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*Anniversary  
Celebration*

*First Presbyterian*  
CHURCH OF SAN ANTONIO

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LOVING CHRIST. LOVING ONE ANOTHER.  
LOVING THE CITY.

# 175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

## 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 while inside the building.

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

### PREPARATION

**PRELUDE** — PRELUDE ON "ALL THINGS  
BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL"

ALBERT L. TRAVIS

### WELCOME AND GREETINGS

REV. DR. BOB FULLER

### CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. A. MITCHELL MOORE  
FROM MICAH 4:1-2

**Leader:** It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and it shall be lifted up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it,

**People:** And many nations shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

### OPENING PRAYER OF ADORATION

### ADORATION AND CONFESSION

† **CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP** —  
THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

The Church's one Foundation

Is Jesus Christ her Lord;

She is His new creation

by water and the word:

From heaven He came and sought her

to be His Holy Bride;

With His own blood He bought her,  
and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses,  
with every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
of peace forevermore;  
Till with the vision glorious,  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union  
with God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won;  
O Happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with Thee.

**† CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP —  
YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME**

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer,  
There is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom,  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace.  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus,  
For my life is wholly bound to his.  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is  
mine,  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken,  
For by my side the Savior he will stay.  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,  
For in my need his power is displayed.  
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me,  
Through the deepest valley he will lead.  
Oh the night has been won and I shall  
overcome,  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven,  
The future sure the price it has been paid.  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave.  
To this I hold my sin has been defeated,  
Jesus now and ever is my plea.  
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free,  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,  
For he has said that he will bring me home.  
And day by day I know he will renew me,  
Until I stand with joy before the throne.  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus,  
All the glory evermore to him.  
When the race is complete still my lips shall  
repeat, Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

**ADORATION AND  
CONFESSION**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

REV. BECKY PRICHARD

**CONFESSING OUR SIN**

Come, Lord Jesus. Come now, not just into  
the entry hall, but into the living room. Come  
deep into my heart. Come where hurts are  
still unhealed, where heart aches persist, where  
disappointments have left their scars.

Come, Lord Jesus, where there are angers I still  
hold close to me. Come where I still post my  
protests that life is unjust; that you, O God, have  
not dealt fairly with me.

Come, Lord Jesus, into those places of the heart  
where I hide my unrelieved grief over losses,  
failures, deaths, deep disappointments. Come into  
every weary, despairing heart on the verge now of  
giving up, wondering if it is more painful to live  
than to die.

Come, Lord Jesus, and see my own sordid  
thoughts, my wasteful ways, the ugliness of my  
selfishness and greed, the harm I do to those most  
dear and trusting.

Come, Lord Jesus. Only then will there be order  
again in the chaos of my heart. Only then will  
healing come. Only then will I know that despite  
all that is ugly and evil in me, I am forgiven, loved  
with an everlasting love, and offered the power  
of an invincible spirit. Only then will I find that  
my heart can still be full of love, my deeds full  
of kindness and healing, and my future full of  
sharing and service in your company, my eternal  
guardian and Savior.

Come now, Lord Jesus. Amen.

-The Reverend Edwin Walthall, from *My Grace is  
Sufficient: Prayers of Hope and Encouragement*

**SILENT CONFESSION**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

People: **(With Enthusiasm) In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## AFFIRMATION AND DEDICATION

### †DECLARING OUR FAITH — THE APOSTLES' CREED

REV. ALEX SOLORIO

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

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.

### CELEBRATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

REV. DR. BOB FULLER

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

REV. SCOTT SIMPSON

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.

### †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.

### CHORAL WORSHIP — THE BEAUTY OF THIS SACRED PLACE

JAMES BIERY

The beauty of this sacred place inspires our hearts and minds to grow. We sing with love, bestowed by grace; from God all richest blessings flow. The meal, the word, the art, the song, are but a glimmer of the whole; with joyful hearts sing all day long, God's blessings satisfy the soul. We look into each person's eyes and see such longing hunger there. Respond with love to others' cries; our neighbors' burdens gladly bear. So many struggle and despair, we hear their silent voices plead; our actions show how much we care, extending help to those in need. The beauty of this sacred place inspires our hearts and minds to grow. We sing with love, bestowed by grace; from God all richest blessings flow. All blessings flow!

