



**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE,  
OCTOBER 17, 2021, 10:30 A.M.**

Our Scripture readings for next Sunday, October 17, 2021, the Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost, are: Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35; and Mark 10:35-45. The title of the sermon is "Self-service or Self-sacrifice?" ("But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all."), and a copy of the Bulletin for this worship service can be found here: <https://fpcovictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/10-17-2021-Bulletin-PDF.pdf>



### **ONLY ONE MORE SUNDAY TO WAIT!**

Simultaneously with the distribution of this Newsletter today, we have mailed almost 1,000 invitations to current and former students, teachers, and families associated with the Presbyterian Day School! Please reinforce our mailed invitations with a personal phone call, an email, or a visit with anyone you know who would like to join PDS and FPC for a “75th Anniversary Homecoming Celebration” during our Sunday morning worship service on October 24, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. A wonderful time will be had by all!

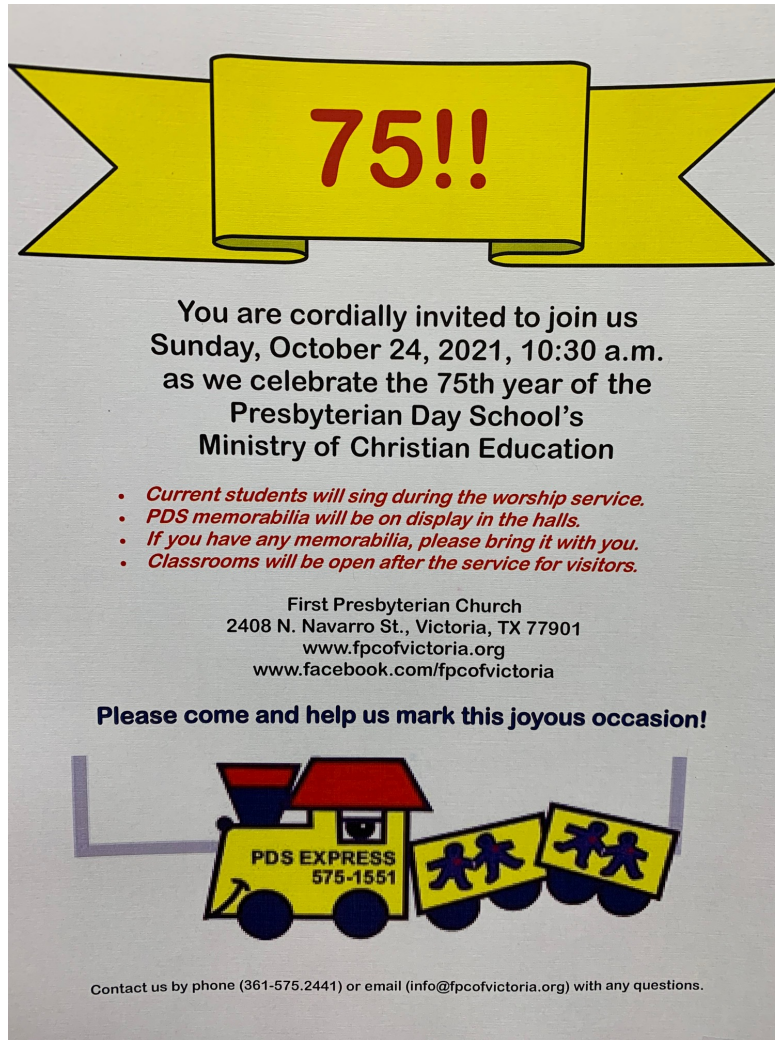
Because I have not undertaken anything of this magnitude before, I failed to anticipate the enormous amount of work involved in printing, folding, and stuffing the invitations into 1,000 envelopes, not to mention the time involved in just placing stamps and address labels on those envelopes.

Fortunately, however, many hardy volunteers interrupted their plans on a moment’s notice and came to the church office to help us with these Herculean chores. Special “Hero of the Day!” stickers have been awarded to Helen Williams, Sally DeMent, Jim Stokes, and Robert Wyatt for their indispensable help in getting our invitations in the mail on time. A special sticker, “with oak leaf cluster,” goes to Dawn Neel who helped us for *two* days with these tedious chores, even driving our envelopes to the post office to ensure their timely



