

First Things—March 17, 2024

We're Everybody's Church.

What does that really mean?

As Everybody's Church, we strive to be a faithful, open and inclusive community. We welcome the participation of all people of any ability, gender identity, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or any other life circumstance.

Welcome Visitors ~ Let's Connect!

Please fill out the pew pad and say "Hi." If you are new to our church community, we'd love to get to know you better. Our post-service coffee hours are a great way to mingle and interact – so stop by for a bit. If you would like to inquire about membership, please contact: Amy Zimmer, Membership Coordinator at amyzimmer@fpcbirmingham.org.

CONCERTS AT FIRST PRESENTS
THE CHANCEL CHOIR ENSEMBLE

**LOVE, LOSS, AND
THE BEAUTY
OF THE DIVINE**

MAR 17 SUN
6PM




Come to the Table: A Maundy Thursday Worship Experience

Join us around tables in the sanctuary to remember the night when Jesus shared a meal with friends and gave us a new commandment to "love one another." At least 12 table hosts are needed to pass the bread and help pour the grape juice. If you would like to host a table, all you need to do is sign up to bring a loaf of bread (baked or bought), a plate, and a pitcher (optional). **Sign up** outside Calvin Hall or email Cindy Merten at cindymerten@fpcbirmingham.org.



**Easter Flowers
Donations Due March 24**

Would you like to help contribute to the Easter Flower fund and make a donation in honor or memory of a loved one? If so, consider donating flowers to beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Flower dedication forms are by the lounge, and there is a link in weekly email, and online (use the GIVE page on the website).



Statement of Discipleship

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we live and grow in God's Word as peacemakers, faithful stewards, and compassionate neighbors.

TAIZE WORSHIP MARCH 20 AT 6:30 PM A SERVICE OF PRAYER, SONG AND CONTEMPLATION

Join us for this last Lenten Soup Dinner at 5:45 PM in Calvin Hall. Please reserve with the QR code for dinner counts.
Suggested donation: \$5/adult, \$12/family.



— WE WELCOME PEOPLE OF ALL ABILITIES



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT



Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities. Please bring back fish banks on Palm Sunday or Easter and donate to this offering using the envelopes provided.

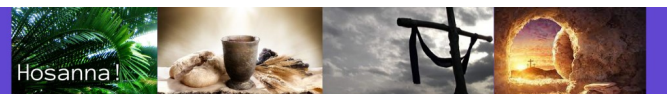
**24-Hour Prayer Vigil: Sign
Up to Pray &
Prayer Requests.
Noon, Friday, March 29–
Noon, Saturday, March 30.**



Connect with God as you quietly pray in your home for the concerns of others by signing up for the Prayer Vigil on the bulletin board outside Calvin Hall, or contact Brian O'Connor at boconnor.brian.j@gmail.com or 248-568-9855 and he can sign you up for a time slot.

Complete prayer request cards located by the lounge or email prayer requests to:

FPCBprayerrequest@gmail.com



HOLY WEEK 2024

**Palm Sunday,
March 24
8:30 AM & 10:00 AM**

**Maundy Thursday,
March 28
Worship at 7:00 PM**

**Good Friday,
March 29
Worship at 7:00 PM**

**24-Hour Prayer Vigil
March 29-30
Noon to Noon**

**Easter Sunday,
March 31
One Service
at 10:00 AM**

**More information
on the website.**



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March Deacons' Pantry Recipient: Kids Empowered On the Move

Please donate bathroom tissue and cleaning supplies. Scan code for more needs:





LUNCH AND LEARN

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

Learn about an insider's experiences in the University of Michigan's Men's Glee Club through the memories of proud alumnus, Mark Walters.

Registration is Open!

Vacation Bible Camp is a four-day camp, 9:00am -Noon, for three-year-olds (with one year of preschool) through children who have completed 5th grade as of June 24, 2024 for only \$50/child. Scholarships available, see Martha Piesko.

Junior Vacation Bible Camp is for 2-1/2 and 3 year-olds on Monday and Wednesday only, June 24 & 26 from 9:00am-Noon. Children must be 2-1/2 by June 24, 2024 in order to participate. Age appropriate, same curriculum as VBC for only \$35/child. Scholarships available, see Martha Piesko.

Please consider how you can volunteer and see Martha Piesko (marthapiesko@fpcbirmingham.org) or Nancy Quigley (nancyquigley@fpcbirmingham.org).

Register today using this QR Code:



The Presbytery of Detroit is collecting **individually wrapped rolls of toilet paper** to put in baskets for families that visit the Presbytery of Detroit pantries. FPC Birmingham will be collecting rolls of toilet paper through Easter Sunday.



Senior Adventures

Wednesday, April 10

Visit the Federal Reserve Bank

Lunch at Roma Cafe



FIXED PRICE MENU \$36



Meet at 9:30 AM at church to carpool, return by ~2:00 PM.

Reserve by April 1 with Julie Wagner at mjhowell@compuserve.com, or call or text 248-763-1681.

Are you ready to explore membership @ FPC?

Come learn more about us at our New Member Exploration Dinner:

Friday, April 12 @ 6-8 PM

To take the next step and become a member:

Meet with our Session Elders and then participate in a special Sunday worship service.

Sunday, April 14 @ 9:15 AM

Meet & Greet with Session Elders in the Fireside Room. Join at the 10 AM Service. Please confirm your attendance by Thursday, March 28 by using the QR code:

Contact Amy Zimmer for more info at amyzimmer@fpcbirmingham.org.



FPC Hand-in-Hand Early Learning Center

registration for the 2024-25 school year is now open to the public. Please contact Heidi Wilkinson If you are interested and/or have any questions at 248.430.6190 or email: handinhand@everybodyschurch.org



Book Groups. See Adult Faith Formation webpage.



SCAN ME

Staying Connected

Email is the primary way we communicate with the congregation. To receive emails please contact Dawn Swarthout at dawn@everybodyschurch.org. We are happy to mail copies of bulletins to anyone who needs a copy. Give names and addresses to Dawn Swarthout. Bulletins can be downloaded from the website on the Church at Home/Livestream page.

Photography/Video

We are taking video in the Sanctuary and other parts of the church (interior and exterior). By your presence, you grant First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham unrestricted rights to publish images taken of you. If you do not wish to have your image published, please contact Dawn Swarthout.

Hearing Loops/Assistance

Please ask an usher for assistance!

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