageant featuring families from our church in the large parking lot off of Ave. E and McCullough. Concessions of popcorn and hot chocolate will also be available. If your family is interested in participating in one of our 30 minute shifts, please contact Rozlyn Miller at [rozlynm@fpcsat.org](mailto:rozlynm@fpcsat.org). Rehearsal is Saturday, December 5, from 10:00 - 11:00 AM. Set up is December 13 right after church, and lunch will be provided.

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## **MIDDAY NOELS CONCERT SERIES A SEASONAL CELEBRATION OF MERRY MELODIES AND HOLIDAY HARMONIES**

**Thursdays | December 3, 10, 17 | 12:00-12:45 PM**

Free, live-streamed video of three full concerts with limited in-person seating in our sanctuary: Thursday, December 3 – Shimmering Songs and Sparkling Singing; Thursday, December 10 – Sound the Trumpet!; Thursday, December 17 – Christmas with the Petersen Family. Free digital tickets for in-person attendance as well as the live-stream of each concert will be at [fpcsanantonio.org/noels](https://fpcsanantonio.org/noels). You can reserve up to 2 tickets per person - parties of 4 or more should contact the church directly. Following the concert, we will be offering 'Grab and Go' lunches (\$5), available on the sidewalk just outside our sanctuary doors. Visit [fpcsanantonio.org/noels](https://fpcsanantonio.org/noels) for more information.

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## **GIFT OF CHRISTMAS**

**Sundays through Dec. 2**

Share the joy of Christmas this year. Gift of Christmas matches FPC Covenant Partners with needy families in San Antonio who are screened by House of Neighborly Service and Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services. Please prayerfully consider, either with a

group or individually, "adopting" and sharing the joy of Christmas with one of these less fortunate families. Information and Family Request Forms are available online at [fpcsanantonio.org/christmas-giving](https://fpcsanantonio.org/christmas-giving) and at the Ave. E. porte-cochere entrance every Sunday in November, or contact [Cassiehager39@gmail.com](mailto:Cassiehager39@gmail.com) for more information. Completed forms are requested by December 2.

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## **PCHAS ANGEL TREE & HOME SWEET HOME CAMPAIGN**

**Angel Tree Gifts Due Dec. 7**

Presbyterian Children's Home and Services, founded in 1903, provides Christ-centered care and support for struggling children and families. Adopt a child from the PCHAS Angel Tree by contacting Diane Carsow at [dianecarsow@gmail.com](mailto:dianecarsow@gmail.com) or (512) 940-3424. Gifts due back by Monday, Dec. 7. More information at [fpcsanantonio.org/christmas-giving](https://fpcsanantonio.org/christmas-giving). There is also an Amazon registry at <https://a.co/19x5HUc> for families moving into new efficiency apartments in the next few weeks through the PCHAS "Home Sweet Home" Campaign. *\*Only items from the registry being accepted.*

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## **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

**Deadline December 13**

Each year during the Advent season, the congregation has an opportunity to remember a loved one, honor an individual or recognize an occasion by purchasing a poinsettia to be placed in the Chancel. Download the order form from [fpcsanantonio.org/poinsettias](https://fpcsanantonio.org/poinsettias) and turn it in by December 13 to get your poinsettias.

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## **SA HEALS AFFORDABLE CHRISTMAS**

**Market Day - December 21**

SA Heals hosts an "Affordable Christmas" market each year on the east side of San Antonio. They do this by providing donated toys, reduced 90% in price, that can be bought to bring Christmas morning excitement to families, while empowering and bringing dignity to them. This year's market is December 21.

If you would like to make a toy donation, please visit the Amazon Wishlist at <https://bit.ly/SAHealsChristmas>. For more information, please contact [lindsays@fpcsat.org](mailto:lindsays@fpcsat.org) or visit [fpcsanantonio.org/christmas-giving](https://fpcsanantonio.org/christmas-giving).

