

## FPC Family,

This October offers many opportunities to gather in worship and community. As you read through our upcoming activities and events, please be sure to note:

- Our **Farewell Gathering** for Pastor Caitlin and Joel Rhodes-Karahadian, and Marty O'Rourke this Sunday in Palm Court after 10:45 and 11 AM services;
- The **Annual Congregational Meeting & Celebration Lunch** on Sunday, October 15, following the conclusion of our Contemporary and Traditional services;
- Our annual time of worship and community for **Presbyterian School Sunday** on October 22 (all services); and
- **Trunk or Treating** with the FPC community and surrounding neighbors on Saturday, October 28, from 4-6 PM in the North Lot.

This Sunday, we will continue our current sermon series, The Problem with Religion. If you missed last week's message, you can listen to or view it now on our [online campus](#).

Please read on for more on life at FPC...



**Sun | Oct 15 | Following 11 AM Worship | Fellowship Hall**

Please mark your calendar to attend our **Annual Congregational Meeting & Celebration Lunch** on Sunday, October 15, immediately following 11 AM worship. During this gathering, we will recap and celebrate the year behind us and look to the year ahead with updates from our Session. This meeting will include congregational votes on Elder and committee nominations needed to serve in 2024, so your participation is greatly appreciated.

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## KEY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



**Sat | Oct 21 | 5–8 PM | Living Room**

Join Pastor Jon and Joshua and Catie Smith as they explore human identity as it relates to our gender, sexuality, and bodies. Once the session is over, enjoy a night out on the town before childcare pickup at 8 PM.

[Register >](#)



**Thur | Oct 26–Dec 21 |  
8–9 AM | Solarium**

Alpha is a listening community designed to help Christians, non-Christians, and Seekers explore questions about spirituality and faith in a non-judgmental space. Everyone is welcome!

[Register >](#)



**Sat | Oct 28 |  
9 AM–3 PM | LC 181**

We invite you to learn what it means to become a member, or Covenant Partner, of FPC. This class explores the tenets of our reformed faith and ways to engage in discipleship and community with the goal of spiritual maturity.

[Register >](#)

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## **OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

Looking for a way to serve or connect with our local and global mission partners? See full details about current opportunities using the More Ways to Serve link below.

## Main Street Ministries Community Garden

First Saturday Serve | Oct 7 | 9–10:30 AM

Volunteers work in the MSM Community Garden year-round to grow vegetables, fruits, herbs, and flowers, which are then harvested and made available to MSM program participants and groups in the community. All you need to bring is your water bottle. If interested, please RSVP by emailing [Carrie Sadler](#).

## Prayers of the People Lay Chaplaincy Training

Sat | Oct 14 | 8:30 AM–4 PM | Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church

Do you have a heart to comfort those suffering from illness? Please join us for Prayers of the People (POP) Lay Chaplaincy Training. This program is designed to help prepare participants to provide comfort, peace, and prayer to those who are sick and hospitalized. Come share your gifts as you serve through this Caring Ministry partner.

[Register >](#)

## Prestige Learning Institute Fall Festival

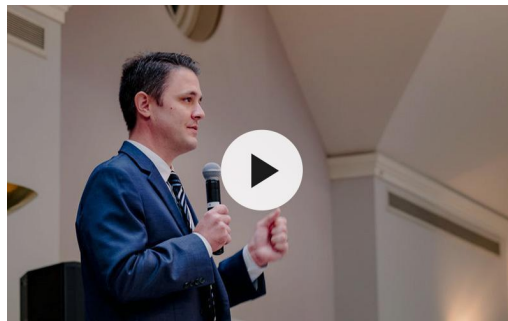
Sat | Oct 21 | 8:45 AM–2:30 PM

Bring your family, friends, and small group to volunteer at PLI's first Fall Festival! Pre-event training will be provided over Zoom. Sign up when you register. Click [here](#) to register as a volunteer.

MORE WAYS TO SERVE

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

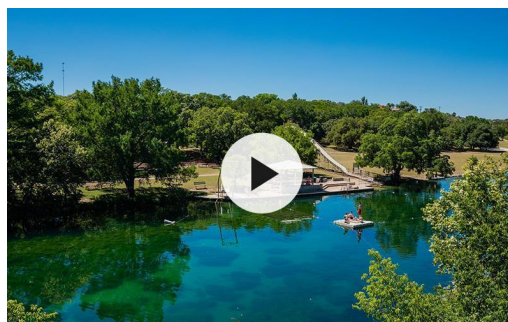
Below are audio and video recordings of recent events in the life of our church!



### Vision Night

Video of Pastor Curtis providing an overview of the visioning process FPC Houston will undertake this year.

[Listen >](#)



### Mo-Ranch 2023: The Great Omission

Audio recordings of our Mo-Ranch keynote speaker, Bryan Dunagan, Senior Pastor of Highland Park Presbyterian in Dallas, TX.

[Listen >](#)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Neighborhood Connect

October | Dates & Locations Vary by Zone

Make plans to fellowship, connect with someone new, or bring a friend looking for a church community...all in your neighborhood. Look out for an email invite from your Care Team Leader. For more information, visit [fpchouston.org/neighbors](https://fpchouston.org/neighbors) or email [neighbors@fpchouston.org](mailto:neighbors@fpchouston.org).

### Taco & Movie Night

Sat | Oct 7 | 4–7 PM | LC 080

Join us to watch a movie over popcorn and snacks. Immediately after, the group will retreat to Hermann Park for tacos. This event is a great opportunity to invite a friend of any faith to join.

### Legacy Grandparenting Summit 2023

Thur–Fri | Oct 19–20 | Dallas, TX

The FPC GrandLife Ministry invites you to the annual Legacy Grandparenting Summit. This is a two-day event designed to help intentional Christian grandparents build their Spiritual Legacy. Make plans to attend in person, at simulcasts at nearby Houston churches, or watch recorded sessions.

[Learn More >](#)

### Trunk or Treat

Sat | Oct 28 | 4–6 PM | North Parking Lot

A parking lot of fun awaits for FPC and KDO families, their friends, and our surrounding community! Please invite your friends to join you for trunk-or-treating as we shine God's light through generosity and open doors—or rather, decorated trunks!

### High School Ski Trip

Sat–Wed | Dec 30–Jan 3 | Copper Mountain, CO

Save the date for the FPC Youth Ski Trip! Each year, this epic trip gives students space to deepen relationships with friends, enjoy God's creation, learn, and worship together.

[MORE UPCOMING EVENTS](#)

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## SUNDAY MORNING

Join us this Sunday, in person or online, for one of our three services:  
8:15 AM Convergent | 10:45 AM Contemporary | 11 AM Traditional

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[SUNDAY RESOURCES](#)

We encourage you to share this newsletter with family and friends!



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