



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 Friendship Pad and to the left.

### WELCOME TO TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

## SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

#### SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

- 8:30 AM | Early Adult Sunday School Classes
- 9:30 AM | Traditional Worship in Sanctuary Modern Worship in Westminster Hall Sunday School Classes for Children, Youth, and Adults
- **11:00 AM** | Traditional Worship in Sanctuary Modern Worship in Westminster Hall

#### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

9:30 AM & 11:00 AM - Rev. Becky Prichard

**GIVING OPTIONS** You may 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.

#### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in honor and celebration of the birthday of Mrs. Louis H. Zbinden Jr. (Kip), who was born on Easter Sunday, April 12, 1936. Her children and grandchildren are blessed by her happiness!

#### PRAYER AND CARE

A TIME FOR PRAYER | A Deacon will be available after the service today for those seeking prayer. CARE AND CONCERN | Contact Lisa Snow, lisas@fpcsat.org or 210-226-0215, to join the congregational care email list. Care and Concern phone line: 210-222-CARE.

#### FPC<sup>3</sup> - COFFEE, COOKIES, & CONNECTION

Fellowship together at FPC<sup>3</sup> (Coffee, Cookies, & Connection), set up in the McCullough Room from 9:15 AM - 12:00 PM. From 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM is FPC<sup>3</sup> **30 Minutes**, a special half-hour set apart for community.

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

The Church Offices are available for business needs Mon. - Fri., 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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## 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.

**(NN)** Newcomer Notes: At FPC, we know that people come from a variety of faith and worship backgrounds. Therefore, we have provided "Newcomer Notes (NN)" in italics as a point-by-point commentary and explanation of the different parts of the service. Understanding "what we do" and "why we do it" help to make our worship more meaningful and engaging. Whether you are an old hand or a visitor, we hope that you will find the "Newcomer Notes" helpful and thought-provoking.

## PREPARATION

**PRELUDE |** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Paul Manz, Arr.

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

#### WELCOME AND GREETINGS

### CALL TO WORSHIP | adapted from Romans 11:33-36

Leader: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

#### People: "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?"

Leader: "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?"

ALL: For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

### **TCONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP** | Hymn #561 Christ for the World! We Sing

### CALL TO CONFESSION | from the Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 32.

**NN:** The Call to Confession reminds us that we are all sinners—lost and self-centered—in need of God's mercy. The Prayer of Confession strikes a blow against self-righteousness and humbles us before God as we say what we know to be true of ourselves. It reminds us that we are not better than others and that it is only grace that makes us what we are. In it, we pray for personal sin, for the sins of our local church, our local community, our nation, and our world.

Leader: Why are you called a Christian?

People: Because through faith I share in Christ and thus in his anointing, so that I may confess his name, offer myself a living sacrifice of gratitude to him, and fight against sin and the devil with a free and good conscience throughout this life and hereafter rule with him in eternity over all creatures

## **CONFESSING OUR SIN**

Merciful Judge, on this day of solemn promises, when young people are confirming the vows of faith, we must ask ourselves questions we would rather not ask. How well have we lived for your compassion and peace? How well have we kept ourselves true in temptation? How well have we honored and followed you, our God? We are painfully conscious of the distance between your holiness and our humanity. We fail to love even our loved ones consistently and constructively. We disclaim responsibility for the misery of stricken strangers, unwanted children, the homeless, and the elderly poor. Forgive us, O Lord. Transform us by the renewing of our minds and protect our hearts from conformity to the world. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose invitation to the waters of baptism and to renewal of spirit includes all your children. Hear now our prayers of confession...

### SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

## **AFFIRMATION AND DEDICATION**

## TDECLARING 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.

## TGLORIA 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.

## 9:30 AM | THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM & RECEIVING THE CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2024

(See page 5 for photos and names of the Confirmation Class of 2024.)

Confirmation student Rowan Clark Simpson, son of Brad and Suzanne Simpson, receives the sacrament of Baptism.

## 11:00 AM | THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

West Wolf Whittington, son of Alex and Emily Whittington, receives the sacrament of Baptism.

