



Children's Chapel Resumes at PDS

Our young disciples enrolled in the Presbyterian Day School returned to their classes on Wednesday morning, January 8, 2020. Children's Chapel is held every week at 8:45 a.m., alternating from week to week between Monday and Tuesday. This year, Children's Chapel resumed on Monday, January 13th.

At Children's Chapel a different class each week shows the rest of the students the projects and crafts they have done to emphasize the monthly Bible verse the students are studying. The goal is to recite the verse and the book of the Bible in which it appears, together with expressing the verse in American sign-language as well as verbally. This month, the verse is "Serve one another in love" (Galatians 5:13).

After the projects are displayed and discussed, the children stand and sing-- once again expressing themselves in sign-language as well as with words. The songs are joyful, energetic, and require lots of movement. The children are a delight to behold!

Finally, Pastor Jim speaks for a few minutes. This month we are thinking about where God lives. "What is the House of the Lord?," we are asking ourselves, and so on Monday we walked around in the Chancel to see the altar, the candles, and the choir lofts in order to understand what you can find in a church. Soon, however, we will consider the fact that the House of the Lord can be anywhere God is present, even in each of our hearts.

It is a joy and privilege for Pastor Jim to spend a few minutes each week with the precious children and dedicated teachers in our Presbyterian Day School. Please pray that the children in our care may learn how dearly they are loved by God and by those whom God sends to care for them.



The 2-year-old class is ready to show off the “hearts and hands” they have made to illustrate this month’s Bible verse, “Serve one another in love” (Galatians 5:13).



The whole “student body” gathers to sing and pray and have a good time during Children’s Chapel.



This week, Pastor Jim invited the students up into the Chancel for a tour of one part of God's many "houses"-- the many places where God can be found for worship, love, and comfort.

SPIRITUAL AND PLANNING RETREAT FOR SESSION MEMBERS JANUARY 25, 2020



The Session will gather at the Broad Ax Ranch on Saturday, January 23, 2020, for spiritual reflection and to plan for the great things we believe await First Presbyterian Church in the coming year.

Please pray for our Session members by name and ask the Holy Spirit to guide them to discern God's will for our church. In the days and weeks ahead, we will be asking for support from each member of the congregation to help move FPC forward in service to our community and in faithful worship to our triune God.

Please respond as best you are able.

One goal of the Session which we have already discussed is that, as in the past, we wish to be open, transparent, and accessible to every member of our church. If you have a question, a concern, or a good idea that you would like to share with the Session, please freely approach the Pastor or any Ruling Elder by phone, email, or in person to share whatever is on your mind. As Presbyterians, we are constantly open to change, reform, and new revelations by the Holy Spirit.

You have entrusted the Session with the leadership of this church, but please do not abandon us. Serving God is too large a task to be left to others. Join us, help us, encourage us as, together, we all seek to carry out God's will for his church at 2408 N. Navarro!

Wednesday, January 8

6:00 PM Kids for Christ

7:00 PM Choir Practice

Sunday, January 12

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship



January 14- Patsy Merrill

January 17 - Jud Austin

If you, or someone you know, has a birthday this week please contact the church office:

361.575.2441

or

info@fpcovictoria.org

Final Notes

Nellie Hudson Adult Sunday School



Are you interested in joining the Nellie Hudson Adult Sunday School?
Come join us! All are welcome.
We meet before Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 AM.

End of Year Statements

We will mail end of year statements during
the week of Monday, January 20, 2020.

If you would like to receive your end of year
statement via email instead of regular mail,
please contact the church office.

