

Friends,

It's beginning to look like Christmas at FPC! The trees and garlands are up around campus, and on social media, we will be sharing daily scriptures to keep our hearts in tune with the journey of Advent. These posts can be used as a momentary meditation in the midst of the busyness this month can bring. For more tools to focus your eyes on Christ this season, see the special Advent Resources section below.

As a helpful measure for this month's after-service activities, free parking in the museum garage has been extended from 1:30 to 3:00 PM for the next three Sundays.

Thank you,
FPC Communications



Sun | Dec 4 | 7:30 PM | Sanctuary

Join us for the longest-running Handel's Messiah Sing-Along in the city. Hundreds of singers from the Houston area make up the choir, joining orchestra and soloists in this Christmas tradition. Music scores will be provided.

KEY UPCOMING EVENTS



Sun | Dec 4 | 11:45-1 PM | Fellowship Hall

Join us for lunch and activities for the whole church family following Sunday worship services. There will be crafts and games for kids, Christmas cookies to decorate, photo booths for friends and family, and Advent Missions Market shopping for all!



Sundays | Dec 4, 11, 18 | 9 AM-1 PM | Palm Court

Shop for unique crafts from artisans around the world and support our global ministry partners! Please contact [Mary-Floye Federer](#) if you are able to volunteer at the tables.



Sat | Dec 10 | 5-8 PM

Parents, could you use an evening for Christmas shopping, rest, or a date? Children and Family Ministry have a gift of three hours of childcare for you! For children ages 2 mos-5th grade.

[Reserve here >](#)

PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOL

Presbyterian School Christmas Candlelight Concert

Mon | Dec 12 | 6 PM | Sanctuary

First Presbyterian Church members are invited to join Presbyterian School for a concert performed by 3rd-6th grade students and the school choirs including Cub Choir, Panther Singers, Main Men, and Main Street Singers. The Presbyterian School faculty and staff choir will also perform *Carol of the Bells*. A cookie reception will follow the concert in Fellowship Hall. For more information, please email Director of Fine Arts, [Courtney Daniell-Knapp](#).

ADVENT RESOURCES



Printable Advent calendar with simple daily prompts to put your faith into action.

[Here >](#)



Weekly discussion, scripture, and candle-lighting prayers for your family Advent rhythm.

[Here >](#)



Curated Advent resources from our Parenting Ministry for parents of children of all ages.

[Here >](#)

SERVE WITH FPC THIS MONTH

Looking for a way to serve in the church or connect with our local and global mission partners? See full details about current needs and opportunities below.

Advent Wreath Lighting Volunteers | Dec 4-18, 24 | All Services | [Sign Up Here](#)

First Saturday Serve | Dec 3 | 9–10:30 AM | MSM Garden

Prayers of the People (POP) Mailers Volunteering | Dec 5-6 | FPC | [More Details Here](#)

Cullen Staff Appreciation Breakfast | Dec 7 | 9 AM–1 PM | Cullen Middle School

Agape Development Christmas Store | Dec 8 | [More Details Here](#)

Cullen Middle School Prayer Walk | Dec 14 | 6–7 PM | Cullen Middle School

[More Ways to Serve](#)

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

Surviving the Holidays: DivorceCare

Sun | Dec 11 | 12-2 PM | Library

If you or someone you know is struggling with the changes divorce or separation brings this season, this upcoming Caring Ministry event offers helpful resources for support and encouragement. Lunch will be provided.

[Register Here >](#)

Marriage Conference: Registration Now Open

Fri | 5–8 PM | January 20

Sat | 8 AM–5 PM | January 21

Do you want to feel known and loved by your spouse? Through looking at Genesis 1-3 and hearing practical illustrations from teachers Jim and Sara Singleton's own marriage, we will learn how strong love results from a greater attachment to God and our spouses; moving from shame, blame, and hiddenness to being seen and secure. Please invite other couples and join us for an encouraging, enlightening weekend event. Meals and childcare provided.

[Register Here >](#)

For a full list of upcoming events, visit the FPC Events Calendar

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SUNDAY MORNING

Join us at our new 8:15 AM service, 10:45 AM Contemporary service, or 11 AM Traditional service.

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