ORDER OF WORSHIP

NOV 1, 2026 | 9 AM

• Signifies when all who are able may stand

WELCOME

Ben Crelin, Pastor of Equipping

• SONG | 10,000 REASONS

Chorus
Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul!
Worship His holy name!
Sing like never before, oh my soul!
I'll worship Your holy name!

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning!
It's time to sing Your song again!
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes!

Chorus

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find!

Chorus

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And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come,
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending;
Ten thousand years and then forevermore!

Chorus (2x)

Please be seated.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Wei Yang, Shepherding Elder

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and Righteous God,
We confess that we are often quick to judge others and slow to examine ourselves. We notice the specks in the eyes of those around us, while ignoring the logs in our own. Forgive us for harboring harshness where You call for compassion, and for seeking to condemn rather than to heal. Strip away our self-righteousness, Lord, and give us the humility to see our own brokenness. Teach us to hold out truth with gentleness and to extend to others the very mercy You have poured out on us. Change our hearts, that our lives may reflect the compassionate love of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY

Ben Crelin

OFFERING MOMENT

SONG | WE FALL DOWN

We fall down.
We lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus.
The greatness of mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus.

And we cry “Holy! Holy! Holy!” (2x)

And we cry “Holy! Holy! Holy is the Lamb!”

TIME OF PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Ben Crelin

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

Courtney McLaughlin & Ben Crelin; James Winslow, Bells

Jack Agee
Rafael Arambula
Bubba Dorrance
Carolyn Draper
Jeri Franke
Richard Franke
Mike Goodwin

Fred Haemisegger
Laura Hale
Brad Hovious
Kate Hughes
June Jenkins
Paul Koomey
John Laham

Bill Louis
Will Luedke
Jim McCuistion
Mary Ruth McMorris
Albert McMullin
Susan O’Neil
Linda Pownall

Buzz Quarles
Shelley Schuster
Pete Ten Eyck
Pearl Younger

• SONG | HYMN OF HEAVEN

There will be a day when all will bow before Him!
There will be a day when death will be no more!
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again!
Holy, holy is the Lord!

And on that day, we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith.
With one voice, a thousand generations
Sing, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!”

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And on that day, we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith.
With one voice, a thousand generations
Sing, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!"
Forever He shall reign!

So let it be today we shout the hymn of Heaven!
With angels and the saints, we raise a mighty roar!
Glory to our God, who gave us life beyond the grave!
Holy, holy is the Lord! (2x)

Holy, holy is the Lord; Holy, holy is the Lord!

Children in 3rd grade and under are invited to join the FPC Kids Gathering during the singing of the Doxology.

• DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

SERMON | MIRROR IN ONE HAND, MERCY IN THE OTHER (MATTHEW 7:1–6)

Courtney McLaughlin, Pastor of Missional Alignment

COMMUNION

Ben Crelin

Communion is served by intinction: Worshipers come forward, take a piece of bread and dip it in the cup. Servers will pass through the aisles for anyone needing to be served in their pew. Please note that Prayer Partners are available during Communion.*

**All bread is gluten free.*

SONG | WORTHY OF IT ALL

All the saints and angels, they bow before Your throne!
All the elders cast their crowns before the Lamb of God and sing,

Chorus
You are worthy of it all! You are worthy of it all!
For from You are all things, and to You are all things,
You deserve the glory!

All the saints and angels, they bow before Your throne!
All the elders cast their crowns before the Lamb of God and sing,

Chorus (2x)

Day and night, night and day, let incense rise! (8x)

Chorus (3x)

• BENEDICTION

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COMMUNITY UPDATES

CARING MINISTRY

In Loving Memory

Our prayers and sympathies go out to the following individuals:

- Alicia Ten Eyck on the passing of her husband, **Pete Ten Eyck** on Sunday, October 25.
- The family of **Mary Ruth McMorris** on her passing Tuesday, October 27.

Support in Difficult Seasons

Are you dealing with a difficult time in life? FPC Stephen Ministers are here to help. Stephen Ministers offer care to those experiencing challenging times. To request support, please email **caring@fpchouston.org**.

PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOL NEWS

People of PS Podcast

Meet the faithful community shaping young minds right next door on the *People of PS Podcast*. Join Head of School, Dr. Mark Carleton, as he interviews alumni, parents, and leaders reflecting on 35 years of Presbyterian School's story. Stream on Spotify, Apple, or Buzzsprout.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Nehemiah Christmas Elves

SUNDAYS | NOV 1 & 8 | 8 AM–1 PM | SANCTUARY LAWN

Become a Nehemiah Christmas Elf! Individual donors pair with Nehemiah children to fulfill wish lists and bring holiday joy. Visit the Christmas Elf booth on campus Nov 1 or 8 to adopt a family, or email Gabby Pena at **gpena@nehemiahcenterhouston.org** by Nov 16. Gift drop-offs run Nov 30–Dec 11.

Micah Project Graduation Trip

FRI–MON | NOV 13–16 | TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS

Celebrate with the Micah Project in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, as FPC takes its annual trip to honor this year's graduates. This short vision trip is a wonderful opportunity to experience the ministry firsthand, bring vital encouragement to the staff and boys, and witness lives transformed. For details, contact Becca Herbold at **rlherbold@comcast.net**.

LETTING THE
WAY OF JESUS LEAD

2027 Generosity Commitment

This October, our sermon series invites us to move from lives shaped by social approval and outward measures of worth toward lives grounded in who we are before the Father—to exchange outward success for a deeper, inward focus on letting the way of Jesus lead.

It is through this lens that we enter our annual pledge season—not centered simply on the act of pledging, but on asking what it means to practice generosity in the way of Jesus.

Over the next four weeks, we invite everyone who calls this church "home" to prayerfully consider how you might commit to God's plan for this church, then share that commitment through an online or printed pledge card.

Together, may we commit to God's plan for this church and seek to live generously, letting the way of Jesus lead us both individually and as a church family.

Your Generosity Fuels the Mission!

To submit your pledge for 2027, scan the QR code, visit **fpchouston.org/commit**, or complete a pledge card located in the pews and outside our worship gathering spaces.

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Curtis A. Bronzan, *Senior Pastor*
Rev. Dr. Courtney McLaughlin, *Pastor of Missional Alignment*
Rev. Ben Crelin, *Pastor of Equipping*
Rev. Justin Hall, *Pastor of Youth Ministry*
Rev. Jeanmarie Tade, *Pastor of Caring*

No More Night: A Service of Remembrance and Hope

TODAY | 3 PM | SANCTUARY

Join us for *No More Night: A Service of Remembrance and Hope*, led by Dan Wagner and Rev. Jeanmarie Tade. Featuring the FPC Chancel Choir and string orchestra, this worship experience weaves classical excerpts, spirituals, folk hymns, gospel, and modern choral works into a journey from lament to resurrection joy. Admission is free—come find comfort, honor loved ones, and experience the pathos, joy, and power of sacred music.

Family Movie Night: The Star

THUR | NOV 19 | 5:30 PM | LC 181

Kick off the Christmas season with a movie night featuring *The Star*! Wear your favorite PJs, grab a blanket, or set up an indoor picnic. We will enjoy dinner and snacks together while sharing laughs and fixing our hearts on Jesus this Christmas.

FPC Youth Ski Trip: Register by November 8

SUN–THUR | DEC 27–31 | COPPER MOUNTAIN

Head to beautiful Copper Mountain, Colorado, for the annual high school ski and snowboard trip! High schoolers will have the opportunity to grow in faith, build lasting friendships, and enjoy skiing, snowboarding, ice skating, sledding, and exploring the mountain town together. Register at **fpchouston.org/youth**.

Welcome

Scan the QR code to let us know you're here! We'd love to welcome you.

Fuel the Mission

Your generosity helps impact the people, places, and ministries we serve. To partner with us in giving, scan the QR code or place your gift in an offering box.

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

NOVEMBER 2026

November Goal: **$606,487**

Giving YTD: **$1,842,582**

Needed to Meet FYE 6/30/27: **$5,885,721**