

GIVING witness

FPC SAN ANTONIO STEWARDSHIP 2023

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to **witness** in many ways, sharing the good news of God's faithfulness, love, and the supreme gift of His Son Jesus Christ, whom we worship and serve. We are confident that the Lord who began a good work in us will continue to use us at First Presbyterian Church in fulfilling the mission He has called us to pursue.

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LOVE JESUS CHRIST



The Great Commission is to make disciples, and our mission as a church is to make disciples who love Jesus Christ, who love one another, and who love the city. Through our ministries of worship and discipleship, we turn people's attention to God, leading them to His glory and giving them a vision of light beyond the darkness and distress of the daily news. This is our moment to **witness** to the steadfast, never changing love of the Lord.

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LOVE ONE ANOTHER



This year, as we hope to return to "normal" fully, we will deepen our relationships spiritually and make every effort to meet together. As we build our own relationships, we want to make sure that we have the resources to enrich families, support marriages, comfort people who are grieving, and walk with people through crisis. This is a time for us to reconnect in care and concern, but also in experiencing the joy of being with our sisters and brothers in Christ. This is the year to **witness** to the world what it means to love one another as Christ has loved us.

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LOVE THE CITY



Through our local partnerships and ministries of our church, we are addressing homelessness, domestic violence, mental health issues, and family breakdown. Through our global mission partners, new and old, we are building up the church around the world and are carrying Christ's hope and truth to the nations. This is our moment to let the light of Jesus Christ rise and to **witness** to the world what it means to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.



witness through using your **time**. Think about the way you spend your time. Does it bring glory to God, promote health in yourself and others, serve those in need, and create margin for enjoying the abundant life God has promised us? Let your priorities be a **witness** to the life God calls you to live.



witness through sharing your **talent**. Take the Spiritual Gifts Survey ([fpcsanantonio.org/gifts-survey](https://www.fpcsanantonio.org/gifts-survey)) and get involved in a church ministry. Find ways to serve God by serving others and sharing your faith in a hands-on way. God wants to mobilize your passions and talents as a **witness** to His love and glory.



witness through giving generously of your **treasure**. Pray and 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 **witness** that all we have is God's through **GIVING**.



witness through sharing your **testimony**. Love the questions in life. Observe and share how you see God at work in people's lives. Encourage a friend, family member, or stranger today with your **witness** to God's presence and power in our lives.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 20

Commitments can be made by doing one of the following:

1. Visit our website at www.fpcsanantonio.org/give.
2. Download the FPC App and go to the "Give" section.
3. Fill out a commitment form and bring it to the service of dedication on Sunday, November 20. You may also mail it to the church office, drop it off, or bring it to church any Sunday.

As an act of **GIVING....witness** in response to God's generous gifts 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 2023 budget:

\$ _____ PER (Please check one)

WEEK MONTH YEAR OTHER _____

FOR ANNUAL TOTAL OF: \$ _____

PLEASE PRINT NAME(S): _____

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Dear FPC Church Family,

What a difference a year makes! We are grateful that we're no longer seeing each other in little squares on a screen, and that most of our congregation has returned to worship, learning, serving, and enjoying each other in person. We've resumed our original worship and Sunday School schedule. We've once again shared fellowship time with homemade cookies and hugs at FPC³. We have more first time visitors and new Covenant Partners (members) joining our congregation, and Sunday School classes – children, youth, and adult, are thriving—if you're not attending, this is the time! We especially rejoice at the population boom in our nurseries, and are excited about the energetic young adult community, our Women's and Men's ministries, and the other great ministries at FPC.

Even as we're happy to have turned this corner, the uncertainty of inflation and other economic challenges lie ahead for all of us. Those on the edge suffer most in these times, and FPC has always stepped up in leadership. The needs of many of our downtown neighbors continue to be critical, and the Kingdom Restoration Lab (KRL) as well as other ministries of FPC and our mission partners, are working to address those needs—spiritual as well as physical.

Our global mission partners have been at work in Eastern Europe in response to the Ukraine/Russia war and its many refugees. Groups from our church have been there (Poland) as well as to some of our long-time ministries in Africa and Mexico.

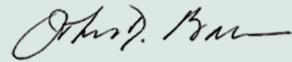
The many outreach ministries of FPC and our partners have been highlighted during the "Mission Month" of October, and we were convicted about the needs even as we were encouraged by the good work being done—all capped off with a successful and invigorating LoveSATX. Thanks be to God!

Your Stewardship and Finance Committee is, as always, working to be good stewards of the Lord's gifts given through you to FPC. We are eternally grateful for the blessings bestowed upon our church and are so very thankful for generous financial support from our covenant partners past and present.

We're convinced that the Lord is going to do something worth celebrating in 2023 at First Presbyterian Church. Our task, now and in the months to come, is to dedicate ourselves through the use of our time, talents, treasure, and testimony.

May we be **GIVING...witness.**

YOUR FPC STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE COMMITTEE



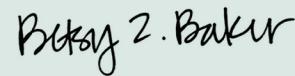
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