# FPC HOUSTON ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**OCTOBER 13, 2024** 

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Curtis A. Bronzan, Moderator

Report from the Clerk of Session

Susan Miclette, Clerk of Session

Report from the Finance Committee

Keith Cole, Treasurer

Curtis A. Bronzan

Motion from Session

It is moved by the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Houston to allow voice and vote to Assistant Pastors duly called in accordance with ECO's Polity and FPC By-Laws. This is in accordance with ECO's Constitution, which in 1.0503 Business that shall be conducted at a Congregational Meeting reads, "Authorizing assistant pastors to serve on session with voice and vote by the congregation's own rule."

Election of Elder (Class of 2027)

Jan Smith & Wei Yang, ENC Co-Chairs

Keith Hickey

Election of Elders (Class of 2028)

Jan Smith & Wei Yang, ENC Co-Chairs

Ken Dunek

Tom Neville

Authorization of Assistant Pastors to Serve on Session With Voice and Vote

Cathy Robertson

Sharon Henry

Jaisent Patel

Eric Thomas

**Election of Elder Nominating Committee (2025)** 

Tom Brents, SNC Chair

Alan Sexton (Ruling Elder)

Kimberly Cole

Danya Goerig

Sue Neville

Chris Wolfe (Ruling Elder)

Cle Dade

Patti Kroll

Ross Patton

Mary Alford

Cate Ebbs

Robert Moore

**Election of Standing Nominating Committee (2025)** 

Tom Brents, SNC Chair

Shannon Going

**Emily Patton** 

**Closing Prayer and Doxology** 

Curtis A. Bronzan

# FY 2024

## Through June 30, 2024

Revenues	
Contributions	7,791,790
Presbyterian School Rent	904,285
Program Service Revenue	609,987
Total	9,306,062

Operating Expe	nses
Children & Family	505,227
Communications & Media	1,057,768
Community Life	626,044
Equipping	276,874
Kid's Day Out (KDO)	529,161
Ministry Support	4,260,023
Next Generation	389,845
Outreach	1,057,414
Worship	721,390
Total	9,423,746

# FY 2024 Expenses

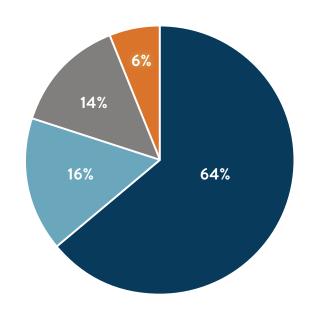
Through June 30, 2024

Ministry

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# FY 2025

## Through June 30, 2025

Revenues	
Contributions	7,100,000
Presbyterian School Rent	950,000
KDO	573,070
Total	8,623,070

Operating Expe	nses
Children & Family	430,700
Communications & Media	1,021,153
Community Life	616,322
Equipping	371,206
Kid's Day Out (KDO)	572,742
Ministry Support	3,537,707
Next Generation	552,708
Outreach	870,212
Worship	650,320
Total	8,623,070

# FY 2025 Budget

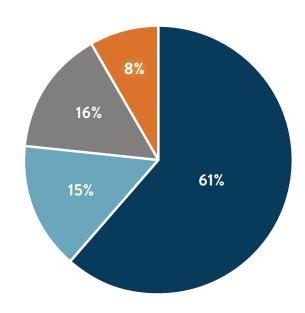
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## **Elder Nominees** | Class of 2027



#### **KEITH HICKEY**

Keith and his wife, Lisa, have been Covenant Partners of First Presbyterian Church (FPC) for 12 years. They have two daughters, Olivia (8) and Margaret (4), who were both baptized at FPC and currently attend Presbyterian School. During their time at FPC, Keith and Lisa have served as volunteers in the Elementary Sunday School program and are currently part of the leadership team for their Adult Sunday School class. Additionally, he has served on the Elder Nominating Committee (ENC) and currently serves on the Grants and Scholarships committee. He works in corporate finance for a Houston-based natural gas company.

# **Elder Nominees** | Class of 2028



#### **KEN DUNEK**

Ken moved to Texas after obtaining a degree in Petroleum Engineering from the University of Missouri-Rolla in 2000. He has been a member of FPC for about 20 years and is active in an Adult Sunday School class and men's group, and has previously served on the Officer Nominating Committee (ONC). He has been married to his wife Heidi since 2005 and is father to Sofia, who is currently a senior at St. Thomas' Episcopal School in Houston.



