# FPC HOUSTON ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**OCTOBER 15, 2023** 

Welcome and Opening Prayer Curtis A. Bronzan, Moderator

Report from the Clerk of Session Michael Harada, Clerk of Session

Report from the Finance Committee Keith Cole, Treasurer

Dissolution of Pastoral Relationship

Michael Harada, Clerk of Session

Motion from Session Dade Dowdle, Ruling Elder

#### Motion to Allow Session to Sell Real Property Acquired by Estate Gift

It is moved by the Governance Committee of the Session that the By-laws of First Presbyterian Church of Houston be amended in Article Five (Meetings of the Members), Section 5.6 (Business that Must Be Conducted at a Congregational Meeting), to add "d. Real property acquired by estate gift can be sold or transferred at the discretion of Session." This proposed addition will allow Session to exercise appropriate oversight and responsibility to sell real property received as the result of an estate gift.

Election of Elders (Class of 2027)

Thomas Brents, ENC Co-Chair

Chris Derden Allison McMillan Alan Sexton

Jeff Kennedy Matt Reed Chris Wolfe

Election of Elder Nominating Committee (2024)

Robert Norvell, SNC Chair

Jan Smith (Ruling Elder) Fielding Cocke Claudia Hutcheson

Wei Yang (Ruling Elder) Lesley DiBello Bryan Miller

Madison Baldwin Sabrina Espinoza Rebecca Turner

Bob Chenoweth Becca Herbold

Closing Prayer and Doxology Curtis A. Bronzan

## FY 2023

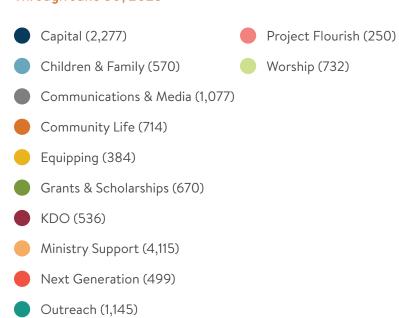
#### Through June 30, 2023

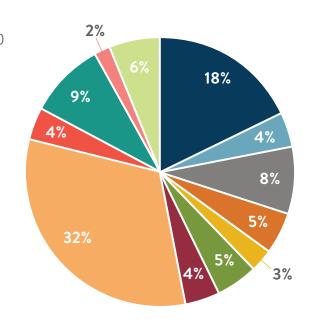
Revenues	
Contributions	7,960,956
Presbyterian School Rent	824,893
Program Service Revenue	1,104,873
Total	9,890,722

Operating Expe	enses
Children & Family	569,695
Communications & Media	1,077,254
Community Life	714,475
Equipping	383,839
Kid's Day Out (KDO)	536,161
Ministry Support	4,204,280
Next Generation	498,999
Outreach	1,145,404
Worship	732,308
Total	9,862,414

# FY 2023 Expenses (in \$000's)

## Through June 30, 2023





# FY 2024

### Through June 30, 2024

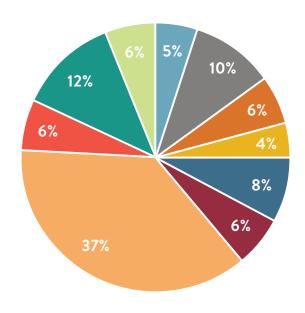
Revenues	
Contributions	7,655,958
Presbyterian School Rent	897,668
Program Service Revenue	1,000,000
Total	9,553,626

Operating Expe	nses
Children & Family	483,458
Communications & Media	1,034,197
Community Life	619,437
Equipping	389,140
Kid's Day Out (KDO)	550,000
Ministry Support	3,674,589
Next Generation	625,249
Outreach	1,216,651
Worship	625,249
Total	9,217,970

# FY 2024 Budget (in \$000's)

## Through June 30, 2024

- Children & Family (483)
- Communications & Media (1,034)
- Community Life (619)
- Equipping (389)
- **GST (800)**
- KDO (550)
- Ministry Support (3,875)
- Next Generation (625)
- Outreach (1,217)
- Worship (625)



# Elder Nominees | Class of 2027



#### **CHRIS DERDEN**

Chris and his wife, Melaney, have been members of FPC for over 26 years. He is grateful to have served as an elder and member of various committees, including the Board of Trustees, the SNC, and the PNC. Currently, he is an active member of the Cornerstone class and is an active volunteer with the Youth Ministry. Chris is a partner at Adams and Reese LLP law firm. He and Melaney have two adult sons, Lyle and Will, who were active participants and leaders in FPC's Youth programs.



