

8th Grade Pilgrimage: FAQ

Here are a few of the frequently asked questions about:

8th Grade Pilgrimage to San Francisco: June 13-18, 2024

- **Reason for this trip:**

- Post-Confirmation, we recognize the need for youth to deepen their faith. We will explore what it means to live out our faith and incorporate it into our day-to-day life. This pilgrimage will take youth away from home giving the ability to experience a new place, while learning new things about themselves. The transition from middle school to high school is a formative time for youth, especially when it comes to Faith Formation.

- **Specific times of departure and return:**

- Meet MPPC at 12:45pm Thursday, June 13, 2024 for 4:15pm flight to SFO (AA2184). Return on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 9:50pm (AA2651). Pick up will be from the airport in baggage claim.

- **Where do we stay in San Francisco?**

We will be staying at the Holiday Inn San Francisco Golden Gateway (1500 Van Ness Ave) in the Pacific Heights/Polk Village neighborhood. Youth will stay in rooms with other youth in the same area as adults.

Our host church is Old First Presbyterian Church located at 1751 Sacramento St (down the street from our hotel). We will have meeting space there during the day, plus we will be leading worship with their congregation on Sunday morning.

- **Who are the leaders?**

Michelle Thomas-Bush and Allison Billings will be leading the trip, along with 3 other adult chaperones. While we're in San Francisco, we are also partnering with 4 local pastors who live and work in the city – one is even a trained tour guide!

- **What will we do in San Francisco?**

While we're in San Francisco, youth will have time each day for Bible study, habit creation, plus intentional community building with our group. Our trip will include recreation to major tourist spots in San Francisco, but also time with local youth from our partner churches. Youth will also serve through our partner church's ministries in non-client-facing roles. Our evenings will include some pool time at the hotel (weather permitting) plus worship & reflection.

- **What does the cost cover?**

\$1200 will cover flights, hotel, most meals, and extra activities. Youth will need to bring some money for the occasional meal, plus meals at the airport or any other souvenirs they'd like to purchase.