

Why We Must

TAKE JESUS SERIOUSLY

JANUARY 23, 2022

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

PREPARATION

**PRELUDE — MEDITATION FROM 24
PIECES EN STYLE LIBRE** LOUIS VIERNE

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP FROM PSALM 8

Leader: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

People: Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

All: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

OPENING PRAYER OF ADORATION

† **CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP —
HYMN #9 COME, LET US PRAISE THE
LORD**

**CALL TO CONFESSION - HEIDEL-
BERG CATECHISM, QUESTION 29**

Leader: Why is the Son of God called “Jesus,” which means “savior”?

All: Because he saves us from our sins, and because salvation is to be sought or found in no other.

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you; yet we continue to walk with guilt, slander one another, do evil to those we call our friends and fail in our charge to love without counting the cost to ourselves. It is so hard to do what is right or even to know your will. How can anyone be saved?

At this time Lord, help us to not only confess our sins, but to confess your power to heal and restore our lives. Let this plea for mercy also be as a witness to your power to redeem us. As we bare our souls to you, “Let every knee bow and tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,” and proclaim that to you nothing is impossible. Hear now our prayers...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

People: 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

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.

COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS AND LEADERS

9:00 AM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(While the offering is received, please sign the friendship pad found on the end of the pews and pass it down the row, returning it to its original place. Please take time after the worship service to greet those seated near you.)

OFFERTORY — I LIFT MY EYES TO THE QUIET HILLS

SANCTUARY CHOIR

†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 DEDICATION

CHORAL WORSHIP — LET ALL THE PEOPLE PRAISE YOU

JOHN LEAVITT

Let all the people praise You, O God;
Let the nations be glad and all people sing
for joy, For You judge with righteousness and
guide nations on the earth!

Let all the people praise You, O God;
The earth has yielded its increase; and God,
Our God, has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us;
Let the ends of the earth revere Him!

May God be gracious to us and bless us
And make His face to shine upon us,
That Your way may be known upon earth,
Your saving power among all nations.

Glory to the Father, the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As in the beginning it is now, and ever shall be. Amen! Alleluia, Amen!

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING —

HEBREWS 2:5-18

⁵ For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking.

⁶ It has been testified somewhere, "What is

man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him?

⁷ You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, ⁸ putting everything in subjection under his feet.” Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. ⁹ But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰ For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹ For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers,¹² saying, “I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.” ¹³ And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again, “Behold, I and the children God has given me.”

¹⁴ Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

SERMON — WHY WE MUST TAKE JESUS SERIOUSLY REV. DR. BOB FULLER

†**CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP**
HYMN #569 GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE — THE TREES OF THE FIELD STUART DAUERMANN

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands. And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.

POSTLUDE — IMPROVISATION ON 'OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST'
JAE HA, ARR.

A TIME FOR PRAYER

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

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Scott Simpson & Rev. Dr. Joe Moore

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SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Mark and Diane Hanrahan and Jim Stoffer and Meg Stoffer Walker in loving memory of their father, James M. Stoffer, Jr., who passed away January 21, 1999.

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.

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.

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

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 or 210-226-0215. Care and Concern Line: 210-222-CARE.

The Prayer Wall at 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.

FPC Virtual Prayer Room is now meeting monthly on the first Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, February 2**, 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY CLASSES ON-CAMPUS & ONLINE

Adult Sunday Class Information

fpcsanantonio.org/adult-sunday-classes

Youth Sunday Class Information

fpcsanantonio.org/youth-sundays

Children's Sunday School Information

fpcsanantonio.org/ministries/children

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. Thank you for extending our greatest hospitality to those God sends to us. . . even as we park!

SUNDAY GREETERS WANTED!

We need a few more smiling faces to welcome everyone God is sending through our doors on Sunday mornings. With just a 30 minute commitment once a month, it's an easy way to meet members of our church family and help welcome our visitors! Contact Nancy Turnbull nancyburnbull@gmail.com for more information or to sign up

TRADITIONAL AND CONTEMPORARY USHERS WANTED!

Our pews and seats are filling up each Sunday and we need a few more people to serve as Ushers. Our Ushers provide important support to our worship services by welcoming attendees, helping with seating, handing out bulletins and assisting with the offering. If you can assist in either the Traditional or Contemporary Services, please contact Jane Watson mjanewatson609@gmail.com.

AUDIO/VISUAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are currently looking for volunteer support for our Audio/Visual efforts during services and events. If you are interested, please contact Ross at rossb@fpcsat.org.

YOUNGLIVES VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

A few people, and a truck, are needed to help pick up and deliver small to large furniture and baby items to a

YoungLives mom.

A volunteer to work on the YoungLives website.