#### **JEFF KENNEDY**

Jeff and his wife, Wendy, have been Covenant Partners since 2017. Their two children, Jack, a freshman at Texas A&M, and Reese, a sophomore at St Pius X, are active with the Youth Ministry. Jeff currently serves FPC as a Stephen Minister, volunteers with the Youth as a small group leader, and is a member of the Cornerstone Sunday School class. Outside of FPC, Jeff works at Halliburton and enjoys playing tennis.



#### **ALLISON MCMILLAN**

Allison and her husband, Mark, have been FPC members for over 15 years along with their son, Mark (22). Allison's areas of service and participation include Children and Family Ministry, Elder Nominating Committee, ushering, Alpha, and small group member for 10+ years. She also volunteers outside of FPC at a Christian-based pregnancy center. Allison is a semi-retired employee benefits insurance broker and now happily works from home.



#### **MATT REED**

Matt and his wife, Hilary, have been Covenant Partners of FPC since 2018, joining their small group shortly thereafter. They also co-facilitate FPC's Marriage Beginnings class and are graduates of the Main Street Fellowship program. Matt is part of a men's discipleship group, serves on FPC's Curriculum Writing Team, and is currently the chair of the Grants and Scholarships Team. He is an attorney with a law firm that focuses on the representation of educational and governmental clients. He and Hilary enjoy spending time with family, exercising, reading, eating at new and favorite restaurants, attending the theater, and traveling.



#### **ALAN SEXTON**

Alan has been a Covenant Partner at FPC for 40 years and his wife, Jan, for 20 years. They have a blended family of four children and one granddaughter. Alan is a retired dentist following 37 years in private practice. He currently serves as the Vice-President/President-elect of the Chancel Choir, substitute organist and pianist for traditional worship services, weddings, and funerals, and is a member of the Boomer's Sunday School class. Alan previously served on the ONC, PNC, Worship team as interim organist following Dr. Rhonda Furr's retirement, and pianist for the Basics Sunday School class. Outside of FPC, Alan served on the M.D. Anderson Advisory Board for many years.



#### **CHRIS WOLFE**

Chris Wolfe has been a First Presbyterian Church of Houston member since 1991. During this time, he has served as an usher, on the Presbytery Discernment Team, as Treasurer, on the Worship and Officer Nominating committees, on the Church Planting Task Force, and as a ruling Elder on the Session (Class of 2014 and 2021). Chris is an attorney at Haynes and Boones, specializing in energy-related businesses. He and his wife, Nora Dobin, have 4 children: Charlotte, Noah, Grace, and Eva.

# **Elder Nominating Committee Nominees** | 2024



JAN SMITH

Ruling Elder serving as Co-Chair and Member of the 2024 Officer Nominating Committee (ONC).



**WEI YANG** 

Ruling Elder serving as Co-Chair and Member of the 2024 Officer Nominating Committee (ONC).



#### MADISON BALDWIN

Madison has been attending FPC since moving to Houston in 2018, joining in 2019. Madi was part of the 2019–2020 Main Street Fellows class and has been actively involved with the young adult community, helping to lead in various capacities. Madi and her husband, Kevin Blanchard, got married at FPC in February. Madi is a chemical engineer with ExxonMobil at the Baytown plant. Madi and Kevin have two fur babies, Eva and Katy.



#### **BOB CHENOWETH**

Bob is a lifelong member of FPC. His wife, Kathaleen, joined after their marriage in 1974. Bob, a retired financial advisor, has served the church in several roles, including deacon, elder, officer, Stephen Minister, usher and on pastor nominating committees and the Future Planning Committee. He and Kathaleen were members of the Carpenters' class and are current members of the Boomers' class. Kathaleen and Bob have three children and ten grandchildren. Bob volunteers his Tuesday and Thursday mornings at Operation ID as a Personal Interviewer.



#### FIELDING COCKE

A native Houstonian, Fielding attended St. John's School and the University of Texas, graduating with a degree in advertising. He's been working in the oil and gas business started by his grandfather and continued by his father. He is also a co-owner of Java Pura Coffee Roasters, a local Houston roasting and coffee catering business. In June of 1984, he married Meredith Lynn Finck, and she joined FPC soon afterwards. They have one son, Alexander, who was baptized by Jack Lancaster in 1989. Fielding has served in many capacities, including six years as an Elder, chair of the Planned Giving Committee, two years teaching Kindergarten Sunday School with Katie Jenkins, and three years teaching 5th Grade. In the 1980s, Fielding was asked to lead the fundraising for the repair and restoration of FPC's Aeolian-Skinner organ, which is still in service today.