### INTRODUCTION OF REV. DR. LIGON DUNCAN

MR. DAVID WEST

# PROCLAMATION

## SCRIPTURE READING —

EPHESIANS 3:14-19

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup> that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

## SERMON —

WHAT GOD WANTS FOR YOU

REV. DR. LIGON DUNCAN

## † CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP — IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then, bursting forth in glorious Day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

## CLOSING REMARKS AND INVITATION

## BENEDICTION

### CHORAL RESPONSE — THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU JOHN RUTTER

The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord  
make His face to shine upon you and be  
gracious unto you: The Lord lift up the light  
of His countenance upon you, And give you  
peace. Amen.

### POSTLUDE — FANTASY ON LIFT HIGH THE CROSS JAE HA, ARR.

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## A TIME FOR PRAYER

Prayer Ministry team members will be available  
after the service today for those seeking prayer.

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## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary and for the 175th celebration are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ruth and Charles Jackson Jr. and their granddaughter, Carrie Spencer, by their family.

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### WELCOME! LET US KNOW YOU'RE HERE

We welcome those of you visiting with us today and pray that you connect with the Holy Spirit during your time here.

**First-time guests** - Text WELCOME to 210-981-3339 and let us know you are here!



### Returning Guests and Covenant Partners -

Please fill out the Friendship Pad as it is passed down your pew or complete the online version by scanning the QR code found on the pad.

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### OFFICE HOURS

The Church Offices are available for business needs Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM. The doors are locked, please press the security doorbell at the entrance to be let in.

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### 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](https://fpcsanantonio.org/giveonline), text "FPCGIVE" to (833) 692-2384 (messaging & data rates may apply), give through our mobile app [fpcsanantonio.org/mobile-app](https://fpcsanantonio.org/mobile-app), or mail in your gifts to 404 N. Alamo St., San Antonio, TX 78205.

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### 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.

**The Prayer Wall** at [fpcsanantonio.org/prayer-wall](https://fpcsanantonio.org/prayer-wall) is an online public place for you to ask for prayer, pray

for others, and see when people are praying for your needs. You may submit prayers on the website or email [PrayerWall@fpcsat.org](mailto:PrayerWall@fpcsat.org).

**FPC Virtual Prayer Room** is now meeting monthly on the first Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, November 3**, on Zoom from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Zoom Meeting ID: 826 9365 7302 | Password: 727274. Register online at [fpcsanantonio.org/virtual-prayer-room](https://fpcsanantonio.org/virtual-prayer-room)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### FPC PARKING CHANGES!

We now have new designated parking for those with Mobility Issues and for our First-Time Visitors! New Signage has been installed in the Avenue E Parking Lot so please leave these spots for our guests and for those who need to park closer to our entrances.

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### THE HYMNS OF CHRISTMAS

**Wednesdays, October 27 – December 1 | 6:30 PM | Sanctuary**

A course on the history and stories behind the authors and composers of various Advent and Christmas hymns.

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### WORSHIP & REJOICE HYMNAL DEDICATION & FESTIVAL

We will dedicate the new hymnals on Sunday, October 31 in both the 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Traditional Services with a celebration Hymn Festival to follow on the afternoon of Sunday, November 7 at 3:00 PM in the sanctuary. For additional information, [fpcsanantonio.org/ministries/music/worship-rejoice-hymnal/](https://fpcsanantonio.org/ministries/music/worship-rejoice-hymnal/)

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### CHILDREN'S CORN MAZE DAY TRIP

