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## A GLORIOUS ADVENT SEASON!

*After an absence of two Christmases from our Sanctuary,  
how wonderful it was for the members and friends of  
First Presbyterian Church of Victoria, Texas,  
to celebrate the Advent Season in our fully restored  
House of Worship!*

*Hurricane Harvey inflicted massive damage on our building,  
but this faithful congregation worked diligently  
to find the financial means and the skilled craftspeople to refurbish  
our ceiling and lights, our floors, our pews, our front entrance, and our Chancel steps.  
Soon our new organ will be fully installed as well.*

*This Advent Season,  
the Worship Committee, under the leadership of Linda Patterson,  
worked tirelessly to adorn our Sanctuary, Narthex, Chancel, and Balcony  
with beautiful decorations appropriate to the celebration of  
the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.*

*Enjoy the selection of pictures below to remind you  
of the joy of the Advent Season and  
the beautiful appearance of our Sanctuary as,  
for the first time in two years,  
we celebrated Christmastide in the place where we  
meet to sing God's praises  
and to contemplate his will for our lives.*



*The Sparks Family,  
Colin, Emily, Colin Jr., Corbet, and Colton,  
were with us to light the candles on the Advent Wreath  
on the Fourth Sunday of Advent.*



*Our beautiful Poinsettia Christmas Tree*



*was designed and constructed by  
Linda Patterson and Robert Wyatt.  
Our congregation was extremely generous  
in their purchase of poinsettia plants  
to memorialize and honor family members and loved ones  
during this special season of the year,  
Thank you for your participation  
in this wonderful annual tradition.*



*With Linda Patterson in the foreground,*

*notice the beautiful view of the back and balcony of our Sanctuary,  
featuring the new antiphonal division of pipes  
that will soon be played by our new organ.*







*Your Pastor and your Choirmaster,  
who consider it such a joy and privilege  
to serve this loving congregation,  
wish all of the members, families, and friends of  
First Presbyterian Church of Victoria, Texas,  
a Happy and Blessed New Year!*

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## Welcome New Session

With the New Year,  
the composition of our session is as printed below.  
Please pray that these, the leaders of our church,  
may be faithfully led by the Holy Spirit  
to guide and shepherd our church  
in worship, praise, and service  
to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

### **2020 Session Members**

Jim DeMent, Moderator

Jack Kleinecke, Clerk of Session  
Billy Leske, Building & Grounds  
Dawn Neel, Christian Education  
Linda Patterson, Worship  
Marsha Ricottilli, Asst. Clerk, Mission & Outreach  
Susan Salinas, Fellowship  
Jim Stokes, Finance  
Gayla Whitaker, Caregiving  
Bill Wilkinson, Personnel

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**Tuesday, January 7**

11:30 AM PW Coordinating Team Meeting

**Wednesday, January 8**

6:00 PM Kids for Christ

7:00 PM Choir Practice

**Thursday, January 9**

9:30 AM Adele Carsner Young Circle Meeting

**Sunday, January 12**

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship

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January 6 - Bonnie Wilkinson

January 10 - Richard Cooper

January 11- Mardy Ratliff

January 12 - Ruth Williams

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

361.575.2441

or

[info@fpcovictoria.org](mailto:info@fpcovictoria.org)

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## Final Notes

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# 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.

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## 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

Email: [info@fpcovictoria.org](mailto:info@fpcovictoria.org)

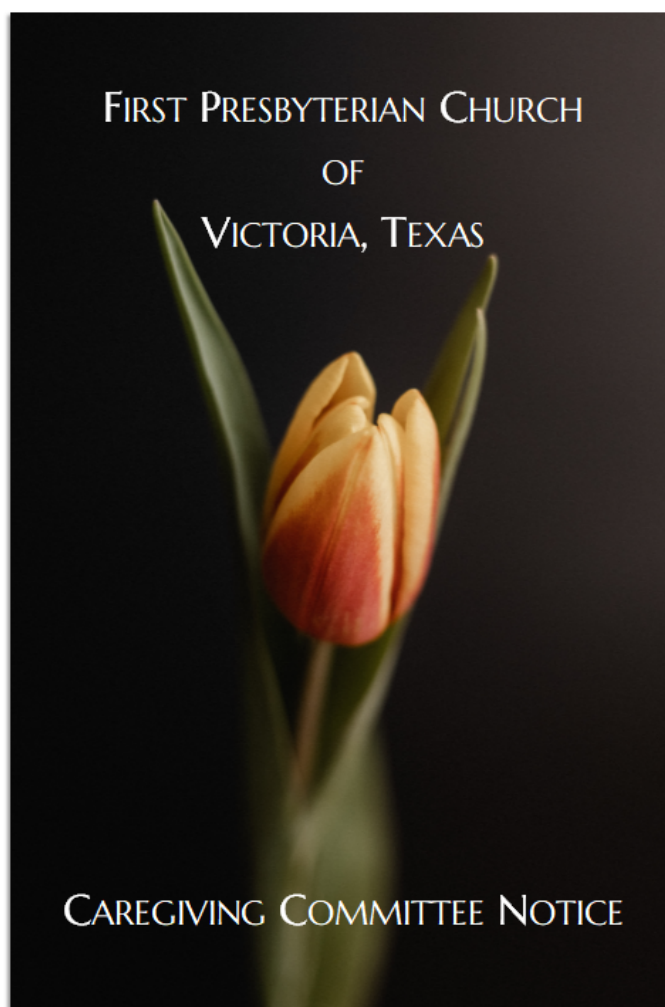
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Also, if your mailing address has changed please notify the  
church office before Wednesday, January 15, 2020.

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

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*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.*

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*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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**Rev. Jim DeMent**  
361.575.2441 (church office)  
info@fpcofvictoria.org (email)

**Jack Kleinecke**  
361.212.3229  
jkleinecke@mybankersbank.com

**Gayla Whitaker**  
361.935.0950  
gwhitaker@stjvictoria.com

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

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*\* 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.*

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*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):

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**Horizon's Magazine**

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**These Days Daily Devotional**

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***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.

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### **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)*

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**Submissions to the Weekly Calendar  
can be sent to [info@fpcofvictoria.org](mailto: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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**DON'T FORGET!**  
**YOU CAN VISIT OUR WEBSITE ANYTIME AT:**  
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