

# First Things—February 25, 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.



## All-Church Passover Seder March 3 @4:00PM

Join us for this Intergenerational Event! Rabbi Asher Lopatin, Director of the Jewish

Community Relations Council, will teach us about Passover and lead us in a traditional Seder celebration. Rabbi Lopatin will have many ways for children to participate. He even has chocolates and prizes to give away! Following the Seder, we will continue our fellowship with a pasta bar, salad and dessert (Jamalieh's Catering). \$15/Adult (11 yo+), \$5/child (3 yo+). **Please sign up at the sign-up table or email Martha Piesko by TODAY at [marthapiesko@fpcbirmingham.org](mailto:marthapiesko@fpcbirmingham.org)**

## Children's Communion Class Wednesday, February 28, 5:30-7:30pm



All 2nd-6th graders are invited to Martha's Table to have pizza and to learn about the sacrament of Holy Communion in creative ways. The children will work together to create a cloth banner. They will also paint their own bread plate.

Please RSVP to Martha Piesko at [marthapiesko@fpcbirmingham.org](mailto:marthapiesko@fpcbirmingham.org) **TODAY.**

## Statement of Discipleship

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

## JOIN US FOR A SHARED LENTEN JOURNEY

Join us on Wednesdays for a Simple Soup Dinner at 5:45 PM in Calvin Hall through March 20, 2024.  
Suggested donation: \$5/adult, \$12/family

And join us for the following:

February 21, March 6 & 20 – 6:30 PM Taize Service in the Chapel (20 Minutes).

February 28 & March 13 – 6:30 PM Labyrinth & Prayer Stations for all ages and abilities in Knox Auditorium.

“A TIME TO PAUSE AND BE WITH GOD”

## TAIZE WORSHIP

A SERVICE OF PRAYER, SONG AND CONTEMPLATION

## LABYRINTH & PRAYER STATIONS

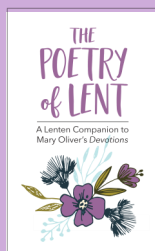
WE WELCOME PEOPLE OF ALL ABILITIES

## Lenten Reflection Series and Soup Dinners throughout Lent.

Sign up for the soup dinners at the Sign Up Table or use this QR Code:  
Suggested donation: \$5/adult, \$12/family



## Lenten Devotional for Adults & Lenten Bags for Families



Lenten booklets “The Poetry of Lent” are available on the table outside the lounge and a digital version is available in the Thursday email. Lenten bags filled with activities for families are at the Welcome Center.



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### February Deacons' Pantry Recipient: Angels' Place

Please bring low sodium food products, canned fruits (not in heavy syrup), applesauce, peas, carrots, apple juice, gluten-free products, condiments (mustard, ketchup, mayo, relish), salt, pepper, canola oil, salad dressings (Italian, ranch), coffee, graham crackers, granola bars, and pudding cups, paper products, & cleaning supplies.



**PER CAPITA PAYMENT IS DUE**  
**\$36 PER MEMBER**

Amount paid by the church to PCUSA (Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly).

*Let's Pay Online!*

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#### Registration Opens Tuesday, February 27!

**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. \$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. \$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).

CONCERTS AT FIRST PRESENTS  
THE CHANCEL CHOIR ENSEMBLE

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

MAR 17 SUN 6PM

### Nut-free Easter Candy Needed

Easter Baskets for Baldwin Center and Grace Centers of Hope are being created on Sunday, March 17 immediately following the 10am worship service. Children and their families will meet in Calvin Hall to fill one hundred Easter baskets.

We are kindly requesting for everyone to donate bags of nut-free Easter candy by Sunday, March 10. A donation bin is in the Donation Center.



**Book Groups. See Adult  
Faith Formation  
webpage.**



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**Mission  
Opportunities** webpage.



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**Volunteer Opportunities**  
See webpage by scanning  
the QR code for more info.



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Join  
**Lou Crew & Wear Green**  
**MARCH 3**

### 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.

[www.everybodyschurch.org](http://www.everybodyschurch.org)

### 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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