This volunteer role is needed for one hour a week and will be supplied with photos and information for the webpage. For more information, or to volunteer with YoungLives, please contact Christina Via at christinavia@gmail.com

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR 2022-2023

Are you headed to or continuing college for the 2022-2023 school year? A resident of Texas? In need of financial assistance? Then you may qualify for a Campbell, Jones, or Holland scholarship. To obtain an application and for more information, check out our website at <https://fpcsanantonio.org/scholarships-2022/>. You may also contact Lindsay Selli at lindsays@fpcsat.org or 210-271-2758. The deadline to apply is March 19, 2022. The guidelines for eligibility and the required document submission are noted on the Scholarship form.

STEPHEN MINISTERS NEED YOU

Tuesday, February 1 – April 12 | 6:30 PM | Room 226

Since 1975, over 600,000 people from all walks of life have been trained as Stephen Ministers, lay caregivers who make a significant difference during a time of great need in someone's life, and in turn experience tremendous personal and spiritual growth themselves. If you desire to be part of this ministry, please contact Jim Carsow at (512) 423-3424, or Rev. Scott Simpson at the church office.

WINTER 2022 MINISTRY GUIDE

Now updated for winter! Check out all of our Sunday school classes, Bible Studies, programs and many more ways to get connected at FPC. We look forward to seeing you this winter at FPC! Visit fpcsanantonio.org/winter2022 to view or download the Winter 2022 Ministry Guide.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: BOLD AND COURAGEOUS: JOSHUA AND THE NEXT GENERATION

Wednesdays | 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM | Covenant Hall
Thursdays | 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM | Covenant Hall or Livestream via www.fpcsanantonio.org

After decades in the Wilderness, God fulfilled his covenant and sent the people into the land He had promised. But, it was not easy. There was work to do and they were opposed at every turn. The people learned that following the way of the Lord is always a challenge. So the Lord gave them a new leader to guide them, and charged Him to be bold and courageous as they moved into their new home. This Winter the Pastor's Bible Study (PBS), led by Dr. Bob Fuller, will grapple with and join Joshua and the people of Israel as they move into the promised land and fight for their physical and spiritual survival. Contact: Lellen Lane: lellenlane@aol.com, (210) 860-1395 (to be placed in small groups for discussion following the general session)

DISCOVER, KNOW, JOINFPC!

Interested in learning more about FPC San Antonio or joining us as a Covenant Partner? Sign up for the Discover, Know, JoinFPC! Spring program begins Sunday, March 20. For more information or to register: <https://fpcsanantonio.org/how-to-join/>

CHILDREN'S RODEO, BOOTS AND PANCAKES

Sunday, January 30 | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Assembly Room

Children and their families are invited to wear a Cowboy inspired outfit and bring a friend for breakfast, fellowship, and Bible stories! Contact: Rozlyn Miller at rozlynm@fpcsat.org for more information.

DIVORCECARE

Wednesdays | January 5 – March 30 | 6:00 PM

DivorceCare is a video seminar series featuring some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on divorce and recovery topics as seen from a biblical perspective. The video seminars are combined with support group discussions of the materials presented during the video. Please feel free to connect with Butch Gerfers at 210-862-9998 or gerfers@flash.net, if you have any questions or would like more information. <https://www.divorcecare.org/about> or <https://www.divorcecare.org/groups/142471>

7-11 YOUTH GATHERING

Friday, February 11 | 7:00-11:00 PM |
Student Center

Come join us on Friday, February 11 from 7:00-11:00 PM for our first 7-11 of 2022! All students and friends grades 6-12 are invited to participate. Food, games, and fun will be available! Contact Alex Clary at alexc@fpcsat.org or Kerri Napoli at kerrin@fpcsat.org for more information.

STAY CONNECTED

ADULT EDUCATION

Contact Becky Prichard at beckyp@fpcsat.org for more information on our Adult Classes.

CHILDREN

Contact Rozlyn Miller at rozlynm@fpcsat.org for more info or to join the Private Facebook Group.

NEWBORNS

Expecting a baby? We are so excited for you!

Here's your check list:

- Inform Director of Children's Ministry, Rozlyn Miller, of news and due date!
- Be sure to visit 1st floor and get acquainted with Nursery and preschool area
- Contact Heather Beltrame about attending baptism seminar for parents

rozlynm@fpcsat.org / heatherb@fpcsat.org.

HAVE A NEED / FILL A NEED

Congregational COVID Support Ministry is available at fpcsanantonio.org/fill-a-need.

KEYS: OLDER ADULTS

KEYS meet on Fridays with a Speaker at 11:00 AM and lunch following at Noon. The speaker is live streamed and a link is available on the FPC website. On the third Friday we visit a local restaurant to celebrate that month's birthdays. Call the church office for your reservation. For more info contact Joe Moore, joem@fpcsat.org.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Ministry Quarterly Dinner

POSTPONED until February | Date TBD

More information to come. Contact Richard Peacock at richard@dinewithduo.com, (210) 824-0511.