Phone: 361.575.2441

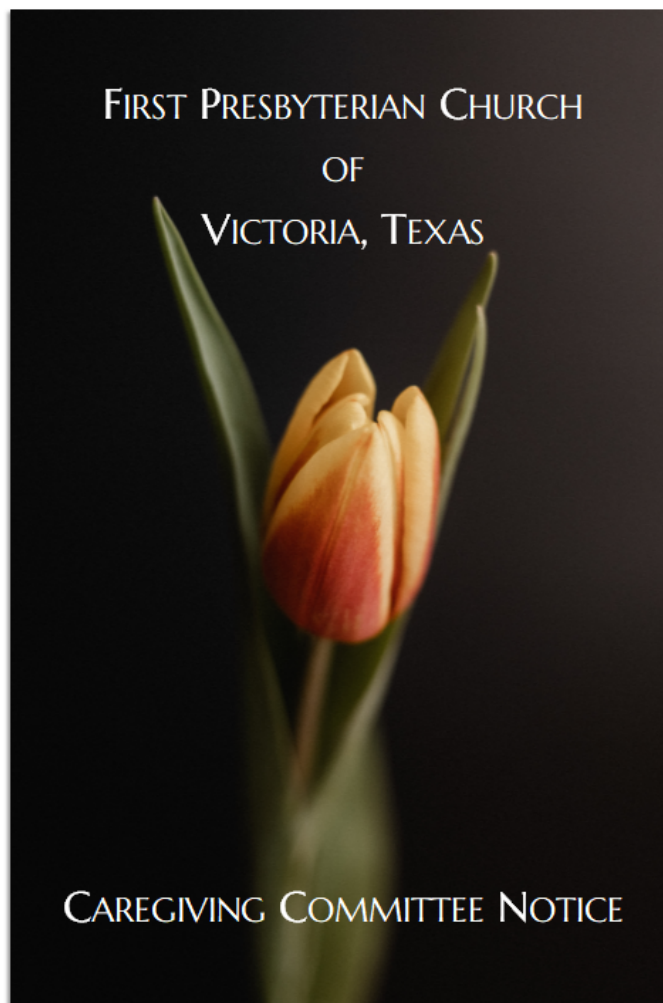
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Also, if your mailing address has changed please notify the
church office before Wednesday, January 15, 2020.

If you prefer to pick up your statement prior to January 20, 2020,
please stop by the church office during business hours:

Monday—Friday
9:00 AM—5:00 PM



*When you or a family member is in the hospital, facing illness,
or simply in need of prayer or care once a loved one has passed,
please call or email members of the Caregiving Committee.*

*Also, our team is seeking special people,
to pray, work, and to aid in the tasks involved.
Would you like to help? If so, please contact us at the info below.*

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*Each of these numbers can take messages,
or are actively receiving emails.*

** Due to the HIPPA Act, hospitals will no longer release
any information, unless we know you are there.
If you are hospitalized, please have a loved one or friend call the
church office so we may pray for your prompt recovery
and come visit you if you wish.*

*Are any among you sick?
They should call for the elders of the church
and have them pray over them,
anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.
The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up;
and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.
Therefore confess your sins to one another,
and pray for one another, so that you may be healed.
The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.
James 5:14-16*



The following publications are now available (free of charge):

Horizon's Magazine

These Days Daily Devotional

Hopes & Expectations
Austin Seminary Advent Devotional

Reserve your copies by calling the church office, or pick yours up in person!
Located in the hall in front of the church office.



Pray For

Please continue to engage in prayers for our extended church family.
If someone you know is in need of prayer, please contact the church office.

Kathryn Amsler
Gloria Aouelle
Kay Edwards
Doyle & Eileen Fowler & Family
Claire Heger
Leonard "Mac" McCameron
Roland Merrill
Rickey Ramseur

Shelly, Jenna, and Ty Hartmann
(Kids of Christ)

Angie Longoria
(Kids for Christ Volunteer)

Juliana Longoria
(Kids for Christ Disciple)

Eric and Kelli Mercer
(Parents of PDS Student)

Samantha Skaggs
(Niece of Roxanna and Henry Hauschild)

John & Jere Swoboda
(Prior FPC Members)

Carol Wisdom
(Lea Lenz's Daughter)

Submissions to the Weekly Calendar
can be sent to info@fpcofvictoria.org
or by telephone: 361.575.2441

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Office Hours

8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Monday - Friday

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