



Flat Rock A.M.E. Church Congregation Transition FAQ

This handout is designed for the Flat Rock AME Church transition from the current worship location to Prince of Peace in Fayetteville.

Congregation Questions

1. Why are we moving from the current building?

The church is moving in order to better support ministry needs, steward resources wisely, and provide a setting that supports worship and community in this season. The leadership has prayed, discussed, and believes this location will serve the congregation's mission more effectively at this time.

2. When is our last Sunday at the old location and first Sunday at the new one?

The Transition Team will publish specific dates as soon as they are confirmed. You can expect clear announcements in worship, email, text, and social media so everyone has plenty of notice before the final Sunday at the current site and the first Sunday at Prince of Peace.

3. Will worship times stay the same?

The goal is to keep worship times as consistent as possible. If any changes are required because of shared facility schedules, the Transition Team will explain what is changing, why, and how it affects Sunday and midweek gatherings.

4. How will I know where to park and which doors to use?

The team will provide maps, clear signs on site, and greeters at the doors during the first several Sundays. Printed handouts and digital directions will show parking areas, entry points, and routes to the sanctuary, restrooms, and classrooms.

5. What will happen to our current building and furnishings?

Trustees and church leadership are evaluating what must be moved, what can be stored, and what should be sold, donated, or released. The church will communicate any major decisions about the building's future and key items, and will handle sacred and sentimental items with care.

6. Are we merging with Prince of Peace or just sharing space?

At this stage, the plan is to share space for worship and ministry while remaining Flat Rock AME Church with its own leadership, identity, and traditions.



7. Will our worship style or denomination change?

Flat Rock's preaching, doctrine, and core worship identity will remain the same. Some logistics—like exact seating, processional routes, or timing—may look different in a new space, but the heart of our worship will continue as before.

8. What about my ministry area—choir, ushers, youth, etc.?

Existing ministries will continue, though some may adjust where and how they meet. Ministry leaders are working with the Transition Team to ensure choir rehearsals, ushers, children's ministry, youth, and small groups have space and schedules at the new site.

9. How do we care for seniors and members with transportation or mobility needs?

The team is identifying transportation needs, accessibility routes, and drop-off locations. Members who need extra help can let leaders know so arrangements can be made (rides, closer parking, or walk-in support).

10. How will children's and youth spaces work at the new location?

The plan includes designated areas for children and youth that meet safety, check-in, and supervision standards. Volunteers will be oriented to new rooms, and parents will receive clear instructions about drop-off, pick-up, and security policies.

11. Will my giving or how I give change?

Your commitment and generosity are still vital. The methods of giving (in-person, mail, online) will be communicated clearly, and any changes to mailing addresses or giving platforms will be explained so offerings and tithes remain secure and properly recorded.

12. How will I stay informed throughout the transition?

The church will communicate through multiple channels: Sunday announcements, printed bulletins, email, text messages, social media, and possibly Q&A sessions or listening meetings

14. How is leadership making sure this is a spiritually healthy transition, not just a logistical one?

Leaders are committed to prayer, Scripture, and pastoral care throughout the process. There will be moments of lament and gratitude for the former space and times of blessing and dedication in the new space, acknowledging that God is with the church in every place.

15. How can I help?

Members can help by praying regularly, volunteering for packing or setting up, serving as greeters, sharing accurate information, encouraging others, and giving faithfully. The Volunteer Lead will provide sign-up opportunities and clear roles.



16. What if I'm anxious or unsure about this move?

It is normal to feel mixed emotions—sadness, worry, or excitement. Leaders want to hear your concerns and walk with you. The church will encourage honest conversation and remind everyone that God's faithfulness does not depend on a building.