

First Things—February 28, 2021

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 on Sunday

All you have to do is go to our webpage, www.everybodyschurch.org and on the home page find the Church at Home and Sunday Livestream button. 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. **We are livestreaming on YouTube. Our YouTube Channel is everybodyschurch1**

In-Person Worship on Sundays at 10am

If you would like to worship in-person in our sanctuary, please make a reservation beginning on Thursday morning at 9am on the website. Reservation numbers are determined based on the number of COVID cases in our area. We can have 50 people in the sanctuary now.

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.

Announcements

Baptisms on February 28:

Ryan Marshall Samuels, son of Steven and Samantha Samuels
Owen Christopher Lyttle, son of Chris and Megan Lyttle

Bible Studies

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 for the Zoom link. These classes go through March 13 and 15 respectively.

New Class by Dr. John Judson on Exodus

Mondays, 10:00am, Zoom
Dr. Judson will be leading a new class on Mondays beginning April 12.

Two-Year Bible Trek Class by Dr. John Judson

Saturdays, 8:00am, Zoom
Dr. Judson will be leading the Two-Year Bible Trek class beginning on Saturday, April 17.

Small Group Bible Study — The Parables of Jesus

1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 9-10am via Zoom

Please contact Mary Gholz at mgholz@aol.com if you are interested in joining this group.

Book Study with Pastor Bethany

Tuesdays, through March 23, 7-8pm on Zoom

"Reading the Bible Again for the First Time: Taking the Bible Seriously but not Literally" by Marcus J. Borg. The class is full.

Inclusion

Rejoicing Spirits Worship

Sundays, February 28 and March 28 at 5:00pm

Join us on Google Meet for this interactive and lively no-shush service. Links to the Google Meet will be in the Thursday and Sunday emails.

Community

One Great Hour of Sharing Fish Banks

If you would like a OGHs Fish Bank, you can pick one up in the Donation Shed. Please return them Holy Week, March 28-April 4.

Flower Arrangements for the Sanctuary

If members would like to donate to flower arrangements to beautify our sanctuary on Sunday mornings as we have done in the past, please contact Kitty Stephenson at misskitty36@att.net.

Easter Flowers

Donations due by March 28

The purchase of flowers that decorate our church during the Easter season is made possible by the generosity of those who donate to the Flower Fund during Lent. If you would like to contribute to the fund, please select the GIVE tab on the website and then "Easter Flowers" on the drop down menu. You can make the donation in honor or in memory of someone and it will appear in the Easter bulletin.

ZOOM Worship Wonder for Ages Three-First Grade

Sunday, March 7 and 21, 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.

Pad Thai Cooking Class with Souri and Family in

Honor of World Down Syndrome Day

Friday, March 19, 6-7:30pm, on Zoom \$25pp/\$40 couple
Learn to make Pad Thai! All ingredients and the recipe will be provided. Pick up of ingredients will be at church. Proceeds benefit FAR. Purchase tickets at FAR-Therapy.org

Ushers Needed for April and May

Do you like attending worship? Would you like to come more often without having to make a reservation? Be an Usher! Please let us know you'd like to usher by going to the website and completing the online form under Serve. With our COVID safety protocols, ushering is safe but not completely without risk, so please assess for yourself whether you should usher.

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Hand-in-Hand Early Learning Center Registration is Ongoing for the 2021-22 School year

Please see the HIH ELC page on our website under “Learn” for more information. Enrollment fills quickly.

Mission: What Can I Do to Help?

Food Box Packing

Fridays, March 5 and 19

Help pack boxes between 9am-1pm

22228 East Mall Dr. in Pontiac

Our mission partner, Centro Multicultural La Familia, packs boxes of food for their food insecure clients every other Friday from 9am-1pm. We are looking to send over some helping hands on March 5 and 19. If you are able to help contact Pastor Bethany (bethany@fpcbirmingham.org). Even if you need to arrive late or leave early they can use the help.

Baskets of Love for Easter

Sunday, March 14

We will be packing Baskets of Love for Alcott families. Online sign up form will be on the “Baskets of Love” page under the “Events” tab.

Open Door is Looking for Volunteers to Teach Computer Skills

Fort Street Presbyterian Church in Detroit

Volunteers to teach basic computer skills to the homeless are needed. Open Door visitors are looking for work, need access to online social services, etc. and do not have any computer skills. If you enjoy one-on-one interaction, have a bit of patience and a dose of knowledge, perhaps you'd be interested in helping someone with these valuable life skills. All the COVID safety protocols will be in place. Please contact Trish Hubbell at trish@fortstreet.org.

Collecting Cold Weather Mittens, Gloves, Hats

We are continuing to collect heavy-duty cold weather mittens, gloves and hats for every child at Alcott Elementary School. Please bring them to the Eagle Entrance and place in bins marked “Mitten Tree.”

Deacons Pantry Supports the Welcome Inn

Welcome Inn offers professional and volunteer support services that address the emergent needs of its community's homeless and help guide them towards independent living. They request breakfast food (cereals, oatmeal, grits, etc), heat-and-eat side items (shelf stable), men's boots size 9+, women's boots 8, 9, 10, NEW women's underwear 6, 7, 8 and long johns L+, and warm coats (new or gently used).

Household Goods for Angels' Place Still Needed

Please purchase extra of these supplies while you are shopping and leave them in the Donation Shed. They will be delivered to Angels' Place Headquarters. They need paper towels, toilet paper, facial tissue, laundry detergent, dish soap, dishwasher detergent, liquid hand soap, and antibacterial wipes or spray.

Support Camp Skyline by Purchasing Delicious Food! Skyline is now offering frozen meals, cooked from scratch in its 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. To order go to: www.campskyline.org/camp-kitchen-order

Calendar of Events — Zoom and In-Person

Please look at our Calendar for all zoom and in-person events on our website under the Events tab. For Zoom calls, the Password is: **2020**

Additional Information

Staying Connected

Please give us your email! If you are not receiving emails, please email Dawn Swarouth at 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.

Photography/Video

We may be taking video or photography in the Sanctuary, Chapel and other parts of the church (interior and exterior). By your presence, you grant First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham unrestricted rights to use and publish, transmit or telecast images or a likeness that may be taken of you for use in communication related to the church. If you do not wish to have your image included in any of our communications, please contact Dr. Judson.

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 or www.everybodyschurch.org).

