

# MINISTRY UPDATES

## Friends,

Please check out the opportunities below that are designed to help us engage, grow, serve, and worship together as a church family during this season.

FPC offers a variety of ways to worship! Whether you choose in-person or online, we have multiple options for you to join us each Sunday. Visit our [More Ways to Worship](#) page or see our "Worship" section below for a full list of our services.

We look forward to seeing you in-person, online, or both!

Thank You,  
FPC Communications

## NEW & UPCOMING

### Rediscovering Biblical Justice Sermon Series

January 10–February 14

Concern for justice is one of the most widely discussed subjects in both our culture and our church today. Sadly, it can also be one of the most controversial. Though the topic is complex and the conversations often difficult, Christians should not ignore or avoid the subject of justice. Join us as we rely on God's Word to explore the foundation and facets of biblical justice, while working to better understand and differentiate it from more secular interpretations.

### Faith Conversations

Tuesdays | Jan 19 | Noon | Online

Faith Conversations is a weekly live stream hosted by Pastor Jim and other guests to discuss issues impacting our community, our nation, and beyond. Our next discussion is entitled Justice & The Public Square and will include the opportunity to participate via live Q&A. To join the discussion or see a complete list of upcoming topics, please visit click [here](#).

### 2021 Virtual ECO National Gathering

Into the Unknown | Jan 29–31

ECO's 2021 Virtual National Gathering is a time for leadership development, encouragement, and a deep dive into God's flourishing next step for your life and ministry. Grab your friends for an inspiring weekend together. For information and to register, click [here](#).

### Explore FPC\*

Sat | Feb 6 | 9 AM–1 PM | Online

Are you interested in learning what it means to become a member, or Covenant Partner, of FPC? This class explores the tenets of our reformed faith and ways to engage in discipleship and community. You will also discover what it means to dedicate your time and talents to the mission of FPC and ministries that advance God's kingdom. To learn more and to register, click [here](#).

It is expected that one attends the entire morning of the class since its content will be abbreviated, and it is also expected that one attends Joining Day. Please note, you must register for this class individually and the deadline for registration is Wednesday, February 3.

\*This class is a requirement to join the FPC family.

### How to Pray Course

Tuesdays | Beginning Jan 19 | 5 PM | Online

As we turn a chapter on a New Year, do you wish to strengthen your prayer life? Join us for this prayer course! *How to Pray* will meet weekly on Tuesdays at 5 PM. The series will follow the Alpha method of prayer utilizing the book *How to Pray*, by Pete Greig, emphasizing listening. During each meeting, we will watch a video, discuss, and pray together via Zoom. To register, please click [here](#).



## WORSHIP

### In-Person Worship | Sunday | 10:45 AM & 5 PM

Traditional Service | Sanctuary | 10:45 AM  
Contemporary Service | Sanctuary | 5 PM  
**Pre-registration required.** Click [here](#).

### Online Worship | Sunday

Contemporary Service | 10 AM  
Traditional Service | 10:45 AM

Join us online: [FPC Live](#) | [Facebook](#) | [YouTube](#)

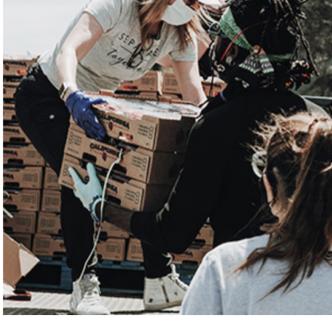
To learn more about our Sunday worship options, please visit our [Ways to Worship](#) page.

### Prayer-Service Online Discussion Group

Join the 10:45 AM online discussion to discuss the sermon with FPC pastors and connect with the FPC community. [Zoom link](#) | Meeting ID: 815 0945 8591 | Passcode: 142041

### Children's Sunday Morning Worship

Access this week's Sunday worship video [here](#).



## MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

### Engaging the Muslim World

Thur | Jan 21 | Noon | Online

FPC is working with several amazing ministries who are involved in the Muslim majority countries. A small group of prayer warriors regularly prays for these friends on the third Thursday of the month via Zoom. If you'd like to join us, please email [Mary-Floye Federer](#).

### Main Street Ministries Opportunities

Start the New Year off by getting involved at Main Street Ministries! Opportunities include:

**Operation ID:** To learn more and sign-up, please email [csadler@msmhouston.org](mailto:csadler@msmhouston.org).

**Bridges Out of Poverty:** Learn how to reduce poverty with this virtual class that takes place Feb 3–Mar 10. To sign up, please email [Kathie Hartzog](#).

