

FPC HOUSTON

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

November 13, 2022

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Jim Birchfield, *Moderator*

Report from the Clerk of Session

Martha Barnes, *Clerk of Session*

Neighborhood Connect Update | Melaney Derden, *Ruling Elder*

Report from the Finance Committee

Steve Oldham, *Treasurer*

Motion from Governance

Houghton Hutcheson, *Ruling Elder*

Motion to change the name of the Officer Nominating Committee

It is moved by the Governance Committee of the Session that the By-laws of First Presbyterian Church of Houston be amended in Article Four (Nominating Committees), Section 4.2 (Officer Nominating Committee), as well as the corresponding entry in the Table of Contents on page ii, to change the name "Officer Nominating Committee", wherever it occurs in such by-laws, to "Elder Nominating Committee." This proposed change is simply to reduce confusion regarding the meaning of the term "officer" and to recognize that the only office for which this committee nominates members is the office of Ruling Elder.

Election of Elders (Class of 2026)

Leslie King, *ONC Chair*

Gene Alford	James Melcher	Jan Smith
Leo Espinoza	Mike Nichols	Wei Yang

Election of Officer/Elder Nominating Committee (2023)

Brent Dorsey, *SNC Chair*

Tom Brents (Ruling Elder)	Julie Harris	Candy Roberts
Kristen Foxley (Ruling Elder)	David Loveday	Ann Smith
Paul Askenasy	Josephine Olmstead	Eric Thomas
Ann Davis	Jaisent Patel	

Closing Prayer and Doxology

Jim Birchfield

FY 2022

Through June 30, 2022*

Revenues	
Contributions	9,421,085
Presbyterian School Rent	838,175
Program Service Revenue	988,527
Total	11,247,788

Operating Expenses	
Children & Family	453,253
Communications & Media	997,136
Community Life	631,849
Equipping	315,338
Kid's Day Out (KDO)	457,600
Ministry Support	6,432,101
Missions & Evangelism	1,161,025
Next Generation	679,907
Worship	616,003
Total	11,744,212

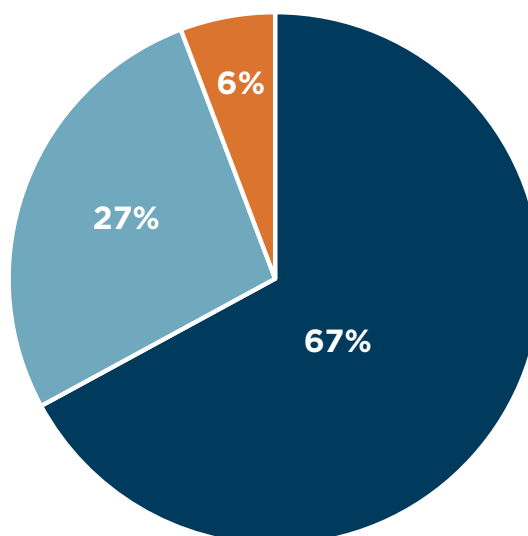
*Reflects a 13-month fiscal year due to our move from a June to July year-end.

FY 2022 Expenses

Through June 30, 2022

- Operating Expenses (11,744,212)
- Here to Serve Projects (4,803,000)
- Grants & Scholarships (1,018,000)

