First Things—March 12, 2023

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.

Statement of Discipleship

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

Welcome Visitors!

We are so glad to have you here to worship with us today. Please take a moment to fill out the **"Connect with FPC"** pew card and let us know who you are and whether there is anything we can do for you. If you would like to inquire about membership, please contact: Amy Zimmer, Membership Coordinator: amyzimmer@fpcbirmingham.org.

Meet Our New Confirmands
Mary Gumbis

What is your favorite thing about FPC? I really love the people here at Everybody's Church.
Excerpt from her Statement of Faith: "I will open my heart to the Sacred Mystery and find out what it means to me."

Registration is OPEN for Creation Camp

TWO VBCs on Monday—Thursday, June 19-22!

Creation Camp for 1st-5th graders is a fresh alternative to a traditional Vacation Bible Camp. The children will be working with our children's choir director Jolene Plotzke to learn two pieces from the musical "Children of Eden." They will also experience the story by creating paintings and sculptures with elementary art teacher, Laura Wass. On the final day of camp, families will have the opportunity to view the "art gallery" and listen to the children perform. All children who have completed first through fifth grades are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Preschoolers and Kindergarteners (3-year olds must have completed one year of Preschool) will enjoy a more traditional Vacation Bible Camp. They will learn about and experience the stories of the animals of the Bible (the Creation Story, Noah's Ark, Jonah and the Whale, and Daniel in the Lion's Den) through music, art, cooking, and games.

Register now through this QR Code:

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Dear Church Family,
Thank you for 14 wonderful years and a great retirement celebration. We could not have asked for a better send off. Your wonderful cards, gifts and comments sent us off with a tears of joy and hearts full of love. You are a special community of believers and we are honored to have been a part of you. We know that God has great plans for you and that you are in good hands.
Much love, John and Cindy Judson

We are kindly asking for wrapped **Easter Candy donations** (no nuts, please) for our Egg Hunt on Easter morning. You may place them in the bin labeled Easter Candy located in the Donation Center, near the Eagle Entrance. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated. Please drop off donations until April 2.

Magnificent March - Supporting Alcott Teachers

Thanks to everyone who took a basketball tag(s)! Over 100 basketball tags were chosen and only a few tags remain on the bulletin board across from Calvin Hall. Please stop by and consider choosing a tag. If you have questions about your tag (some tags had descriptions and prices, others were left open for you to have options), please call Stephanie Kummer at 248.464.0497 or email her at szkummer@yahoo.com.

Please attach the original tag to the gift you've purchased and leave it in the center alcove in Calvin Hall by Sunday, March 26th. Gifts will then be distributed to teachers in early April. Thank you so much for your support of this outreach!

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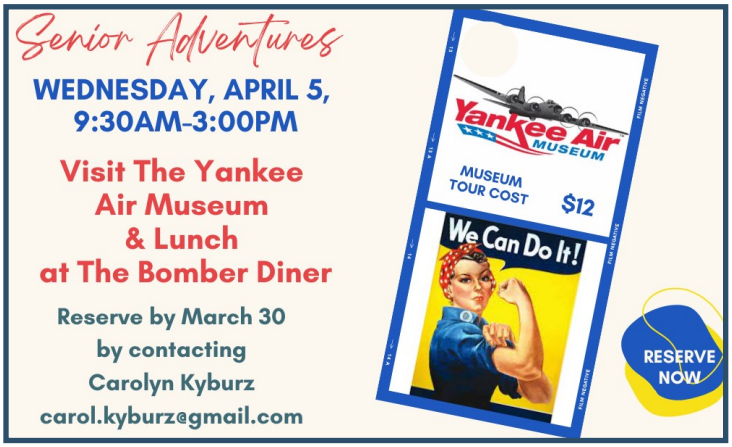
Flowers for the Sanctuary

Would you like to honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion? If so, consider donating flowers on Sunday mornings and you write the dedication! Sign up on the posters on the wall across from Calvin Hall. Flowers can be taken home or donated through Deacons.

Lenten Devotional for Adults & Lenten Bags for Families

Lenten booklets are available on the table outside the lounge and a digital version is available in the Thursday email with a link to the art. Lenten bags filled with activities for families are available in the Welcome Center.



FP Hand-in-Hand Early Learning Center

Enrollment for 2023-24 School Year is now Open to the Public.

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FPC Hand-in-Hand Early Learning Center
Learn more on the **Hand-in-Hand** webpage.

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Scan the QR code for **Mission Opportunities** webpage.

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Bible Studies & Book Groups
See **Adult Faith Formation Groups** webpage.

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

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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 Deneen Davis. 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.

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