**Garden Donations:** The Main Street Ministries garden is in need of clean pine needles (no weeds or leaves) as well as paper grocery bags to distribute the garden-fresh fruits, herbs, and vegetables. These may be dropped off on Mondays or Tuesdays at 5100 Travis St., Houston, TX 77002.

### Feeding Houston's Heroes

As we start the new year, we hope to continue to encourage and support our frontline workers, first responders, and local restaurants. Watch this [video](#) of how this initiative continues to serve the Houston community. To support our efforts, click [here](#).

### Interested in Serving?

As the new year approaches, are you thinking about ways you can serve with your family or small group? If so, contact [Mary-Floye Federer](#) or [Lea Byrd](#) to learn more about opportunities and how you can get involved!

For more information on these and other Mission Opportunities, email [Lea Byrd](#).

### COVID-19: Serve & Be Served

For a complete list of our Serve and Be Served opportunities, please click [here](#).



## DEVOTION & DISCIPLESHIP

### Writers Needed for Encouragement Emails!

We are excited to share that the FPC Encouragement Emails will return in February, but we need your help! In order to continue, volunteer writers are needed. If you would like to contribute, please promptly e-mail [Catie Smith](#), Director of Discipleship.

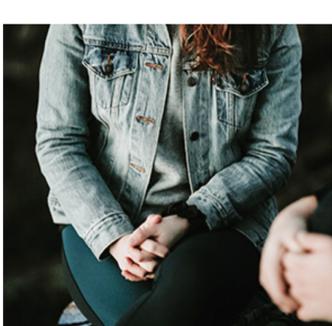
### Small Groups, Sunday Schools, and D-Groups

FPC has many different options for you to take the first steps and get connected to a community! A small group or Sunday school class will help you grow in God's word and our smaller, gender-specific discipleship groups provide support in prayer and other spiritual formation practices. Contact [Catie Smith](#), Director of Discipleship, to learn what type of group might be best for you.

### Intersections Sunday School

Sundays Mornings | Now until Mar 28

Join the Intersections Sunday School Class on Zoom as we journey together through the book of Isaiah. This study will not only help you understand the ancient world of Isaiah, but also the promise of Emmanuel, the incarnation of Jesus, and the relevance for our lives today. For more information contact [Doug Meikle](#).



## CARING MINISTRY

### GriefShare

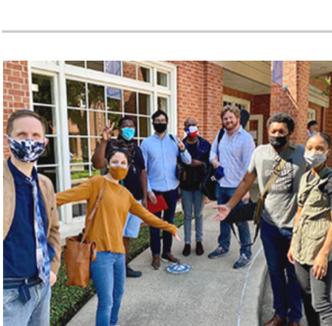
Mondays | Jan 25–Apr 26 | 6:30–8 PM | Via Zoom

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Register [here](#) or for more information, contact [Lija Shah](#).

### Care Prayer

The congregational care prayer list is emailed weekly to the FPC congregation for those in our community in need of prayer. If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, or if you would like to be added to our weekly email list, please contact us

at [caring@fpchouston.org](mailto:caring@fpchouston.org).



## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

### Young Adult New Year Happy Hour

Kirby Ice House | Jan 28 | 6 PM

Join this community social to celebrate the New Year and reconnect after the holiday break. Come and go as you please!



## EVANGELISM

### Seeker Friendly Bible Study Group

Meets every Wednesday at 7:30 PM

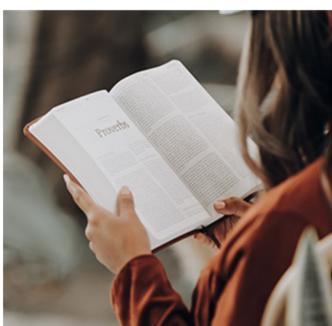
### How to Pray Class

See above for more details

### Movie & Theology

Sun | Jan 24 | 3 PM

For more information on these events, please contact Rev. [Emmanuel Paulpeter](#).



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### First Place for Health

Mon | Jan 18 | 6:30 PM

### First Moms

Tue | Jan 19 | 10 AM | Online

### Women of the Word

Tue | Jan 19 | 10 AM | Online

### Salt & Light

Thur | Jan 21 | 7:30 PM

### Sojourn Book Club

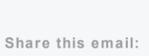
Tue | Jan 26 | 7 PM

For more information on these events, please contact [Valerie Arredondo](#).

To receive critical updates and campus alerts via text, please register by texting "Updates" to 484848.



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