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## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

**Thursday | December 24 | Sanctuary & Online**

Celebrate the birth of our Savior with family and friends at any of our four services! 2:30 PM - Communion Service; 5:00 PM - Family Service; 7:30 and 10:00 PM - Candlelight Services. All but the 10:00 PM service will be live streamed to [fpcsanantonio.org/media](https://fpcsanantonio.org/media) (recordings available after each service finishes.)

## WELCOME TEAM NEEDS YOU!

The Welcome Team is in need of Greeters for in-person and online worship services. We also need Ushers to serve in both our on-campus Worship Services. Help us extend FPC's greatest hospitality to those God sends through our doors. Please contact Wendy Garcia at [wendyg@fpcsat.org](mailto:wendyg@fpcsat.org) to sign up.

## WOMEN'S FAITH GATHERING RETREAT

**February 26 - 27, 2021 | First Presbyterian Church**

Join women of all ages for a time of connection, fun, and worship as together we look at our identity as beloved daughters of God and what it means to live our lives in response to God's love for us. Rev. Kristin Huffman will be our speaker. Contact Rev. Becky Prichard at [beckyp@fpcsat.org](mailto:beckyp@fpcsat.org) for more information.

## STAY CONNECTED

### CHILDREN

Contact Rozlyn Miller at [rozlynm@fpcsat.org](mailto:rozlynm@fpcsat.org) for more info or to join the Private Facebook Group.

### KEYS: OLDER ADULTS

Friday Mornings Zoom Meetings each week at 11:00 AM. Zoom ID 570-618-8075. No Password. This will be our weekly online meeting whether we have a scheduled speaker or not.

Request to join our private Facebook Group or get more information by emailing [joem@fpcsat.org](mailto:joem@fpcsat.org).

### LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSIONS

Connect with our FPC Missions Facebook Page [www.facebook.com/fpcmissions](https://www.facebook.com/fpcmissions).

Visit [fpcsanantonio.org/global-missions](https://fpcsanantonio.org/global-missions)

for the most recent updates from our global partners.

Contact Lindsay Selli at [lindsays@fpcsat.org](mailto:lindsays@fpcsat.org) for more information or to share ideas on how to help our community in this time.

### YOUNG ADULTS

Watch [fpcsanantonio.org/ya](https://fpcsanantonio.org/ya) for updates.

Contact Mitchell Moore at [mitchellm@fpcsat.org](mailto:mitchellm@fpcsat.org) or Carrie Everson at [carrie@fpcsat.org](mailto:carrie@fpcsat.org) for more info.

### YOUTH

Visit our FPC Youth Facebook, Instagram, & Twitter page [@fpcsayouth](https://fpcsayouth) or visit [fpcsanantonio.org/youth](https://fpcsanantonio.org/youth) for updates.

Email Alex Clary at [alexc@fpcsat.org](mailto:alexc@fpcsat.org) to get more information.

### UNIVERSITY

Email Alex Solorio at [alexs@fpcsat.org](mailto:alexs@fpcsat.org). Connect with us on Instagram and Twitter - [@FPC\\_UMin](https://www.instagram.com/FPC_UMin) & Facebook - [@2TenSATX](https://www.facebook.com/2TenSATX).

### ADULT EDUCATION

Contact Becky Prichard at [beckyp@fpcsat.org](mailto:beckyp@fpcsat.org) for more information on our Adult Classes.

## SESSION NOTES

### *Regularly Called November 2020 Meeting*

Rev. Dr. Bob Fuller opened our meeting in prayer.

Rev. Fuller welcomed the candidates for covenant partnership, both in-person and on Zoom. Becky Prichard introduced six new congregants who had completed the Discover First! Class. The Session unanimously approved their admission and welcomed them into the First Presbyterian family. The new Covenant Partners are Tyson and Rozlyn (Miller) Cline, Ron and Rebecca Hamner, and Cheston and SaraBeth Goudge.

