First Things—March 21, 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. We have playlists to help you find Worship Services, Solo and Sermon (see just the soloist and the sermon), Pastor's Weekly Updates, Bible Stories for Young Children, Puppet Videos, What in the World is a Presbyterian?**

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 70 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**.

Bible Studies

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.

Inclusion

Rejoicing Spirits Worship

Sunday, 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

The Donation Shed is also where you can pick things up!

- Care Pax to give to people who are homeless
- Kindness Road Rally Packs
- One Great Hour of Sharing Fish Banks
- Resurrection Gardens

Resurrection Gardens: Watch the signs of new life emerge in a miniature "garden tomb" grown in a clay saucer. Pick up a kit to assemble with instructions included or watch a video on our YouTube channel.

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 22

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 21 and April 11, 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.

StoryWalk and Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 3, 10:00AM — Noon for families with young children, 1:00 — 3:00PM for the Rejoicing Spirits Community by reservation

Walk through the story of the resurrection as seen through the eyes of Mary Magdalene, hunt Easter eggs, flower the cross and exchange your eggs for an Easter goody bag. Make reservations on the website under Events.

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.

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?

Bike Maintenance Skills

Looking for people who know how to do bike maintenance (inner tube replacement, tightening chains,

etc). If you have this skill set please contact Pastor Bethany at Bethany@everybodyschurch.org.

Food Box Packing

Fridays, April 2 & 16
Help pack boxes between 9am-1pm
2228 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. If you are able to help pack boxes contact Pastor Bethany (bethany@fpcbirmingham.org). Even if you need to arrive late or leave early they can use the help.

Skyline's Spring into Summer Work Days

Saturday & Sunday, April 24 & 25
Are you looking for a way to pitch in and get Skyline ready for summer? Join us for a day or two of good hard work in the woods at camp. We welcome all ages to join in the fun of sweating in community, especially little ones who might play nearby while their grown ups work. Sign up under Events/Mission Opportunities on our website.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Due April 4
Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities. The money is distributed to and by the Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%), Self-Development of People (32%) and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32%), all ministries of the PC(USA).

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 Swarthout 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.

Holy Week: March 28—April 4, 2021

Palm Sunday, March 28, 10:00AM In-person and livestream & 5:00PM Rejoicing Spirits Worship on Google Meet
Pick up palms on Saturday, March 27 outside the Eagle entrance.
Prayer Walk, March 27 — April 3 in the columbarium. Encounter the Easter story in a different way. With interactive art and a guided meditation on YouTube, the experience will make this Holy Week memorable for all ages.
Maundy Thursday, April 1: Two different services at **7:00PM** 1. On Zoom, we will celebrate communion together in a new way. 2. We will have a traditional service in the sanctuary in-person and livestreamed.
Good Friday, April 2, Pre-recorded Service available at 7AM The final words of Jesus will be presented by a diverse group of Pastors from around the Detroit Presbytery. Their reflections will shine new light on Jesus' final moments on the cross.
24-Hour Prayer Vigil, April 2, Noon to April 3, Noon Connect with God as you quietly pray in your home for the concerns of others. See our website page for how to submit prayer requests for the vigil and sign up to pray through Sign Up Genius.
Saturday, April 3, Easter Story Walk and Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00AM — Noon by reservation for families. Walk through the story of the resurrection as seen through the eyes of Mary Magdalene, hunt Easter eggs, flower the cross and exchange your eggs for an Easter goody bag. Sign up on the website.
Easter Sunday, April 4 — Two services
7:00AM Sunrise Drive-in service in the parking lot
10:00AM Traditional worship service in-person and livestream