

FPC Family,

Over the past week, we have heard reports and seen images of the devastating violence and loss of life in Israel and Gaza, leaving us heartbroken and shocked at the evil acts that have been perpetrated. As this humanitarian crisis worsens, may we be encouraged in prayer by hearing from one of our dear friends and Anchor Partners, Nashet Filmon, of the Palestinian Bible Society, who reminds us to look up to God daily, seeking his mercy, his justice, and his peace. And to pray for the peace of Jerusalem.



We invite you to join us at our next Prayer Night, Sunday, October 22, at 5:30 PM in the Chapel, which will include prayers for the many needs in the world, especially the conflict in the Middle East.

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



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

Make plans to attend our **Annual Congregational Meeting & Celebration Lunch** this Sunday, 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.

KEY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Sat | Oct 21 | 5–8 PM | Living Room

Join Pastor Jon and Joshua & Catie Smith as they explore human identity as it relates to our bodies from a Biblical worldview. Enjoy a few hours of complimentary childcare after the discussion. Childcare pickup by 8 PM.

[Register >](#)



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! 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!

[Learn More >](#)



Sun | Oct 29 | 10:45 AM Grand Hall

On this special Sunday, first-grade students are invited to walk to the front of the worship space to receive a special message and a personalized Bible. After the service, these students and their families are invited to a luncheon in their honor at 11:45 AM in Fellowship Hall.

[RSVP >](#)



Last Sunday, we kicked off our annual stewardship campaign and announced our theme for the year: Here for the Gospel, Here for Houston. For the next six weeks, we will share testimonies of Covenant Partners and local mission partners reflecting on their *Here for the Gospel, Here for Houston* story. Please take a moment to view this week's testimony. As you consider all that First Presbyterian Church of Houston is, was, and is yet to be, we hope you will take a moment to **pledge** your continued financial support in 2024.

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.

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? This training 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 FPC Caring Ministry partner.

[Register >](#)

Local Mission Partner Field Trip

Thur | Oct 26 | 12 PM | 6504 Calhoun, Houston, TX 77021

This month we will be visiting Agape Development, one of FPC's priority partners who works to transform our neighborhood by preparing Christ-following, independent, community leaders. Participants can either meet in the FPC North Lot at 11:30 AM and carpool or meet directly at the ministry location.

[RSVP >](#)

Nehemiah Center Christmas Elves

Sundays | Oct 29–Nov 26 | 9 AM–12:15 PM | Palm Court

The Nehemiah Center Christmas Elves program benefits the children and the families of the center by sponsoring a family to provide Christmas gifts. To sponsor a family, please visit the Christmas Elves table in Palm Court. Sponsors will be provided a “wish list” with the family members’ names and their special needs or requests.

[Learn More >](#)

[MORE WAYS TO SERVE](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Neighborhood Connect

October | Dates & Locations Vary by Zone

[Click here](#) for more information or email neighbors@fpchouston.org.

Presbyterian School Sunday

Sun | Oct 22 | All Services

[Learn More >](#)

Alpha Morning

Thursdays | Oct 26–Dec 21 | 8–9 AM | Solarium

[Register >](#)

Explore FPC Class

Sat | Oct 28 | 9 AM–3 PM | LC 181

[Learn More >](#)

High School Ski Trip

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

[Register >](#)

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

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

LEARN MORE

SUNDAY RESOURCES

[Congregational Care Updates](#) | [Counseling Resources](#) | [Prayer & Support](#) | [Employment](#)

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