



MINISTRY UPDATES

NEW & UPCOMING

Tornado Response

The devastation from the horrific December tornadoes that hit Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, and Tennessee is heartbreaking. There is the need for immediate emergency assistance and followed by long-term recovery and rebuilding. FPC has worked with two excellent first responder partners -the [Salvation Army](#), and [Samaritan's Purse](#)- for previous disasters and trust that they are again doing excellent work with relief. The Missions Ministry is communicating with other partners regarding possible recovery and rebuilding assistance and will provide more information as it is received. Please continue to pray for all those impacted by the storms, and we encourage you to give directly to these and other accredited ministries and organizations providing help.

Christmas Eve Ushers Needed

The Connections Ministry is seeking ushers for all Christmas Eve worship services! We welcome and encourage you to join us in spreading some Christmas joy and cheer by volunteering as an usher. If you feel called to serve, please contact [Cheryl Christie](#).

Special Schedule: Sunday, December 26

Please take note on **Sunday, December 26**, there will only be one worship service. This will be a Traditional style service held at 10:45 AM in the Sanctuary

End-Of-Year Giving

We are grateful for the many members and friends who generously support our church's call to be *Here to Serve*. If it is a priority to have any final contributions credited in 2021 for tax purposes, please be sure they are turned in as noted below:

- **By mail:** must be postmarked by Dec 31
- **Online:** visit our [Giving page](#). Online transactions must be completed by 11:59 PM on Dec 31
- **In person:** FPC will be open on Dec 31 from 9 AM–3 PM
- **Stocks:** must be in FPC's brokerage account before or on Dec 31, 2021. Please allow extra time as there is a time-lapse when dealing with stock donations. For instructions, please visit our [Donate Stock page](#). Also, please notify the church Finance office so the gift can be reflected on your contribution statement.

Women's Ministry Brunch

Tue | Jan 11 | 9:30–11 AM | LC181

What a better way to start the new year than by gathering together to celebrate God's steadfast love, new mercies, and unending faithfulness? (Lamentations 3:22-23). Please join the FPC women for brunch, fellowship, and worship. There will be limited seating, so please make a reservation to join at fpchouston.org/events.



Celebrate Advent With Us!

Join us for Advent as we enter into the promises of God's history of redemption as proclaimed in Biblical Songs through our series: **Songs of Advent**.

Advent Wreath Lighting

Sundays | Dec 19 & 24 | Both Services

20th Annual Advent Missions Market

Sun | Dec 19 | 9 AM–1 PM | Palm Court

Christmas Eve Worship

3 PM | Children & Family Service | Grand Hall

5 PM | Contemporary | Grand Hall

7 & 9 PM | Traditional | Sanctuary

For a full list of descriptions of all the events listed above, visit our [FPC Advent page](#).



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](#)



SUNDAY MORNING DISCIPLESHIP

Children's Sunday School | 9:30–10:30 AM

PreK-3rd grade | Check-in at Connections Desk

4th/5th grade | Check-in at the Chapel

Children's Worship Care | 9:15–11:45 AM

Childcare during worship is available for infants-PreK. Drop off is at the Connections Desk near the Sanctuary.

Youth Sunday School

Drop-off is at 9:20 AM | Youth Area

[MS Registration](#) | 9:30–10:30 AM

[HS Registration](#) | 9:45–10:30 AM

Young Adult Sunday School

Sundays | 9:35–10:35 AM | Library

Adult Discipleship Sunday School

Boomers

Born 1940-1959 | 9:30–10:30 AM | Living Room

Cornerstone

Parents | 9:30–10:30 AM | Solarium

Intersections

Intergenerational Class | 9:30–10:30 AM | Fellowship Hall



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Advent Missions Market

Sundays in December | Palm Court

The Advent Missions Market offers unique crafts from global partner artisans around the world that make wonderful Christmas gifts. The sale of the items provides support for our global ministry partners while raising awareness of the ministries' vital work. To sign up to volunteer, click [here](#). Please note that cash or check is the preferred method of payment.

Christmas Eve Offering

Each year, the Christmas Eve offering has been designated for FPC mission partners. This year, because of the devastation from the horrific December tornadoes that hit Kentucky and other states, the offering has been designated to bless those affected through our partners, the Salvation Army and Samaritan's Purse, who are already on the ground providing relief. The Missions Ministry is communicating with other partners and churches regarding possible recovery and rebuilding assistance. Please consider a generous gift to the Christmas Eve offering. Contributions may be placed in the offering boxes at the back of the sanctuary following our Christmas Eve worship services as well as with the QR code available in the bulletin or made online. Checks should be made out to First Presbyterian Church with the "Christmas Eve offering" notation.

For more information, contact [Lea Byrd](#).



CHILDREN & FAMILY

Christmas PJ Sunday

Sun | Dec 19 | 9:30–10:30 AM

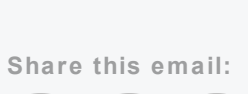
On this Sunday, come to church in your pajamas! All children (babies too!) in Early Childhood through 5th grade are invited to wear their favorite PJs (and bring a blanket, pillow, stuffed animal, or other comfy items) for a Christmas Pajama Party in our Sunday school classes.

For more information, contact [Stacey Rockwell](#).

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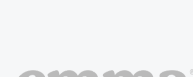
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