

HOW WE DO WHAT WE DO

STEWARDSHIP 2020



No vision of God goes unfulfilled, and for 174 years the members and families of First Presbyterian Church have used God's gifts to give substance to His vision. In the last few days, you will have received an outstanding publication called *Heritage in Mission*. This beautiful publication is designed to introduce our members and community to FPC's heritage of hope. It is sure to fill you with joy and inspiration.

Our heritage of mission happened because of a heritage of stewardship. Our mission is "what" we do. **Faithful stewardship is "how" we do it.**

What is stewardship? Simply put, it means "*using God's gifts for God's purposes.*" We are able to do what we do because men, women and families have given generously of their time, their talents, and their financial resources.

We are grateful for our past, but the most important year in the history of First Presbyterian Church is **this year**. This year is the year, and now is the moment, that we hear the voice of our Lord Jesus calling and respond. As the Apostle Paul wrote, "*Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.*" Our legacy is built on how this congregation answers the call of Jesus Christ today and how we love Jesus Christ, love one another, love the city and love the world today.

If God has given us the vision, he has given us the means, the tools, the talent, and the people. We need every family in the church to share the blessings God has entrusted to our care. Our church is investing in the future of God's work through Children's and Youth ministry. We are providing pastoral care to those who need it. We are providing local ministries with resources and people, and we are providing opportunities for the First family to enjoy fellowship together. Most of all, we are spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. I am asking each one of you to join in FPC's Heritage of Stewardship and to help us do what God is calling us to do.

**GRACE AND PEACE,
- BOB FULLER**

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HERE'S HOW

▶ **Pray.** Ask God to open the door for you to give generously to the ministry of First Presbyterian Church. Think about what the ministry of FPC means to you and what it has meant to the people and history of our city. Pray that God's love would take over our lives and challenge us to respond as never before.

▶ **Make a Faith Commitment.** A Faith Commitment is a plan to support the work of the church financially in 2020. Trust that God is at work in the church and that the gifts that you give will not be wasted, but will be used to spread God's Word and His love.

▶ **Get involved in a church ministry.** Find a way to serve God by serving others and sharing your faith in a hands-on way. Work through the ministries and projects of the church. God wants to mobilize your passions and talents for His love and glory.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 24

Commitments can be made by doing one of the following:

1. Visiting our website at www.fpcsanantonio.org/give
2. Downloading the new FPC App and going to the "Give" section
3. Filling out a commitment form and bringing it to the service of dedication on Sunday, November 24. You may also mail it to the church office, drop it off, or place it in the offering plate on any Sunday.

HERITAGE IN STEWARDSHIP

HOW WE USE OUR TIME

The heritage of our church should not just be measured by the 174 years since our founding. It should be multiplied by the moments, hours, long days and short nights given by our members over those years. Time is our most valuable resource and people gave it sacrificially. They gave that time in service to our neighbors and in teaching our children and one another. They gave their time in the worship of our Lord and prayer for one another. Our other resources are dormant, or meaningless, without the people giving their time to deploy them. ***How are we using the moments God has given us, like our predecessors used the moments that God gave them?***

HOW WE USE OUR TALENTS

God also gave this congregation an army of uniquely gifted people. God has always raised up the right people at the right moments with the right talents to make a difference in the city and around the world. God has gathered people of unique talents who have the skills that can leverage our resources and move his mission. We need you to use the unique talents that God has given you for the mobilization of his mission. ***How are you using your unique talents to move God's mission in this moment?***



HOW WE USE OUR FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Over the last 174 years, God has given each generation the resources it needed to fulfill God's mission in its own time. He has also given each successive generation the foundation laid by the last. As the current members of this church community, we are standing on the shoulders of giants. We can do what we do because they did what they did. We have the facilities, location, equipment and personnel we need because previous generations gave sacrificially. Your regular giving makes it possible for us to conduct our ministry right here at Fourth and Alamo, as well as to extend the mission God has given to First Presbyterian Church around the world. ***How are we responding to the call of Christ today, using our financial resources to meet today's needs and to set the foundation for the future?***

In response to God's generous gift and by faith, I/we intend to support the ministry and mission of First Presbyterian Church of San Antonio with the following gift to its 2020 budget:

\$ _____ PER (Please check one)

☐ WEEK ☐ MONTH ☐ YEAR ☐ OTHER _____

FOR ANNUAL TOTAL OF: \$ _____

PLEASE PRINT NAME(S): _____

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