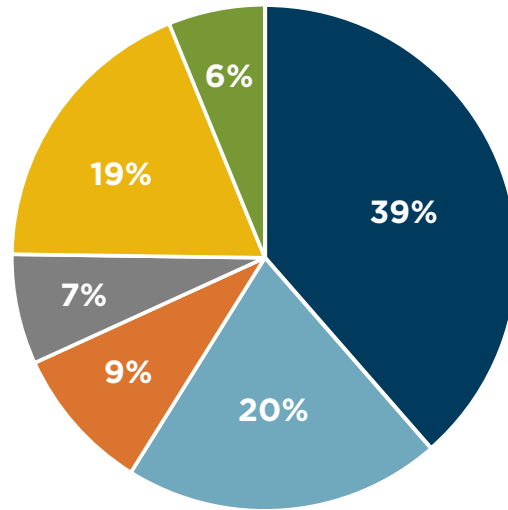
Total Spent = **\$17,565,212**



2022-2023 Budget

Through June 30, 2022

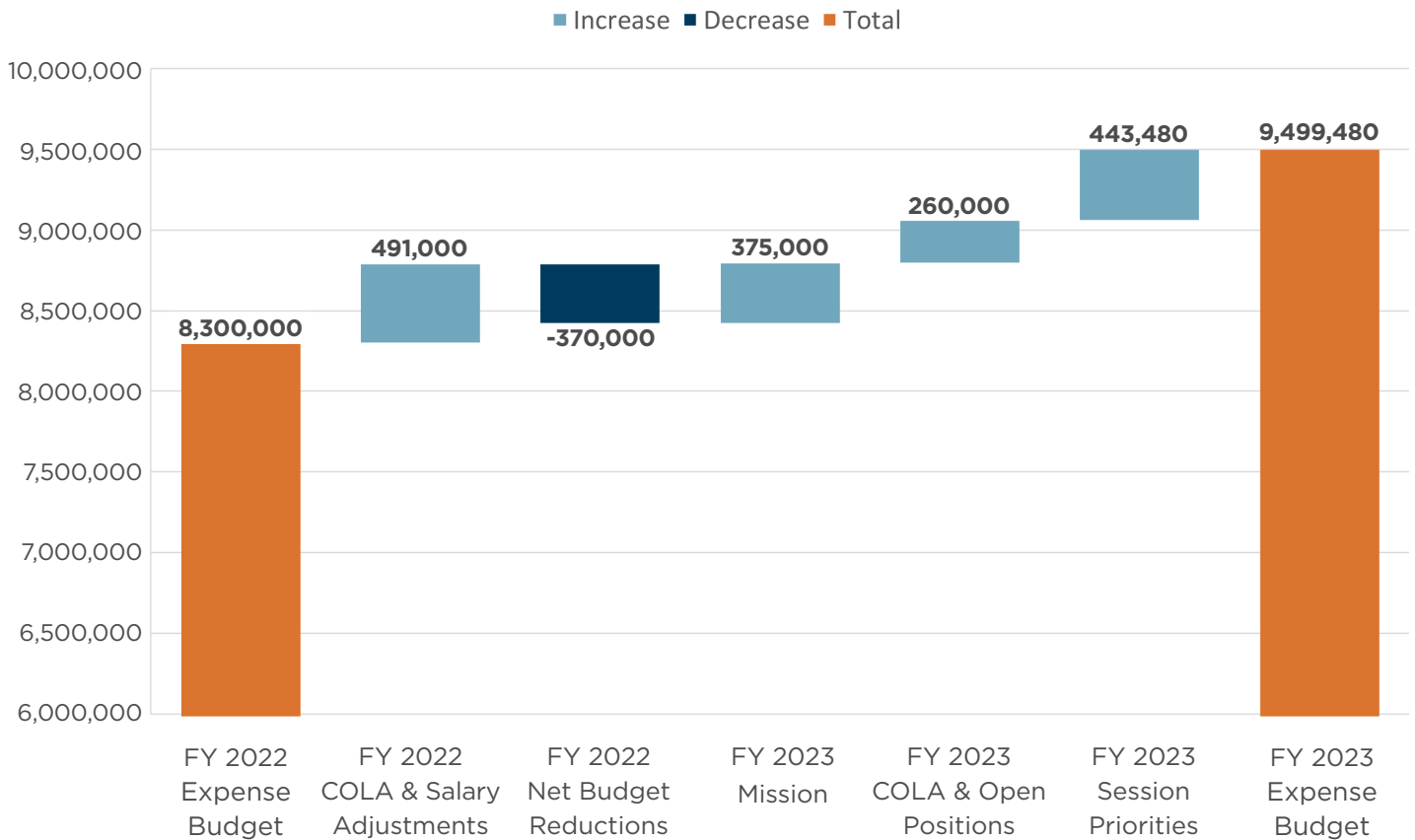
- Ministry Support
- Outreach
- Communications & Media
- Worship
- Whole-Life Discipleship
- Community Life