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

**NN:** In the Lord's Prayer, we join our prayers to the words of Jesus. The Lord's Prayer is also a model, or template, to guide us as we make our petitions to God.

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** | Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Jason W. Krug, Arr., Sanctuary Handbell Choir

## **TDOXOLOGY** | 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.

## TPRAYER OF DEDICATION

## CHORAL WORSHIP | On Eagle's Wings

Your servant comes this hour in true humility, believing in your call, O God, and answering, "Lord, send me." Your servant kneels in prayer, awaiting from above the touch which sets their life apart for ministries of love. Your servant stands this day implanted in the word; prepared to share the holy truth, proclaim it lamp and sword. Your servant leaves this place with confidence secure, and by the Holy Spirit bears the fruit which shall endure.

## PROCLAMATION

## SCRIPTURE READING | James 1:16-25

<sup>16</sup> Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup> Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup> Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup> Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup> for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. <sup>21</sup> Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. <sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup> For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. <sup>25</sup> But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

## SERMON | The Resurrected Life: The New Life of the Word

Rev. Dr. Bob Fuller

**NN:** The sermon takes the words of the Bible and translates them for power and guidance today. Listen for both the meaning of the scripture and how it should be applied in your life. Remember—God gave us His Word to conform us to His will, not to confirm our personal opinions. The sermon is supposed to both challenge and comfort us with God's truth, by tying the meaning of the text and our context together.

**TCONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP** | Hymn #505 All the Way My Savior Leads Me

## MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

## BENEDICTION

## **BENEDICTION AND CHARGE**

**NN:** The Charge is a final reminder to remember that faith is lived seven days a week, wherever we go and whatever we do. The Benediction is a prayer of blessing, for you and your family.

**CHORAL RESPONSE** | Now Let Us Learn of Christ

**POSTLUDE** | Humoresque "L'organo primitive"

David Peacock

Pietro A. Yon



## SCAN FOR FULL ONLINE ANNOUNCEMENTS

FPCSANANTONIO.ORG/ANNOUNCE

## CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY Today, Sunday, Apr. 14 | All Four Services

A Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, April 14 at the end of each morning service to vote on the proposed church officer nominations. Visit fpcsanantonio.org/onc to read about the nominees.

# **CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2024**

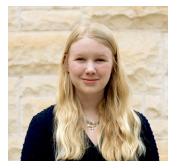




Benjamin (Ben) Allen San Antonio Christian School



Elizabeth Anderson Geneva School of Boerne



**Evelyn (Evie) Embrey** Alamo Heights Junior School



**Ella Frankland** St. Luke's Episcopal School



Hewitt Matthews Alamo Heights High School



Sophia Kocurek Alamo Heights Junior School



Alonzo (Reeves) Oden Alamo Heights Junior School



Vera (Clare) Rule San Antonio Christian School



Anna Sharpe Alamo Heights Junior School



**Rowan Simpson** Alamo Heights High School



Robert Thompson Bush Middle School



**Stella Wallis** Alamo Heights Junior School



**James Williams** Alamo Heights Junior School



Olivia (Olive) Williams Saint Mary's Hall



Whitson (Whit) Wright San Antonio Academy

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



#### FPC FIESTA MEDAL ON SALE NOW Today, Sunday, April 14 | Front Desk

The 2024 FPC Fiesta medal is in and features another of the church's beautiful stained glass windows. Pick yours up at the Front Desk for \$10.

#### SECOND SUNDAY FAMILY LUNCH Sunday, Apr. 14 | 12:30 PM Make Ready Market, 203 8th Street

Walk or drive over to Make Ready Market after the 11:00 AM worship services for a meal and fellowship on the 2nd Sunday of every month. Contact Chris Roper at christopherdavidroper@yahoo.com.

## WOC LADIES NIGHT OUT

**Tuesday, Apr. 16 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Home of Sharon Seal, 134 Cave Ln., 78209** All FPC women are invited to fiesta with friends at the spring Women of the Church Ladies Night Out. Wear your favorite fiesta garb, grab a friend, and join us for a fun night of food and fellowship. Sign up online at fpcsanantonio.org/lno-rsvp or in Mauzé Lobby on Sundays. Contact Jill Peavy, 210-667-0525.