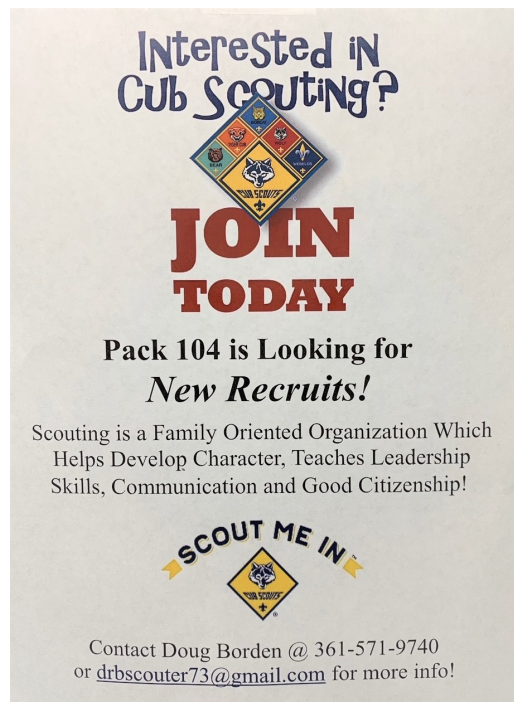
delivery. Finally, we are grateful to Melissa Samudio, who supplied us with the addresses for our invitees, and to Erica Colding who reviewed, revised, and printed all of the address labels used to mail the invitations.

The picture above shows what the front of our invitation (designed by Lynn McAuley) looks like. Below is a picture of the back of the invitation (designed by Erica Colding) which contains all of the pertinent details:



Please help us spread the word, and please pray that this may be a joyous celebration for all the PDS community and our church as well. Most of all, we hope to see you there!

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**CALLING ALL YOUNG BOYS AND GIRLS:  
COME SIGN UP FOR PACT 104 ON  
TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 19TH,  
FROM 6:00 TO 7:00 P.M.  
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL!**

Things have changed (for the better!) since your pastor was in the Boy Scouts! In last week's Newsletter, I highlighted the fact that the leaders of Cub Scout Pack 104 have been busy getting organized, and I noted that all interested parents could contact Doug Borden about how to enroll their *boys* in the Pack. In the Twenty-first Century, however, the BSA also invites boys *and girls* to participate in scouting activities.

So, if you have a grandchild, or a friend or neighbor with a young child (boy or girl), please let them know about this opportunity. And please don't tell them how far behind the times your poor pastor has become!

On Tuesday, October 19, 2021, between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m., the leaders of Pack 104 are holding an "invitation and enrollment" session in the Fellowship Hall of our church. All interested parents and future scouts are invited to stop by for further information on the Pack's exciting plans. Once again, if you know a boy *or girl* who you believe would benefit from scouting, please tell their parents about this wonderful opportunity.



## **PREPARING FOR ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE**

One of the most sacred occasions of worship at FPC occurs on the Sunday when we remember those among us who have joined the Church Triumphant in the preceding 12 months. We mark this occasion on the first Sunday after All Saints Day (which always falls on November 1st).

This year we will celebrate our All Saints Remembrance on Sunday, November 7, 2021. The family and friends of our recently departed members will join us on this somber yet joyous occasion as we celebrate the fact that, for Christians, death has been conquered by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

In preparing for this service, the Worship Committee is caringly compiling a list of those who are to be remembered by name during this special worship service. These are the names we have so far: Roland Merrill, Mavis O'Sullivan, Frances Stuart, French Tarkington, Jean Whitaker, and Ruth Williams. Also, please allow me to add that if we have inadvertently failed to include the name of someone whom you love, cherish, and lost last year, we do sincerely apologize. While our files are complete with the names of those for whom a Celebration of Life Service was held at our church or celebrated by your pastor, our records

may be incomplete with respect to other dear people whom we have lost.

If you are aware (whether as a family member or as a friend) of someone who should be memorialized this year, but whose name does not yet appear on our list, please do not be offended. Contact your pastor or the church office so that we may be sure that all of God's saints are memorialized in a manner befitting of our faith.

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### **VCAM UPDATE**

For the month of October, let's brighten the VCAM shopping carts by donating ORANGE non-perishable items! Canned carrots, pumpkin, sweet potatoes and yams, mandarin oranges, sliced peaches, tomato sauce and more — use your colorful imagination to help our friends at VCAM. Collection baskets are in the Narthex and hallway outside the church office.

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**THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING HAPPENING,  
ALWAYS SOMETHING TO LEARN,  
AT PDS!**

Tuesday, October 12, was “Fire Safety Day” at the Presbyterian Day School. Class by class, our young disciples were invited to see the “big, red fire truck,” to hear the sirens blow and the lights flash, and to meet the firefighters in their safety gear.

In addition to their own firefighter hat, the students received important lessons in what to do when they hear a fire alarm, how to call “911” in an emergency, and how to remain calm during a fire drill. We can all be proud of how the principal and teachers at PDS make sure that the children in their care learn all the important lessons in life, not just their ABC’s!

On a final note, let me mention that all during this week and next, PDS is having their semi-annual Book Sale. With Christmas coming soon, if you have some preschoolers on your Santa’s list, please stop by our Fellowship Hall during normal business hours and check out the selection of reading materials that are for sale. Books for all young ages are available at reasonable prices. The proceeds from the sale help PDS, and the books themselves can be a delight, when read aloud, to those who hear them and those provide the love to accompany the words.

Peace, grace, and mercy,

Pastor Jim

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