#### **SHARON HENRY**

Sharon and her husband, Carl, have been members of FPC for over 30 years. Their three children, Lauren, Caroline, and Jackson, grew up attending the Youth programs, including several out-of-state trips. Sharon and Carl were members of a dedicated small group which lasted for years. Sharon served as a member of the Elder Class of 2012. During that tenure, she served as Treasurer, following years of service on the Finance Committee. She also served two terms on the Permanent Funds Committee and many years as an usher. Carl and Sharon taught a Kindergarten Sunday School class with Craig and Linda Bortz.



#### TOM NEVILLE

Tom and his wife of 34 years, Sue, have been Covenant Partners of FPC since 1999. They taught Elementary Sunday School when their daughters were young. Both girls are married now and have a strong faith they've taken into their adult life. Tom has been active at FPC as a member of the Galilean Sunday School class and in a small group. He has served at FPC in different capacities such as a table leader in Alpha classes and filling in as an usher for several years. Tom just completed his term as the Chairman of the Weekley Family YMCA where he has been a board member for 8 years. Tom is the VP of the Americas for a toy company called Connetix Tiles.



#### **JAISENT PATEL**

Jaisent and his wife, Kimberly, have been Covenant Partners of FPC since 2018. Kim and Jaisent were married at FPC on March 21, 2020 (THE first COVID wedding graciously streamed by FPC). They participated in the Life Together small group and have also enjoyed the Finances God's Way and Marriage Beginnings classes. Jaisent has been a part of men's discipleship groups since 2019. He has also served on the ENC and enjoys volunteering in Alpha. Jaisent's main job is being a husband and father, stewarding his family including Adali (3) and Johan (21 months). Jaisent also works as a Senior Product Line Manager at Powell Industries, which manufactures custom-engineered power distribution equipment.



#### CATHERINE "CATHY" ROBERTSON

Cathy and her husband, Bobby, have been members of FPC for 24 years. During their years in the Boomers Sunday School class, they served as class Co-Presidents. Cathy is a member of one of the FPC Women's Fellowship Circles, Deborah Circle. Her leadership extends to her community and city of Pearland, as a co-host for the Pearland gathering of Neighborhood Connect. She is currently serving on the Compassion Committee and as a greeter. A nurse by training, now retired, Cathy was called to Labor & Delivery as a manager and served the final two decades of her nursing career as Director of Risk Management. Her leadership in healthcare gave her many opportunities to practice servant leadership with care and compassion.



#### **ERIC THOMAS**

Eric and his wife, Laura Petersen, have been members of FPC for 25 years. They have two children, Caroline (27) and James (21). Eric has served on the session twice before, from 2004 to 2007 and 2011 to 2014. He has taught Adult and Middle School Sunday School, served communion, served on the curriculum writing team, led the Alpha Marriage Course, and served on the Medical Advisory Group. He is a physician at the University of Texas where he sees patients as a primary care physician, teaches, conducts research, and leads quality and safety activities for UT Physicians. Eric enjoys hanging out with his family and friends, cooking, swimming, and other outdoor activities.

## **Elder Nominating Committee Nominees** | 2025



**ALAN SEXTON** 

Elder, serving as Co-Chair and Member of the 2025 Officer Nominating Committee (ONC).



**CHRIS WOLFE** 

Elder, serving as Co-Chair and Member of the 2025 Officer Nominating Committee (ONC).



MARY ALFORD

Mary and her husband, Gene, have been members at FPC for nearly 30 years and raised their three children here. Mary has been involved in VBS, teaching, choir, missions, Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC), and ENC. Mo-Ranch is her favorite place in Texas.



#### KIMBERLY COLE

Kimberly and her husband, Keith, joined FPC in 2002. Their daughters, Caroline and Claire, were baptized and confirmed at FPC. Over the past 20 years, Kimberly has been an active member of the Trinity/Cornerstone Sunday School class and has been involved in various church activities and ministries, including the Children and Family Ministry, small groups, Bible studies, and Project Flourish.



#### **CLE DADE**

Cle has been a lawyer at Bracewell LLP for more than 40 years. He and his wife, Deb, began to attend FPC in the 90's and were married in the chapel here in 1995. They have two children, Peter and Mary, both of whom were baptized and confirmed at FPC and were "lifers" at Presbyterian School. Peter is now a banker in Charleston, South Carolina, and is engaged to be married in the spring. Mary recently returned from a graduate program at King's College London and is in the process of relocating to Dallas.



