

**WORSHIP SERVICE ON  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021**

Our Scripture readings for next Sunday, February 7, 2021, the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, are: Psalm 147:1-11, 20; and Isaiah 40:21-31. The sermon title is "Theological Amnesia," and the Bulletin is available here:

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Once again, C.F. Schneider will be with us to play the piano. This Sunday, his featured hymn is "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past."

Also, given that this Sunday is the first Sunday in February, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. If you will be celebrating with us in the Sanctuary, please remember to observe the protocols we have in place as a result of the pandemic: maintain social distancing; keep your mask on until you are served the elements; receive (do not take) the bread from the Elders; take your own cup and dispose of it as you return to your seat.

If you will not be celebrating with us in person, please be prepared to take communion from wherever you may be watching us on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/fpcovictoria/>) or our website (<https://www.fpcovictoria.org/>). As always, bread of any sort is suitable, including crackers, tortillas, etc.; any sort of fruit juice would be appropriate, as would wine or even water.

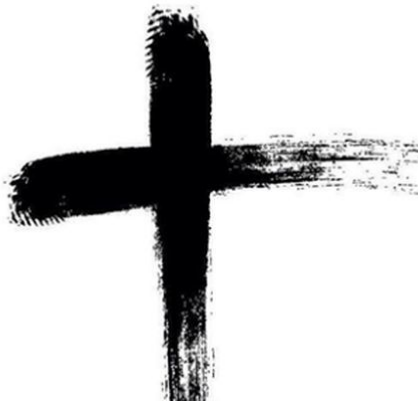


On January 27, 2021, we mailed the annual Reports of Contributions for each person or family for whom we have a record of making a financial contribution to First Presbyterian Church of Victoria, Texas in 2020.

Please review your form carefully, and if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tasha in the church office (361.575.2441; [info@fpcovictoria.org](mailto:info@fpcovictoria.org)). Please also contact Tasha if you were expecting a Report of Contribution and have not received it yet.

Once more, thank you for your faithful support of the missions of this church even in a time of pandemic and economic hardship.

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## PREPARING FOR LENT

Easter arrives “early” this year, and thus Lent will begin on Wednesday, February 17th! It is not too soon, therefore, to begin to prepare our hearts and minds for this holiest season of the liturgical year.

We will mark the important milestones of Lent, culminating with an Easter Morning worship service, with our customary observances both in the Sanctuary and by live-streaming over the Internet. We will have more information as Lent draws closer, but for now please mark your calendar with these important dates:

- Wednesday, Feb. 17th: Ash Wednesday
- Sunday, March 28th: Palm Sunday
- Friday, April 2nd: Good Friday
- Sunday, April 4th: Easter

*Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen!* Luke 24:5.

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No sooner had I reported encouraging news in our last Newsletter about our resolution of long-standing audio problems arising during our live streaming from the Sanctuary that, sure enough!, we encountered *video* problems with our broadcast on Sunday, January 31, 2021.

Fortunately, we make a back-up recording of each of our worship services so that, when serious problems arise, we can delete a defective recording and replace it with the back-up. And, indeed, that is what we will do with the defective recording of our January 31st worship service.

When we replace an existing recording with a back-up recording, however, this requires several days of processing in order to prepare the recording to be uploaded to our website and Facebook page. Accordingly, we expect to have a restored recording of our January 31st worship service, with full audio and full video, uploaded to our website by the end of business, Friday, February 5th.

Once more we say, may God bless our efforts, and may God bless you for being so patient!

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**CURRENT COPIES OF  
“THESE DAYS”  
AND  
“THE PRESENT WORD”  
HAVE ARRIVED**

The church has recently received the January/February/March edition of “*These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith.*” Upon request, we would be happy to mail a copy to any member desiring one. Also, we will place copies of the Devotional on the tables in the Narthex and in front of the Church Office for people to pick up on Sunday mornings or whenever they are at the church. Especially in these extended times of isolation and separation, the devotionals in this cherished publication are a wonderful source of inspiration, hope, and comfort.

Likewise, the Spring 2021 edition of “*The Present Word*” has arrived, and again, we would be glad to mail this lesson book to anyone desiring it. We continue to coordinate with C.F. Schneider as to when it might be prudent to resume in-person meetings of our Adult Sunday School class-- especially as the COVID vaccine becomes more widely available. Until then, however, please do not hesitate to contact the church office in order to receive a copy of this publication.

Peace, grace, and mercy,

Pastor Jim

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