## **FPC JOB OPENINGS**

Seeking positions with Young Adults and Middle School and High School Youth as well as child caregivers. Information and applications online at fpcsanantonio.org/jobs.

### SIGN UP FOR SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Looking for a meaningful way to celebrate a special occasion or honor a loved one? Consider donating flowers for the Sanctuary in the month of April? Please contact Lilly Gretzinger at 210-601-0575 or lilly@bunngroup.com.

#### BAPTISM SEMINAR FOR CHILD BAPTISMS Sunday, Apr. 28 | 9:30 - 10:30 AM | Room 108

Discover the beauty of baptism and the enduring grace of God at our upcoming baptism seminar, mandatory for parents of infants or children seeking to be baptized at FPC. Additional seminar dates for this year are on June 2 & September 8. Visit fpcsanantonio.org/baptism to RSVP and for more info on baptisms at FPC. To schedule a baptism, or for more info on baptisms or the seminars, contact Heather Beltrame (heatherb@fpcsat.org.)

#### LOVE REBOOT: MARRIAGE REPAIR Friday & Sat. April 19-21 | 8 AM - 5 PM Sunday, April 21 | 1:30 - 7 PM FPC Student Center

All marriages go through times of struggle. Feeling distant or in conflict with each other? Find your way back to love and intimacy with your spouse. It's worth investing in this weekend to restore what is broken. Please share with friends who may need this weekend as well. Visit growinglovenetwork.org/ lovereboot for more information and registration.

## KEYS OLDER ADULT MINISTRY EVENTS Friday, April 19 | 11:00 AM | McCullough Room

Celebrate Fiesta with a visit from King Antonio this Friday, April 19, in the McCullough Room and the upper patio. Lunch at noon \$13. Contact the church front desk to RSVP at (210) 226-0215 or keys@ fpcsat.org. No KEYS on April 26 for the Battle of the Flowers Parade. Visit fpcsanantonio.org/keys for more information.

## LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS: SERVE WITH CAM & SAMMINISTRIES

Text "Missions" to 210-981-3339 to receive updates about ongoing and upcoming opportunities to connect and serve with our FPC Mission Partners.

- Volunteers needed at Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM) to serve our homeless neighbors at both locations (McCullough & De Zavala.) Help with food, clothing distribution, ID Recovery at Haven for Hope, and more! Connect with our neighbors. Contact Mary Henderson at mhenderson@cam-sa.org or 210-842-0208.
- Join us on **Wednesday, April 17 at 5:00 PM** for a SAMMinistries tour to learn about services for families overcoming homelessness. Discover opportunities to serve and support their mission. Contact Mike Munroe at mcmunroe@icloud.com to sign up and learn more.
- Join us on **Sunday, April 21 in Room 228 between 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM** to help pack hygiene kits and diapers for CAM. Also help by bringing a package of diapers in sizes 4, 5, or 6 to donate. Learn more about serving our neighbors with CAM. Contact Mary Lou Casey at mlcasey@caseyarchitecture.com for details on how to get involved.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



#### MINISTRY GUIDE

Visit fpcsanantonio.org/ministry-guide to view or download the current Ministry Guide and find the full weekly schedule and list of upcoming events.

#### LOCAL MISSIONS DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING Thursday, April 25 | 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM Guthrie-Bryant Chapel

Join us in a day of prayer and fasting for Local Missions on Thursday, April 25. Gather in the presence of the Lord to offer praise and petition for His ongoing work in renewing our city in and through our Local Mission Partners. The Guthrie-Bryant Chapel will be open from 11:45 AM to 1:00 PM for come-and-go prayer. Prayer guides will be available for those attending in person or praying remotely. Contact lindsays@fpcsat.org.

#### FIESTA OFFICE CLOSURE & PARKING Friday & Saturday, April 26-27

Church offices will be closed Friday, April 26, for the Battle of the Flowers holiday. Offices will reopen Monday, April 29. The Parking Management Company will be selling parking spaces in our large lot on a first-come, first-serve basis on Friday and Saturday, April 26 - 27. Proceeds from these days will go to support our mission partners, Life Restored SA and Meant to Soar, that fight human trafficking. We encourage everyone to purchase a spot in our lot if you will be downtown for the parades!