Rev. Fuller began his report by stating God is calling us to step into this moment with regard to RTC as well as other ministries across our church, and as we move into the stewardship season. He cautioned against receiving the grace of God in vain. He feels this is a unique opportunity to use God's gifts for God's purpose. Dedication Sunday is November 22.

On November 29, the first Sunday of Advent, the 11:00 a.m. traditional worship service will resume and communion will be served.

The Children's Christmas Pageant will take place on December 13, with a drive-thru Nativity Scene in the FPC Parking Lot at 3:00 p.m. The pageant will also be promoted during the December 6 Worship Services.

Additionally on December 6, a Congregational Meeting will be held following the 11:00 a.m. Traditional service to approve the slate of proposed members of the Officer Nominating Committee.

In his report, Chuck Bunn stated it is the Church Plant Committee's aspiration for FPC to become ECO's church planting subject matter expert by 2025 - shifting our current mindset from a specific plant to thinking in terms of a church plant institute.

Christ of the Hills, the church plant in Boerne, has been stymied in its progress by COVID, but they continue to worship online and in-person. With 50% of the congregation active in various programs, the depth of its covenant partners' engagement is encouraging. Rev. Fuller commended Pete Johnson, their pastor, as the right man for this time. Although Christ of the Hills has not met its growth targets, the Session agreed to continue to fund this church plant for another year. We are currently halfway through funds set aside for Christ of the Hills.

Next the Session adopted an overture drafted and presented by Rev. Dr. Ron Scates. The overture is to bring into focus that church planting is a core value and practice of our church. Ron stated more people come to Christ through new church plants than through any other means, and our mission is to bring people to Christ.

Finally, Chuck Bunn presented information on church planting networks in Houston and Dallas. Chuck has a burden for a network like this in San Antonio. In January 2020, Rev. Mitchell Moore began reaching out to San Antonio church leaders. The launch lunch was attended by 80 people from across the city with great enthusiasm.

Rev. Fuller thanked the committee for their faithful work and he led the Session in prayer over these plans.

Dale Hendrix reported October, with a surplus of \$60,000, was a good month financially. The Children's

Center has a year-to-date loss of \$200,000 and continues to control expenses. Giving is only down 5% from last year at this time and available liquidity remains good. Dale reminded the Session that November and December are historically large giving months and encouraged the church to remain prayerful that the upward trend in gifts and tithes continues.

Trebes Sasser presented a recent security assessment commissioned by the Properties Committee. In order to reduce risk posed to the congregation, staff, and visitors by individuals exhibiting aggressive behavior in and around the rear parking lot, the Session agreed to provide up to \$30,000 for trimming and removal of trees on the main campus and rear parking lot to increase the effectiveness of outdoor lighting (in addition to maintaining the health of the trees), and to provide up to \$115,000 to build a perimeter fence around the rear parking lot and the small parking area by the Avenue E entrance to redirect foot traffic to more visible sidewalks and street areas.

Rev. Mitchell Moore stated he fully understands the need for security, but wanted to end the discussion with a reminder of how the current COVID crisis has adversely affected many of our neighbors and not to forget those who are feeling desperate.

Under new business, Charlotte Milner questioned the necessity of keeping the front door to Alamo closed to limit the inflow/outflow of church and funeral service attendees to the single entrance on Avenue E. After discussion regarding the ability to maintain appropriate physical distance, the Session agreed to open the front door to Alamo when there are services in the Sanctuary.

Rev. Fuller closed the meeting in prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Nancy M. Scheifele, Clerk of Session

#### OPERATING BUDGET REVENUES AS OF NOV. 15, 2020

|                      | BUDGET         | ACTUAL         | SURPLUS/<br>(DEFICIT) |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| <b>3RD WEEK NOV.</b> | \$145,592.65   | \$55,477.95    | \$ (90,114.70)        |
| <b>YEAR-TO-DATE</b>  | \$3,711,627.11 | \$3,030,848.04 | \$ (680,779.07)       |