**Saturday, October 30 | 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

We will meet at the church at 9:00 AM and take the Van to the Corn Maze. Registration is required for this event. For registration, please go to [fpcsanantonio.org/ministries/children/](https://fpcsanantonio.org/ministries/children/)

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### SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOX MINISTRY

Bless children around the world with the gift of Christmas this year by participating in the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Ministry. Pick up a box after service

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in the Narthex or Ave E entrance, follow instructions inside, and return it to the same place in the drop-off bin along with the \$9 for shipping by November 14. For more information, please contact Rozlyn Miller at [rozlynm@fpcsat.org](mailto:rozlynm@fpcsat.org)

**MEMORIAL RECEPTIONS SUPPORT NEEDED**

Women of the Church are seeking volunteers to help set up, serve, and clean up after memorial receptions held at the church. Contact Char An Witten at 210-314-1856, or Pat Brodeen at 210-383-3083.

**NOTICE OF WESTMINSTER FLOORING REPLACEMENT & SUNDAY SERVICE CHANGES**

Beginning Tuesday, October 26 through mid-November, the flooring is being replaced in Westminster Hall. Please note the modified Sunday services schedule during that time:

**Sunday, Oct. 31:** 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Traditional Service only - Celebration Services for the new FPC hymnal. No 11:02 Contemporary Service.

**Sunday, Nov. 7 and Nov. 14:** 9:00 AM Traditional Service & 11:02 Contemporary Service in Sanctuary. No 11:00 AM Traditional Service.

**Sunday, Nov. 21\*:** 9:00 AM Traditional Service & 11:02 Contemporary Service in Sanctuary. No 11:00 AM Traditional Service. \*If necessary

**STAY CONNECTED**

**ADULT EDUCATION**

Contact Rev. Becky Prichard at [beckyp@fpcsat.org](mailto:beckyp@fpcsat.org).

**CHILDREN**

Contact Rozlyn Miller at [rozlynm@fpcsat.org](mailto:rozlynm@fpcsat.org).

**KEYS: OLDER ADULTS**

Contact Rev. Joe Moore at [joem@fpcsat.org](mailto:joem@fpcsat.org).

**MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY**

Contact Jenn Borges at [jennborges@hotmail.com](mailto:jennborges@hotmail.com).

**LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSIONS**

Contact Lindsay Selli at [lindsays@fpcsat.org](mailto:lindsays@fpcsat.org).

**UNIVERSITY**

Contact Rev. Alex Solorio at [alexs@fpcsat.org](mailto:alexs@fpcsat.org).

**YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITIES (YAC)**

Contact Rev. Mitchell Moore at [mitchellm@fpcsat.org](mailto:mitchellm@fpcsat.org), Carrie Everson at [carrie@fpcsat.org](mailto:carrie@fpcsat.org), or Rev. Alex Solorio at [alexs@fpcsat.org](mailto:alexs@fpcsat.org).

**YOUTH**

Contact Alex Clary at [alexc@fpcsat.org](mailto:alexc@fpcsat.org).

**THE MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH**

The Congregation

**STAFF**

- Rev. Dr. Bob Fuller Senior Pastor
- Rev. A. Mitchell Moore Associate Pastor for Young Adults & Missions
- Rev. Becky Prichard Associate Pastor for Christian Education
- Rev. Scott Simpson Associate Pastor of Congregational Care
- Rev. Dr. Joe Moore Minister for Older Adults & Congregational Care
- Rev. Alex Solorio Assistant Pastor for University Ministries and Young Adults
- Tom Dooling Minister of Music
- Dr. Jae Ha Organist/Associate Minister of Music
- Rebecca Andujar Wedding Coordinator
- Callan Brown Contemporary Worship Leader
- Jeff Carawan Director of Property Maintenance
- Hank Cherry Director of Communications
- Alex Clary Ministry Director to Youth & their Families
- Kerri Napoli Assistant Director to Youth & their Families
- Susan Dullnig Director of Facility Operations
- Carrie Everson Director of Young Adults & Young Women's Ministries
- Wendy Garcia Connections Ministry Coordinator
- Kathy Jamison Director of Children's Choir
- Rozlyn Miller Ministry Director to Children & their Families
- Marie Nipp Director of Finance
- Laura Ortiz Director of Children's Center
- Lindsay Selli Missions and Mobilization Associate
- Janet Slayden Church Administrator