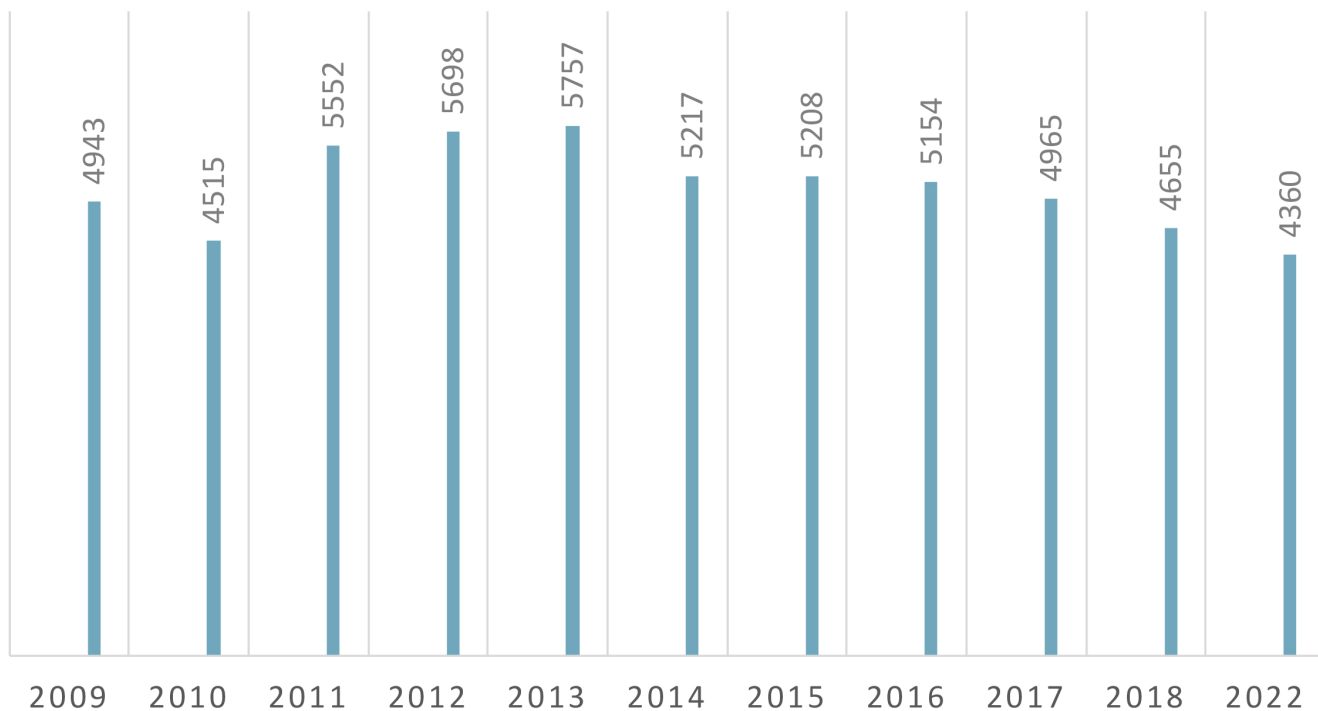
Budget Total = **\$9,499,480**

Expense Budget Comparison

FY 2022 (2021-2022) vs. FY 2023 (2022-2023)



Pledge History (in \$000's)



Elder Nominees | Class of 2026



GENE ALFORD

Gene and his wife, Mary, have been members of FPC since 1995. Gene has served on the Officer Nominating Committee three times, is currently the mentor for the Young Married Sunday School class, and was actively involved in FPC Medical Missions to Honduras. Gene is an ENT Head and Neck Surgeon with a Fellowship in Facial Plastic Surgery and has been in practice at Houston Methodist Hospital for 31 years. Gene and Mary have two adult children, John and Bess, who grew up attending FPC Youth Group.



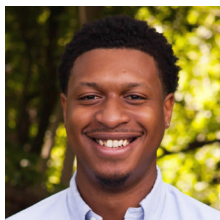
LEO ESPINOZA

Leo and his wife, Sabrina, have been members since 2000. They have three children: Brianna (19), Sophia (17), and Zaden (11). Leo has spent time sharing his gifts with FPC in a myriad of ways: working on searches for various positions on staff (APNC, ONC, SNC), teaching Confirmation class for 10+ years, teaching Sunday School for 15 years, and serving in a variety of other roles. Professionally, Leo is an Executive Recruiter and enjoys sharing his talents with not-for-profit Boards and/or organizations. Leo loves to workout, snow ski, hike, travel, read, and spend time with his family.



JAMES MELCHER

James is a tax lawyer at Hess Corporation who started attending FPC with his wife, Tiffany, shortly after moving to Houston in 2012. Since that time, he has enjoyed participating in Small Groups and Young Adult activities, serving on the Permanent Funds Ministry team and the Pastor Nominating Committee, and watching his twin seven-year old daughters grow up in the wonderful communities of FPC and Presbyterian School.



