

**WORSHIP SERVICE AND  
COMMUNION ON  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2021**

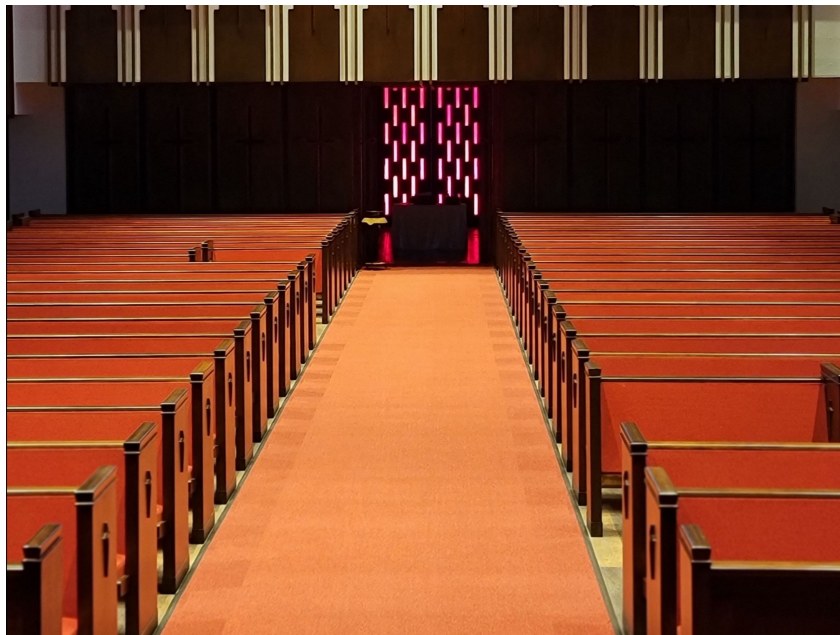
We welcome Robert Wyatt back to the organ console to lead us in music during our worship service next Sunday, August 1, 2021, the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost. Robert will be playing as our Organ Anthem, "Come to the Banquet."

Our Scripture readings are: Psalms 78:23-29; and Ephesians 4:1-6. The title of the sermon is, "Grow Up!," and a copy of the Bulletin for this worship service can be found here: [https://fpcovictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/8-1-2021-Bulletin-PDF.pub\\_.pdf](https://fpcovictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/8-1-2021-Bulletin-PDF.pub_.pdf)

Also, this Sunday we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. If you will be with us in the Sanctuary, those who are serving communion will still wear masks and individually serve each communicant who comes forward to receive the elements. For those who receive communion, however, the wearing of masks will be optional for those who have been fully vaccinated against COVID for at least two weeks. As before, please be prepared to receive (not take) the bread from the Elders and to take your own cup and dispose of it in the baskets provided 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 website (<https://www.fpcovictoria.org/>) or our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/fpcovictoria/>). Bread of any sort is suitable, including crackers, tortillas, etc.; any sort of fruit juice would be appropriate, as would wine or even water.

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**OUR SANCTUARY  
HAS BEEN  
THOROUGHLY SCRUBBED!**

As the Session authorized, our cleaning service (American Paper and Janitorial) sent a team to “wipe down” the entirety of our Sanctuary (Chancel, Nave, and Balcony) to remove an accumulation of mildew created during the recent hot, humid months. Other areas treated included the parlor, the kitchen, and the hallway in front of the church office.

In addition, did you notice that the blue chairs in Fellowship Hall look almost new? Within the budget authorized by the Session, we were able to have those chairs professionally cleaned to remove not only mildew but also a lot of dirt and grime that had accumulated over the years. Our house of worship is looking clean and fresh, thanks be to God!

While we believe we know how to keep the mildew from returning, we are nevertheless remaining vigilant to see if it returns. Should you notice any spots that have been missed or any areas to which mildew may have returned, please inform the church office. By paying close attention to this issue during the summer months, we believe we can avoid any reoccurrence of this problem and the attendant need for another heavy cleaning.

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**BEST WISHES,  
TASHA WOLF!**

After having faithfully served the congregation of First Presbyterian Church for over a year and a half, Tasha Wolf has accepted employment closer to her home in Hallettsville. Many may not be aware that in order to work for us, Tasha drove almost 100 miles daily (roundtrip from Hallettsville to Victoria). Not only did she endure the commute, but she was also away from her family for the extra amount of time she was on the road.