**OPERATING BUDGET REVENUES AS OF OCTOBER 17, 2021**

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)
<b>3RD WEEK OCT.</b>	\$ 69,255.43	\$ 48,484.46	\$ (20,770.97)
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE</b>	\$ 2,739,604.53	\$ 2,792,836.89	\$ 53,232.36

## Welcome to the 175th Anniversary of First Presbyterian Church of San Antonio.

On April 4, 1846, 175 years ago, the Presbyterian Church, Brazos Presbytery, chartered Pastor John McCullough and a little group of men and women to leave Columbia, Texas and form the “Presbyterian Church of San Antonio.” They were to form a church to “promote their own spiritual welfare and usefulness. [That is, they were to form a church for their own Good and His Kingdom Glory.]

At the time, San Antonio was a town of gamblers, desperadoes, saloons, and houses of ill-repute. McCullough described it as a “dilapidated town” of “semi-barbarism.” [1] His little band of planters didn’t know what the Lord had in store for them when they got there, but they knew that Jesus is Alive and that He had a Mission for them in San Antonio.

2021 has been a year for us to remember and reclaim our church’s heritage for the sake of the people and the families of the city. Our mission is to go to the homes, schools and neighborhoods of San Antonio to seek the lost, to heal the sick, bind up the broken hearted, to call people to repentance and welcome people into the Kingdom of God. It is to declare that God is real, that Jesus is alive, that He cares and that He can make a difference in our lives now and forever.

175 years ago, First Presbyterian Church was founded with a mission in mind: to share the truth and love of Jesus Christ with the city of San Antonio. That purpose has guided FPC from generation to generation and continues to this day. As our late beloved pastor, Rev. Dr. Louis Zbinden once said, “there are still people in San Antonio and God still loves them.”

We still have a mission, and it is our hope that this celebration will inspire you to take your place in the band of disciples God has mobilized for San Antonio. In 2021, our risen Lord has been calling us back to our roots, challenging us once again to “Go and make disciples”—training people in the truth of God—to love Jesus Christ, to love one another, to love this city and from here to love the world.

Rev. Dr. Bob Fuller  
Senior Pastor, 2021

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[1] Donald E. Everett, *Adobe Walls to Stone Edifice*, p.3



### **DR. LIGON DUNCAN**

CHANCELLOR,  
REFORMED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
Furman University, B.A.  
Covenant Theological Seminary, M.Div., M.A.  
University of Edinburgh, Ph.D.

Dr. Ligon Duncan is the Chancellor/CEO of Reformed Theological Seminary and the John E. Richards Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology. Ligon was born in Greenville, South Carolina, and reared in the home of an eighth generation Presbyterian ruling elder. His pastoral ministry now spans four decades and four congregations.

At 28, Ligon was elected to the faculty of Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS). In 1990, Duncan was ordained in the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) and began to teach at RTS, Jackson, Mississippi, where he eventually became chairman of the department of systematic theology, and the John R. Richardson Professor of Theology. He left his full-time position at RTS to become Senior Minister of the historic First Presbyterian Church (1837) Jackson in 1996, and served until 2013 while continuing to teach at RTS as adjunct. He returned to the regular faculty of RTS in 2012 and became Chancellor/CEO of RTS in 2013.

Ligon has authored, co-authored, edited or contributed to more than 35 books. He continues to lecture internationally. He is an active churchman, and has been involved in the presbyteries and general assemblies of the PCA in various ways for many years.

Ligon and his wife Anne have two adult children (Sarah Kennedy, who teaches school in South Carolina, and Jennings, who studies at Mississippi State University) and resides in Jackson.