Men's Ministry Annual Retreat

April 22-24, 2022 (Friday evening to Sunday morning)
Offsite location (TBD)

Save the date for in depth fellowship & relationship building, topical speakers and fun!

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Email Jenn Borges at jennborges@hotmail.com, call 707-372-3228, or visit fpcsanantonio.org/mental-hope for information regarding mental health resources and/or support groups. Volunteers are available to walk through this complex journey with you.

There is help. There is hope.

LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSIONS

Connect with our FPC Missions Facebook Page www.facebook.com/fpcmissions.

Visit fpcsanantonio.org/global-missions and fpcsanantonio.org/local-missions for the most recent updates from our mission partners.

Contact Lindsay Selli at lindsays@fpcsat.org for more information, to join our Mission 9:38 prayer text group, or to share ideas on how to help our community at this time.

PODCASTS

Please listen, subscribe and share God's promises of strength and comfort. Visit fpcsanantonio.org/podcasts for more information about all of our podcasts or fpcsanantonio.org/no-fear-podcast for links to all of the episodes of the No Fear Podcast.

UNIVERSITY

Email Rev. Alex Solorio at alexs@fpcsat.org. Connect with us on Instagram and Twitter - @FPC_UMin & Facebook - @2TenSATX.

YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITIES (YAC)

Includes emerging and established young adults. *Emerging Adult communities include* University students to those in a season soon after graduation (or those at the age/stage equivalent) with more questions than answers. *Established adults* generally have more major

questions for life answered. YAC includes communities for emerging and established young adults from University to young family stages, generally 18-38 years of age.

Watch fpcsanantonio.org/ya for updates. Contact Mitchell Moore at mitchellm@fpcsat.org or Carrie Everson at carrie@fpcsat.org for more info. Email Rev. Alex Solorio at alexs@fpcsat.org. Connect with us on Instagram and Twitter - @FPC_UMin & Facebook - @2TenSATX.

YOUTH

Visit our FPC Youth Facebook, Instagram, & Twitter page [@fpcsayouth](https://www.facebook.com/fpcsayouth) or visit fpcsanantonio.org/youth for updates. Email Alex Clary at alexc@fpcsat.org or Kerri Napoli at kerrin@fpcsat.org, to get more information.

WORSHIP MUSIC

The music from Sunday mornings in the church is also available online on Spotify for continuing to worship through the week. Traditional Service music is at tiny.cc/FPC-Trad-Music and Contemporary Service music is at tiny.cc/FPC-1102-Playlist.

SESSION NOTES

THE SESSION MET MONDAY, DEC. 13, 2021

In December, Bob announced that we would be studying the Book of Hebrews from the pulpit, and that he would present the Book of Joshua in the Pastor's Bible Study. The Session reviewed the audit of the church's finances and went on to approve the budget for 2022, which was increased by faith from the 2021 budget. The Session believes God is doing great things through our church and will continue to bless us as we labor for Him and His Kingdom in this coming year.

Elder Jim Clouse authored a resolution to congratulate Morningside Ministries for 75 years of service, and Elder Adam Sharpe entreated the Session to, once again, physically pass the plate and the ministry of friendship pads to encourage fellowship during our worship services, which passed unanimously.

THE SESSION MET JANUARY 10, 2022

At our January meeting, Bob was pleased to announce that despite the recent drop in attendance due to the omicron variant, our December attendance was actually up to pre-COVID levels. The Session decided to retain our current COVID policy of Grace and Space, which relies on personal responsibility.

Stewardship and Finance released a sizable amount to benevolences, and distributed the monies that the RTC task force had not used to two new accounts, which would continue their work.

The property committee did yeoman's work in re-evaluating and re-categorizing the long-term plans for property expenditures, which will be used to guide our financial plans in the future and protect and maintain the wonderful facility where our Church meets.

Bob continues to thank everyone who had any part in our 175th Anniversary Celebrations, and reminds and urges us to make the next 25 years something we can celebrate for God in 2046.

Next month we will hear reports from our Church Planting Committee and the Organizational Structure task force. The task force that is evaluating our Sunday morning time schedule continues to do research and explore all the possible options to fine tune our worship, Bible study, and fellowship time on the Lord's Day.

Tripp Stuart
Your Clerk of Session

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	Assistant Pastor 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 JANUARY 16, 2022

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)
3RD WEEK JAN.	\$ 62,713.86	\$ 117,500.18	\$ 54,786.32
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 188,141.58	\$ 359,761.20	\$ 171,619.62



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