

# First Things—October 4, 2020 World Communion Sunday

## 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, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or any other life circumstance.

### Statement of Discipleship

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

### Worship Online at 10:00am ET Every Sunday

All you have to do is go to our webpage, [www.everybodyschurch.org](http://www.everybodyschurch.org) and on the home page find the Church at Home and Sunday Livestream buttons. If you miss a sermon, or have one you would like to hear or see again, you can do that as well. Go to our website, find the Worship tab and then on the drop down menu, find Recent Sermons. There you will find the sermon text and the audio and video. This Sunday have communion elements ready.

**We are livestreaming on Facebook Live and YouTube**  
**Our YouTube Channel is everybodychurch1**

**We also have Outdoor Worship Sundays at 11:30am in the parking lot, weather permitting.** Please sign up on the website found on the drop down menu under Worship, Outdoor Worship. Please bring communion elements.

### ZOOM Coffee Hour after Sunday Worship

You can join on any computer using the link provided on the website or in the emails from church. You can use the app with the meeting ID # 237 226 3743. Or you can call in with 1.929.436.2866 and enter the meeting ID # when prompted. The Zoom Password is 2020.

### Classes by Dr. John Judson on Genesis

*Saturdays, 8:00AM and Mondays, 10:00AM on Zoom*

All are welcome to join these classes at any time. This class meets through a Zoom call and if you would like to join, please email [johnjudson@everybodyschurch.org](mailto:johnjudson@everybodyschurch.org) for the Zoom link.

### Tuesday Morning Bible Study is now "Being Centered in Times of Stress"

*September 22, October 6 and 20 and bimonthly after at 9:00am on Zoom*

If you are interested in joining, please contact Mary Gholz at [mgholz@aol.com](mailto:mgholz@aol.com).

## Community

### The Blessing of the Animals

*Today, October 4, 4:00-5:30pm, Church parking lot*

Bring your pet for a special blessing. Enter the parking lot from Pleasant Street and follow the signs. Please remain in your car with your pet and follow the directional signs. There will be dog treats and cat treats.

### ZOOM Worship Wonder for Ages Three-First Grade

*Sundays, October 4 & 18, 9:00am*

Parents and children are invited to join in a Zoom class with Stephanie Kummer, Samantha Samuels, and Cindy Merten. Meeting ID: 930 4584 7261, Passcode: 2020.

### Wondering questions to consider during our current sermon series:

"I wonder what part of this story you like best?"

"I wonder what part of the story is most important?"

"I wonder where you are in the story?"

"I wonder if there is any part of the story we can leave out and still have all the story we need?"

### For Adults - Confirmation: Again

*Online classes: Tuesdays, 7:00pm*

*Remaining Dates: October 13, 27, November 10, 24, December 15. There is still time to register and get caught up.* Ever wish you could revisit some of the theology you learned in confirmation? Have a student who went through confirmation or will be soon? Ever wonder what a Presbyterian actually is? Want to write a new faith statement? This is the class for you! This course will consist of 5 weeks of learning and discussion using the curriculum our youth go through for confirmation. We will take a break to give us time to write our own faith statements and come together again in December to read what we have discovered about our faith. Contact Rev. Bethany Peerbolte for more information.

## Mission: What Can I Do to Help?

### Deacons Support Lighthouse and South Oakland Shelter Food Banks

**SOS** requests laundry kits and breakfast snacks that don't need a refrigerator. Laundry kits are supplies to help people do a load of laundry.

**Lighthouse** requests food with a long shelf life and baby supplies. Food ideas: beans, macaroni and cheese, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, canned soup, canned stew, canned fruits and vegetables, canned meat, canned ravioli, dry pasta, rice, pasta sauce, boxed potatoes, and condensed milk. Please bring to the Eagle Entrance and leave in the boxes outside the door.

### COVID-19 Relief Fund

The Session approved the establishment of a COVID-19 relief fund for anyone who is in need of assistance with rent, utilities, groceries, medical expenses, etc., during this crisis. A total of over \$50,000 has been donated and over \$25,000 has been disbursed so far. This fund is managed by the Deacons. If you would like to donate to this fund or if you would like to apply for funds, please go to the COVID relief fund page under Serve on our website. We still have significant monies in the COVID-19 fund. Please let others know if they need assistance to apply.

### Face Masks STILL Needed for Foster Families

This week marks a total of over **3,000 face masks** made by members and friends here and a total of over **4,400** have been donated through Faith Communities Coalition. If you'd like to donate more, please contact Lyn Martens at

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lynmartens@wowway.com or Kate Thoresen, katethoresen@fpcbirmingham.org for details. On behalf of the hundreds who continue to need these, Thank you!

## **Support Camp Skyline by Purchasing Delicious Food!**

Skyline is now offering frozen meals, cooked from scratch in their kitchen, for purchase. Soups, chilis, lasagna, bread and more, with a Birmingham pickup at our Church Parking Lot on WEDNESDAYS, 11:00am-Noon. Find information on the website under *Serve, Skyline Meals*. Order period closes on Monday at 11am.

## **Many Ways to Give at FPC**

Please continue to donate to FPC:

1. Mail your check to the church.
2. TEXT your contribution to 248.600.4919.
3. Contribute online visit the giving tab (using the QR code below or [www.everybodyschurch.org](http://www.everybodyschurch.org))



## **Weekly Schedule of Zoom Meetings**

Please let us know if your group is meeting via Zoom Contact Dawn Swarthout at [dawn@fpcbirmingham.org](mailto:dawn@fpcbirmingham.org). For Zoom calls, the Password is: **2020**

### **Sundays**

- 9:00am Zoom Worship Wonder—select Sundays  
Three-year olds—First graders
- 11:00am Zoom Coffee Hour
- 2:00pm Sunday Afternoon Book Club  
(2nd Sundays in October\*, November)
- 5:00pm Middle & High School Youth
- 8:00pm Young Adults (18-22)

### **Mondays**

- 10:00am Genesis Class by Dr. John Judson
- 7:30pm AAIM Parents

### **Tuesdays**

- 9:00am “Being Centered in Times of Stress”  
Oct. 6 & 20
- 7:00pm Adult Confirmation Class—see schedule

### **Wednesdays**

- 7:00pm SAIL (3rd Wednesdays only)

### **Thursdays**

- 10:00am Covenant (2nd & 4th Thursdays)\*

### **Saturdays**

- 8:00am Genesis Class by Dr. John Judson

*\*meeting outside while weather is good*

## ***Additional Information***

### **Staying Connected**

Please give us your email! If you are not receiving emails, please email Dawn Swarthout at [dawn@everybodyschurch.org](mailto:dawn@everybodyschurch.org). This is the primary way we are communicating with the congregation at this time. We are happy to mail copies of bulletins to anyone who needs a copy. Give names and addresses to Jan Peters. Bulletins can be downloaded from the website on the Church at Home/Livestream page.