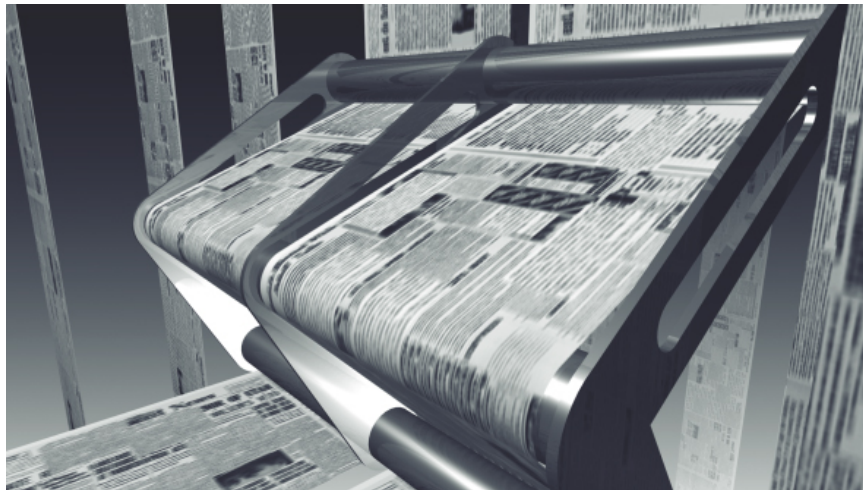
Tasha has served our church faithfully and well. She has been a blessing in our midst, and while we shall miss her bright smile and cheerful attitude, we wish for her God's every blessing as she embarks on the next phase of her career. Tasha's last day in the office will be **Friday, August 6th**, and you are welcome to stop by and

give Tasha your best wishes before she leaves.

Meanwhile, the Session has authorized your pastor to engage in a search for our next Office Administrator. On the one hand, we have asked the same personnel agency that brought us Tasha to help us find her successor. On the other hand, if you know of anyone (a student, a relative, someone who is ready to join or rejoin the work force), please let me know immediately. If possible, we hope to hire someone by the early part of next week so that Tasha can help train them in the few remaining days before she leaves. If you need more details about the position (hours; pay; skills required; etc.), do not hesitate to contact me for that information.

Those who follow Christ understand that the circumstances of life are ever-transitory, ever-changing. Only our triune God is steadfast and permanent. One of God's many blessings, however, is that we meet a variety of wonderful people in our journey through life. Tasha has been one of those people, and we thank God that we have known her and that she has been a great help to us in the ministry of First Presbyterian Church. We hope our paths will cross again, and meanwhile we ask God's blessing on Tasha and on her family who are at the center of her life.

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### **POSSIBLE INTERRUPTIONS IN PUBLICATION OF CHURCH NEWSLETTER**

As we experience a transition in our Office Administrator position, there may arise a week or two during which we will be unable to prepare and circulate the Church Newsletter. Please be patient with us as we train whomever God sends to work with and for us.

We **will** continue to mail our Bulletins on the Wednesday before the Sunday



to which each one of them pertains, and we will take the time necessary to prepare each Bulletin in accordance with our high standards. Should that effort cut into the time we usually spend to also prepare the Newsletter, however, then we hope you will understand.

Once our new Office Administrator has “learned the ropes,” we will get back on schedule with the timely preparation of the Newsletter as soon as possible!

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***Give me a "P!" Give me a "D!" Give me an "S!"***



Exciting plans are also underway for a *Homecoming* celebration on Sunday morning, October 24, 2021, to rejoice during the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Presbyterian Day School by the First Presbyterian Church of Victoria, Texas.

If you are a PDS former student, teacher, or staff member, or have family or friends who are, please provide the First Presbyterian Church office ([info@fpcofvictoria.org](mailto:info@fpcofvictoria.org) or (361) 575-2441) with contact information to receive a special invitation. Tell your friends; help us spread the word! All are welcome.

With the support and far-sighted vision of the members of our church who have preceded us, the Presbyterian Day School held its first classes on September 9, 1946. The school's rich tradition of teaching young children in a loving and nurturing Christian environment has been fundamental throughout its history and continues today.

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**ATTENTION CHOIR MEMBERS!!  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, AT 7:00 PM:  
OUR FIRST REHEARSAL FOR 2021**

With joy, we look forward to a fully restored music ministry as our choir returns to their normal routine to lead us in song after the Labor Day Holiday.

Don't be bashful! If you want to be a member of a happy, devoted group of Christians who sing for love, come join us. Prior choir experience is not required. Under Robert Wyatt's skillful leadership, talent can be found in even the most timid singer!

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As Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry celebrates its 35th year of serving Victoria County, it is once again holding its annual Raffle Fundraiser. 100%

of the raffle proceeds go to VCAM's mission of providing food, clothing, and services to those less fortunate in Victoria County. The Grand prize is a \$1,000 HEB gift card, in addition to 30 more prizes valued from \$50-\$750. Tickets are now available for \$5 each or 6 for \$25.

**The drawing is at NOON, Saturday, September 25th as part of VCAM's OPEN HOUSE festivities from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (you need not be present to win).** VCAM is located at 108 N. Liberty - contact 361-572-0048 for more information

**Members of First Presbyterian Church are urged to contact Becky Richter at 361-220-1111 for tickets or look for her in the Narthex after Sunday morning services.**

Our church also continues to support VCAM with our contributions of food and other household supplies. In August, VCAM is requesting particular attention to the following needs of those whom they serve:

Dried beans, canned vegetables, and toiletry items.

Therefore, please search your pantry and closets once again to see if you have any suitable items to provide VCAM's clientele in need. As always, bring them to worship on Sunday morning, or to the church anytime during the week, and place them in the collection baskets you will find in the Narthex and in the hallway by Fellowship Hall.

Peace, grace, and mercy,

Pastor Jim

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