#### WOMEN! SAVE THE DATES Women at First Faith Gathering Sunday, May 5 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM | 117 Ridgemont 78209

All generations of women are invited to attend a casual evening at the home of Jill Peavy. Becky Prichard and Savannah Schatte will share their faith stories—why they love Jesus and the impact he has made in their lives! Invite a friend. Contact Marti Seal at 210-360-9796 or mseal3385@gmail.com.

### FPC Women's Retreat October 4-6

Nurture your faith at a women's retreat weekend filled with fellowship, worship, and reflection. Pause, recharge, and connect in a sanctuary away from daily chaos at T Bar M Camp in New Braunfels, TX. Early Bird registration opens soon through June 1. Contact Becky Prichard at beckyp@fpcsat.org. SUMMER '24 MISSION TRIP TEAMS FORMING

June trips to Uganda & Dominican Republic, as well as our July High School trip to Mexico, are building teams now. Summer Mission Mentorships are also available. Visit fpcsanantonio.org/mission-trips for each Trip Leader's contact information or contact lindsays@fpcsat.org.

#### YOUNG ADULTS GROUPS & TEXTING

Are you 18-35ish? Text "YAC" to 210-981-3339 to join the YAC texting group. YAC Gospel Community Groups meet off campus at least twice a month to gather and grow together. Groups currently open to new members meet at 7:00 PM on Mondays and Tuesdays. Sign up at fpcsanantonio.org/gcgroups. Contact Carrie Everson, carriee@fpcsat.org.

#### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER WALK Thursday, May 2 | 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Begins at Ave E Entrance of FPC

Please join us for our annual Prayer Walk to the National Day of Prayer gathering at Main Plaza. The walk begins at First Presbyterian Church at the Ave E. Entrance. For more details or volunteer opportunities, contact Eva Eckburg at eva.eckburg@yahoo.com.

#### FPC CHILDREN'S CENTER FUNDRAISERS

Get ready to have fun while supporting scholarships and teacher continuing education for our preschool!

#### Spring Fling Luau - Friday, May 10 6:30 PM | Magnolia Gardens

Tickets at fpcsanantonio.org/spring-fling. Dinner, cash bar, & auctions. \$50/individual, \$400/table.

Golf Tournament - Friday, Aug. 23 7:45 AM - 2:30 PM | Olmos Basin Golf Course Register by Aug. 16 at fpcsanantonio.org/fpcc-

golf. \$250/individual, \$1000/4-person team, and includes burger lunch and prizes

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Monday, June 17 - Friday, June 21 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Dive into a scuba adventure at VBS! Kids 4 years old to 5th grade will explore the wonders of the ocean and grow in friendship with God. Teens 6th grade and up can volunteer. Cost is \$20 per child with scholarships available. Register at fpcsanantonio. org/vbs. Contact rebeccas@fpcsat.org to volunteer. **FPC CHILDREN'S CENTER |** Enroll your infant, toddler, or preschooler (6 weeks - Age 5) for part or full time care with qualified, nurturing, experienced staff. Contact Laura Ortiz at laurao@fpcsat.org, visit fpcsanantonio.org/ childrens-center or call (210) 225-0960. If your child's age group is full - get on the wait list by filling out the form at bit.ly/fpccc-waitlist-form.

**FPC SERVES** | We show our love for Jesus, others, our city, and the world by serving. Find all available serving opportunities at FPC, locally, & globally at fpcsanantonio.org/serve.

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#### **OPERATING BUDGET REVENUES AS OF APRIL 7, 2024**

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)
1ST WEEK OF APR.	\$ 109,200.03	\$ 101,072.80	\$ (8,127.23)
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 1,285,508.74	\$ 1,296,257.53	\$ 10,748.79

#### THE MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH

The Congregation

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\*Service streamed online on YouTube Facebook, & fpcsanantonio.org

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