
Ministry Updates

WORSHIP SERVICE THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 9: Two separate worship services will be offered online and onsite at the church at 9 am (Classic in the Sanctuary) and 11 am (Convergent in King Hall). Rev. Jeff Chadwick will be preaching both services this week, using Psalm 125 as his text.

To access the service online directly, go to www.facebook.com/fpcrome or click the button you'll find on our church web page, www.fpcrome.org. You do not need to be a Facebook user to access the service.

To view or download the Order of Worship for Sunday's service, go to the home page of the website, as well, and follow instructions there. Using this Order of Worship, you'll not only be able to follow along in the service, but can participate actively as it includes words to songs and other elements we'll be asked to join in speaking, praying, or singing. You can also download the provided sermon guides for children and middle schoolers. *If attending in-person, please print and bring with you the order of worship for the service you plan to attend as our services will be touch-less (no bulletins, hymnals, friendship pads).*

VISITOR WELCOME – Thank you for worshiping with us today. Whether you are worshiping in-person or viewing our livestream, we want to welcome you into our midst. We would love to have the opportunity to answer any questions you may have about our ministries. Please visit www.fpcrome.org and click on the Connect Form link at the top of the home page. Our Connections team will contact you. We look forward to connecting with you!

VOLUNTEER GREETERS – Would you like to serve your brothers and sisters in Christ? We will need greeters for both services the next few weeks. Greeters will meet 30 minutes before the service starts for instructions, then greet folks as they enter with a pump of hand sanitizer and a reminder to wear a mask when singing and to maintain 6-foot distance between others. If you are interested in serving as a greeter, please call the church office at 706.291.6033 or email Natalie at nataliep@fpcrome.org.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN – As you may know it is FPC's week (August 10-14) to serve at the Community Kitchen. Due to COVID-19, we are only serving to-go plates on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We are in need of 5 people each day. I would love to see 5 different people/families serve on these days. To limit our risk of exposure, we have masks and gloves available. Our job would be to make sandwiches in the morning and then make to-go plates. We will stay in the back of the kitchen. Drew and Shelia will be out front passing plates to the clients. We are able to accommodate physical distancing requirements and will have minimal contact with clients. Please email me at amyedwards3677@gmail.com or text me [706-594-0878](tel:706-594-0878) if you would like to help so we don't have a large group show up.

PIPS VIRTUAL PROGRAM – Please mark August 27 at 11:00 am on your calendar for a virtual PIPS program. Our featured speaker will be Mrs. Phyllis Pemerton. Phyllis will briefly explain her new role with the church staff and then give all of us a wonderful Devotional. I will also make announcements about future PIPS plans and update all of you on prayer requests. We have not given up on having a lunch together in the future but wish to proceed with caution putting your health first. The virtual program can never replace the love and fellowship we feel when we're all together but it is a beginning. You may stream it live like you do our church services by going to the church website and linking in. Please link in 5 minutes early so you don't miss anything. Also, if you can't stream it live, it will be saved and you can access it at your convenience.

PRAYER REQUESTS – If you would like to be kept informed of the church's prayer needs, email Tracy at tracyd@fpcrome.org to receive updated prayer requests. If you would like to submit a Prayer Request for you or someone you know that is in need, you may do so on our website at <http://www.fpcrome.org/resources/personal-prayer-requests/>.

CONTINUING OUR GENEROSITY – “The Lord loves a cheerful giver.” Since today’s service will be touch-less (no bulletins, hymnals, friendship pads), we will have plexiglass drop boxes at the entrance and exit areas of each service in which you may place your tithes and offerings. There are many other ways you can make your offering to the Lord— by giving through the mail, dropping off in a sealed envelope in the secure black mailbox outside the church office, or electronically by following this link: <https://www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/firs101214> or through the ShelbyNext Membership App on your mobile device. If you have not been connected through the ShelbyNext Membership app on your mobile device, contact Tracy at tracyd@fpcrome.org or leave a message with the church office and she will help you get set up.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP – Dear parents, please be encouraged to know that we are actively discussing the best ways to resume children’s worship and other children’s ministries, along with nursery ministry, doing so in a way that is timely, safe, and prudent. We ask for your grace and patience and prayer as we try to discern the best course of action. In the meantime, we do want to offer whatever help we can to those parents who are able to bring their children to worship with them. We know this is not an easy time for any of us, especially those with young children; however, this is also a great opportunity to teach our children how to worship, not only in family worship at home but in corporate worship at church. Please visit our FPC website for a couple of resources we think will be beneficial. The first is a recording of a seminar conducted last year by Pastor Jonathan and Children’s Director Andrea Sartorato. In it, we laid out the biblical rationale for the value of children being in corporate worship with adults, along with some practical suggestions for how to effectively parent in the pew. The second is a short resource entitled “8 Tips for Helping Your Child Worship.” We encourage you to listen and/or read for your edification. Also, don’t forget that each Sunday we provide a “busy bag” along with a Children’s Guide to help your child stay engaged in worship. Finally, please do not hesitate to speak with Jonathan or Andrea about ways we can serve you and equip you in these unusual but potentially rewarding times. - Pastor Jonathan

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL “TAKE HOME” PACKETS – Just a reminder... we have added new lessons to the Sunday School "take home" packets. We wanted to still provide you and your children with the lesson materials. They are great resources to use at home! The packets are available in the church office.