MIKE NICHOLS

Michael has been a Covenant Partner at FPC for three years, and his wife, Erika, for two years. They have a one-year-old son, Augustine Carter. Michael and Erika participate in the Young Adult small group. Michael has served by leading in worship and prayer, serving the homeless at Main Street Ministries, and teaching. Michael is a Main Street Fellowship graduate, a winning recipient of Project Flourish with GoBU.tv, and served on FPC's Visioning Task Force. Michael is currently in school working towards his B.S. in Sociology at the University of Houston Downtown. He is also a member of the Restoring Justice team as Partners Manager.



JAN SMITH

Jan has been a member of FPC since 1995, of Chancel Choir since 2002, and of Campanile since 2019. During that time, she has served as Secretary, VP, and President of the Chancel Choir. Other service includes Officer Nominating Committees, initial screenings of Project Flourish applicants, COVID Reopening Task Force, and the recent Director of Worship search committee. Jan attends *The Church, Then and Now* Sunday School class and is also a member of the teaching team for FPC Women's Eve Circle. She has recently undergone training to be a volunteer hospital lay chaplain and an Assistant Professor and Clinical Laboratory Director at Baylor College of Medicine.



WEI YANG

Wei has been involved at FPC since 2010 and a Covenant Partner for more than five years. Her sons, Nicholas and Russell, attended FPC prior to leaving Houston. Wei participated in the 2020 Main Street Fellowship program and is a member of FPC Stephen's Ministry. More recently, she has engaged with Africa Renewal Ministry as well as Medical Missions for Uganda and the Wentz Medical Center. A physician by training, Wei practices as a breast radiologist and leads the Breast Imaging Team at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. Outside of church, Wei loves walks and hikes with family, studying and sharing the Bible, enjoying simple healthy meals, and discovering how God reveals His specific plan and purpose for her each day.

Officer/Elder Nominating Committee Nominees | 2023



TOM BRENTS

Ruling Elder serving as Co-Chair and Member for the 2023 Officer Nominating Committee (ONC).



KRISTEN FOXLEY

Ruling Elder serving as Co-Chair and Member for the 2023 Officer Nominating Committee (ONC).



PAUL ASKENASY

Paul and his wife have been FPC Covenant Partners since they came to Houston in 2018. He is active in the Boomer's Sunday School class, a small group, and a men's Bible study. Paul is an usher and goes on mission trips with Faith in Practice—a medical and wheelchair ministry.



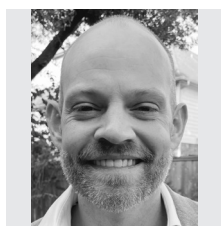
ANN DAVIS

Ann is a life-long member of FPC and cherishes being part of this loving, faith-filled church. She participates in WOW weekly Bible study and is a member of the Communion Guild. She is Leader of the Women's Ministry Deborah Circle and has been Moderator of Presbyterian Women. She and her husband, Ron, are active members of the Boomers Sunday School class and have enjoyed FPC Mo-Ranch retreats. Ann and Ron have three adult children and a precious one-year old granddaughter. Ann enjoys reading, gardening, and exercising.



JULIE HARRIS

Julie and her husband, Victor, joined FPC in 1974. She has served in a variety of capacities: Sunday School teacher, Sunday School Curriculum Review Committee member, Officer Nominating Committee member, Mo-Ranch Co-Chair, Young Disciples Storyteller, Elder, member of the Pastor Nominating Committee, as well as a member of an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, Vacation Bible School Chair, and Mentor. She and Victor are members of a small group. Julie is a member of a weekly prayer group and the Women's Ministry Julia Circle. Julie and Victor have two grown, married children, Katie Patterson and Victor, Jr.



DAVID LOVEDAY

David and his wife, Alison, joined First Presbyterian Church soon after moving to Houston in 2012. Their three daughters attend Presbyterian School (fourth grade, second grade, and kindergarten) and actively participate in FPC's Children & Family Ministry. David has served as a children's Sunday School teacher, Mo Ranch Chair, and with Project Flourish. David has a background in geology and works in the oil and gas industry.