#### **CATE EBBS**

In 1985, Cate and her family moved to Houston from London. In 1987, a neighbor invited her to FPC. She has been attending regularly ever since. Cate has 4 children and 6 grandchildren, all of whom still live in the Houston area! Her youngest two children attended Presbyterian School. In the 1990's, she worked for 7 years as Director of Nursery Ministries at FPC. She was trained and active as a Stephen Minister and has taught Sunday School. Following Tropical Storm Allison, she was on the founding team of Community Bridges and was also heavily involved with the homes sponsored by FPC through Habitat for Humanity and Rebuilding Together Houston. She worked at River Oaks Baptist School for 24 years and retired in 2021.



**DANYA GOERIG** 

In 2020, the Lord led Danya and her husband, Ed, back to FPC, where she has served as an usher, greeter, screener for Project Flourish, and member of the Westminster Sunday School class. Danya is a senior human resources project manager in the oil and gas industry, and Ed is owner of Period Construction. Danya and Ed have a daughter, Adelyn, who was baptized at FPC. A Presbyterian School alumna, Adelyn currently is a ninth grader at Houston Christian High School and is active in FPC's youth group and Resound! Youth Choir.



#### PATTI KROLL

Patti became a Covenant Partner of FPC in 2016 and joined several small groups, including Salt and Light Women's Bible Study, the Julia Circle, and several other weekly small groups. She has also attended the Westminster Sunday School class. During COVID, the Intersections Sunday School Zoom class was her sanctuary until the church reopened. She and her daughter, Juliet, had the honor of traveling to Israel with a wonderful group of FPC members. Juliet is getting married at FPC this November with Reverend Pastor Jim Birchfield as the officiant. Patti's son also lives in the Houston area. FPC has enriched Patti's life!



#### **ROBERT MOORE**

Robert and his wife, Cathy, joined FPC a month before their daughter, Sarah, was born in 1999. Five years later they were blessed again with their son, Colin. Sarah and Colin interned on the FPC Youth staff. Sarah is now in Atlanta completing her second year with Teach for America while Colin is a junior at Baylor University. Since joining FPC, Robert has enjoyed growing in faith and service through ushering, teaching Sunday School, attending Mo-Ranch, and participating in small groups.



#### **SUE NEVILLE**

Sue and her husband, Tom, joined FPC in 1999. She is an oil and gas analyst for a small consulting company, and Tom is VP of the Americas for a toy company called Connetix Tiles. They are blessed with two daughters, Lindsey and Erin. Sue had the pleasure of being a Sunday School teacher for each of her daughters for multiple years and enjoyed watching all the kids in their classes learn of Jesus' love. Lindsey and Erin are now grown and married to wonderful men. God is a central part of their marriages which brings so much joy and peace! As table leaders for Alpha, Sue and Tom grew in their faith and were blessed to hear from and share with attendees. Sue prays for the Lord to use her for His purposes, lead her, and give her wisdom to share His love.



#### **SAMUEL "ROSS" PATTON**

Samuel and his wife, Emily, joined First Presbyterian Church in 2019 after they married and Emily moved to Houston. He is a practicing general otolaryngologist at Houston Methodist Hospital and Emily is a practicing general otolaryngologist at Kelsey-Seybold Clinic. Their two toddlers—Marilyn (3) and Dirk (2)—occupy the rest of their time with their enthusiastic love of life.

# **Standing Nominating Committee Nominees** | 2025



**SHANNON GOING** 

Shannon and her husband, John, found their spiritual home at FPC in 1999. They have three sons, Jack, Henry, and Daniel, who were baptized and confirmed at FPC. Shannon has been involved in the Sunday School ministry both as an adult and as a children's teacher. She is also a member of Women of the Word (WoW).



#### **EMILY PATTON**

Emily and her husband, Ross, became Covenant Partners at First Presbyterian Church in 2019 after they married and Emily moved to Houston. She is a practicing general otolaryngologist at Kelsey-Seybold Clinic and Ross is a practicing general otolaryngologist at Houston Methodist Hospital. She and Ross have two beautifully energetic toddlers who keep them busy in all their free time—Marilyn (3) and Dirk (2).