



MINISTRY UPDATES

Friends,

As you know, with the recent emergence of the Delta Variant, COVID levels across our community have risen considerably. As a result, we find ourselves in a position of needing to adjust our COVID protocols to address the present concerns. As we have said before, our desire is to protect our ability to gather together for worship while also doing what we can to protect those most vulnerable to infection.

Beginning Sunday, August 8, we are updating our protocols in the following manner:

1. We are encouraging, **but not requiring**, all people to wear masks in worship, particularly those who are unvaccinated.
2. We are requiring that all children 11 and under, presently ineligible for the vaccine, wear masks in worship and in their Sunday School classes (ages 0-3 exempt).
3. We are setting aside the balcony in the Sanctuary and a designated section in Grand Hall for those who prefer to wear a mask and to practice social distancing.
4. All volunteers serving in our Children's ministry will be required to wear masks.
5. All students (12 and older) and volunteers in our Middle School and High School ministries will be encouraged, but not required, to wear masks.

At this point, these are the only changes that we are putting into place. Adult Sunday School classes will still meet and the campus will remain open as before. We will continue to evaluate the situation and pray that this latest development will pass quickly.

**Thank you,
FPC Communications**



**All-Church Sunday School Begins Sunday!
August 8, 15, & 22 | 9:30 AM | Fellowship Hall**
Check out this [message](#) from Pastor Andrew Stepp to learn more about this year's topic: **Three Big Words**.

ONC & PNC Recommendations

Deadline: Friday, August 13

The Standing Committee on Nominations asks the congregation to recommend members to form a new Officer Nominating Committee (ONC) and Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) for 2022. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Celebration & Farewell for Abigail MacDougall

Sat | Aug 8 | 10:45 AM | Contemporary Service

Our dear friend and Young Adult Director, Abigail MacDougall, will be leaving FPC to deepen her skills for ministry. To celebrate her and her many contributions to the FPC community, we will have a special moment to acknowledge Abigail this Sunday in the Contemporary Service. This will be her final day helping lead worship.

Explore FPC Class

Sat | Aug 21 | 9 AM-3 PM | LC 181

Are you interested in learning more about 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](#). **This class is a requirement to join the FPC family.**

Chancel Choir Workshop and Rehearsals

Sat | Sept 11 | 8:30 AM-3 PM

The Chancel Choir returns to its normal routine and we're looking for new singers! Join us for our Fall Kick-Off Workshop this September. In addition, regular rehearsals resume on Thursday, September 16 at 7:15 PM in room CE 240. For more information, email [Nancy Turner](#) or call **832.870.1505**.



WORSHIP

Join Us This Sunday For Worship!

In-Person & Online

Contemporary Service | Grand Hall | 10:45 AM

Traditional Service | Sanctuary | 10:45 AM

Join Us Online

Worship with your FPC family or invite a friend:

[FPC Live](#) | [Facebook](#) | [YouTube](#)

To view our updated COVID Protocols, click [here](#).



SUNDAY MORNING DISCIPLESHIP

Cornerstone | 9:30 AM | Solarium

Join us for Bible teaching and conversation each Sunday! This class equips and encourages all members of the FPC community to grow in their discipleship of Jesus Christ together.

Children's Sunday School

New Sunday morning check-in area for rising PreK to rising 6th grade is at the Connections Desk near the Sanctuary breezeway. Childcare is offered during the Sunday School hour (9:30-10:30 AM) and during the Traditional/Contemporary Worship Services. Please use the following links to

register your child(ren).

[Worship Childcare \(Infant-PreK\)](#)

[Sunday School Childcare \(Age 2-PreK\)](#)

[Sunday School Childcare \(Under Age 2\)](#)

Youth Sunday School

Youth Area | 9:45-10:45 AM

[MS Registration](#) | [HS Registration](#)



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

First Saturday Serve | MSM Garden

Sat | Aug 7 | 9-10:30 AM | 102 Portland Street

Projects include trimming trees, weeding, mulching, clearing pathways, removing debris, and preparing garden beds for the fall season. Please bring your own water. To RSVP, contact [Jenny Sommer](#).

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

Wed | Aug 25 | 7:45-8:45 AM | Cullen MS

Show your gratitude as we take special breakfast treats before school to express our appreciation for our friends at Cullen Middle School. If you would

like to participate, contact [Lea Byrd](#).

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Farewell to Abigail Celebration

Sat | Aug 7 | 5 PM | 2324 Shannon St. Houston 77027

Celebrate Abigail's time at FPC and welcome the new Young Adult Leadership Team! Bring your favorite drink to share.

Theology on Tap

Tue | Aug 10 | Saint Arnold Brewing Co.

Register [here](#).

Sheep Among Wolves Documentary Viewing

Sat | Aug 14 | 3-6 PM

Astros vs. Mariners Game

Sat | Aug 21 | 3 PM | Minute Maid Park

Get your ticket [here](#).

For more information, contact the [Young Adult Leadership Team](#).

CARING MINISTRY

Train as a Stephen Minister

Now-Aug 20

Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care for those experiencing a difficult time in life. This 50-hour training teaches principles and skills that equip you to provide high-quality, Christ-centered emotional and spiritual care to others. To learn more, contact caring@fpchouston.org

Congregational Care Updates

To see the latest listing of Congregational Care updates, click [here](#).

For more information, contact [Lija Shah](#).

EVANGELISM

Seeker-Friendly Bible Group

Meets every Wednesday at 7:30 PM

Movie & Theology

Sun | Aug 7 | 3-6 PM | Room 080

Taco Night

Sun | Aug 7 | 7-8:30 PM | Hermann Park

Ted Talk Discussion Group

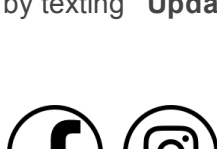
Sun | Aug 14 | 5 PM | FH 253

Book Discussion Group

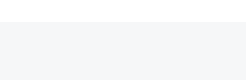
Sun | Aug 19 | 7-8:30 PM | Online

For more information, contact [Emmanuel Paulpeter](#).

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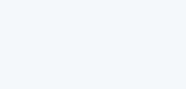
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