JOSEPHINE OLMSTEAD

Josephine has been a Covenant Partner of FPC since 2013, the same year she married Robert, who has been with FPC his whole life. Josephine has been involved with and supported a wide range of ministries at FPC: she has taught the Cornerstone Sunday School class, served in Sunday and Monday prayer meetings, participated in a legal aid program for children supported by FPC, and mentored college students in a discipleship program. Josephine is a former financial attorney at Baker McKenzie and holds a law degree from Harvard Law School and an M.B.A. from the University of London. She now works as a financial planner/advisor.



JAISENT PATEL

Jaisent and his wife, Kimberly, have been Covenant Partners of FPC since 2018. Jaisent and Kim were married at FPC in March 2021. Jaisent started attending FPC with Kim in 2017, and he was baptized at FPC in 2018. Alpha was a large part in Jaisent's journey to Christ, and he is thankful for that ministry. He participates in a Small Group and a Discipleship Group at FPC in an effort for continued growth in the Lord. Jaisent is a proud father of a 14-month-old daughter, Adali, and is excited to welcome his and Kim's new son into the world in January of 2023.



CANDY ROBERTS

Candace Roberts and her husband Dan Witschey have attended First Presbyterian Church since the 1980s. Candy has been in a small group, was a member of the BASICS Sunday School class, taught Bible study at Holly Hall, and has been a long-time member and teacher in the Women's Ministry Eve Circle. Candy is a radiologist specializing in woman's imaging.



ANN SMITH

Ann has been a Covenant Partner of FPC for 26 years. She was married here and her two daughters, Sydney and Annette, were baptized here. Ann served as a Sunday School teacher (K-5th), as a facilitator with DivorceCare, and a facilitator for the Caring Ministry summer book study. Ann is a Main Street Fellowship graduate and serves as a Greeter/Usher for the Contemporary service. She works as a physical therapist. Outside of work, Ann enjoys training and competing in triathlons, paddle boarding, and taking road trips with her girls and Saint Bernard, Bruno.



ERIC THOMAS

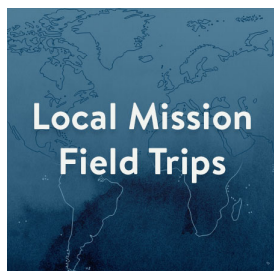
Eric and his wife, Laura Petersen, have been Covenant Partners of FPC for 23 years. Their children grew up in the Youth group and attended Presbyterian School. Eric has taught adult Sunday School, Junior High boys Sunday School, and served on the curriculum writing committee for Small Groups. He has served on Session twice, been a mentor for Project Flourish, and volunteered with several church ministry partners including Nehemiah Center, Pathways for Little Feet, and Restoring Justice. Eric is a Professor of Medicine at McGovern Medical School at UT Health where he sees patients as a primary care physician, teaches, and does research.



The Star Movie Night

Wed | Nov 16 | 6:30–8:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

Prepare your families for the season with this family-friendly Christmas movie! Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and we will provide the popcorn. Can't wait to see you there!



Local Mission Field Trip

Thur | Nov 17 | 12 PM | Open Door Mission

Missions has introduced a new opportunity to get to know our local mission partners. On the fourth Thursday of each month, we will offer a "Local Partner Field Trip" at noon. This is designed for individuals interested in seeing first-hand the ministries seeking volunteers. If you would like to carpool, we will leave from the North Lot of FPC at 11:30 AM. If you would like to meet us at Open Door Mission, we will meet at noon: 5803 Harrisburg Blvd, Houston, TX 77011. Reservations are necessary. Please sign up at fpchouston.org/upcoming-opportunities.



Couple's Night Out

Sat | Nov 19 | 5–8 PM

Unfortunately, Jim and Marta will not be able to attend the Couple's Night Out, but it is not completely canceled! We still have a plan to provide quality time for you and your spouse by offering three hours of childcare while you enjoy an evening out. For more information or questions, please email Catie Smith at csmith@fpchouston.org. To register, visit fpchouston.org/events.



GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays

Sun | Nov 27 | 12–2 PM | Library

Are you dreading these holidays knowing that everything has changed and happy memories from past years can't be recreated? Our Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. This 2-hour seminar includes a video, sharing time, and a "Survival Guide" filled with tips and encouragement for managing the holidays. Our hope is that you will discover there is hope for your future. Lunch provided. To register, contact Lija Shah at lshah@fpchouston.org.

To view upcoming events for the Advent season, visit fpchouston.org/advent.

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