

First Things—March 3, 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.

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:

March 6 & 20 - 6:30 PM Taize Service in the Chapel (20 Minutes).

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

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.



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).

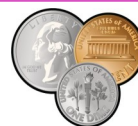
Lenten Reflection Series and Soup Dinners throughout Lent.

Sign up for the soup dinners at the Sign Up Table or use this QR Code:



Connections

Coin Counting



Youth are invited to join us during coffee hour after the 10am service to count the "Loose change" offering (First Sunday of each month/Sundays with Loose Change Offerings).

We meet in one of the Calvin Hall alcoves.

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March Deacons' Pantry Recipient: Kids Empowered On the Move

Please bathroom tissue and
cleaning supplies.



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. \$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).

PER CAPITA PAYMENT IS DUE
\$36 PER MEMBER

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

Let's Pay Online!

SCAN ME

24-Hour Prayer Vigil Sign-Up and 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 oconnor.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

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.

SCAN ME

Book Groups. See Adult Faith Formation
webpage.



Volunteer Opportunities

See webpage by scanning the QR code for more info.



SENIOR ADVENTURES
Visit the Octagon House

Thursday, March 14, 2024
Located in Washington, MI, Octagon House is listed on the National Register of Historical Places and is a State of Michigan Historic site.

\$10
for tour with docent

lunch at **Lucky's PRIME TIME**

Sign up with Dawn Buley at dawnbuley@fpcbirmingham.org

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

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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