#### **LESLEY DIBELLO**

Lesley and her husband, Tom, have been members of FPC since 2010. Lesley is a retired Dental Hygienist and retired schoolteacher. Since joining FPC, Lesley has attended the Boomers Sunday School class and currently is the Social Committee Chair. She has served on the ONC, been an usher and a greeter, and has assisted with VBS and the last choir gala. Lesley also participates in WOW and a small group sermon study. While living in Friendswood, the impetus for joining FPC was their daughter, son-in-law, and new grandbaby—Lyndsey, Daniel, and Gwendolyn Knight. Soon thereafter, another grandchild joined the family, Coleman Knight. Lesley and Tom are also parents to one son, Andrew, and reside in the Heights.



#### SABRINA ESPINOZA

Sabrina and her husband, Leo, have been married for 29 years and have three children: Brianna (20), Sophia (18), and Zaden (12). She and Leo joined FPC 20 years ago. Since that time, the Lord allowed her to serve Him in many wonderful ways, including the role of Member-at-Large on Session, Elder (serving two terms on Session), Standing Nominating Committee Chair, Vision 2020 committee member, two years as Mo-Ranch co-chair with Leo, serving in-home communion, teaching Sunday School, chaperoning Youth Ski Trips, and serving as Interim Children and Family Ministry Director. Sabrina is a Colorado State University graduate and has professionally held leadership roles in HR, Recruiting, and Alumni Relations. Now, she is blessed to stay home with her children and dedicate extra time to philanthropic organizations.



#### **BECCA HERBOLD**

Becca Herbold and her husband, Chris, have been members of FPC for over 20 years. While at FPC, she has had the opportunity to get involved in many different areas of the church. Most recently, she became a mentor mom for an FPC Moms' Group, served as a Project Flourish judge, and was a leader on the summer outreach trip for the high school youth. She has facilitated a women's Bible study on Thursday evenings for almost 10 years. Becca is involved with several FPC ministry partners as the board chair for The Micah Project and the Nehemiah Center. Becca sits on the advisory team for Jericho Road Renewal and tutors elementary students at Agape Development's after-school program. Becca and Chris have two children, Katelyn (20) and Jack (18), who attend college in Austin.



#### **CLAUDIA HUTCHESON**

Claudia and her husband, Houghton, have been members of First Presbyterian Church for 40 years. She has served in a variety of church activities: VBS teacher and volunteer, Mission Conference Co-chair, Mo-Ranch Committee Co-chair, Cub Scout leader with Pack 11, member of two previous Elder Nominating Committees, and as part of the committee on Capital Campaign expenditures. She was part of the Prayer Partners Ministry and hosted a small group with her husband in their home for several years. Claudia and Houghton have five grown sons and six grandchildren.



#### **BRYAN MILLER**

Bryan joined FPC as a Covenant Partner in February of 2022. His wife, Mirjam Miller, has been attending FPC since they moved to Houston from Berlin in 2006. His older children grew up in the Youth Group at FPC, and his younger daughter is currently a member of the FPC Youth Choir. Bryan is part of a small group and serves on the curriculum team for the Cornerstone Sunday School class. He also enjoys gathering with FPC's Sunday morning prayer group each week. Bryan has been a team leader and a Welcome Group Mentor with Houston Welcomes Refugees. After many years living apart from God, his greatest desire is to make up for lost time by growing in intimacy with Jesus, being renewed and refined by the Holy Spirit, and walking in the Father's perfect will as much as possible.



#### **REBECCA TURNER**

Rebecca Turner and her husband Charles have been a Covenant Partner of FPC since 2003. Their two teenage children, Julia and Ben, were baptized here and have been active members of FPC's Children's Ministry and Youth Group. Rebecca has served in multiple ministries here at FPC: as a volunteer and chair of VBS, as a Children's Sunday School teacher, and as a past member of both the Elder Nominating Committee and the Standing Nominating Committee. Rebecca has also been a facilitator in the Cornerstone class, of which she and Charles have been active members since it was the Trinity class for young married couples.