



**ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE,
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE,
NOVEMBER 7, 2021, 10:30 A.M.**

As we have been forecasting in this Newsletter, one of the most sacred occasions of worship at FPC will be celebrated this Sunday, the first Sunday after All Saints Day, when we remember those among us who have joined the Church Triumphant in the preceding 12 months.

Our Scripture readings during this special worship service on November 7, 2021, are: Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9 ("But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them."); and John 11:32-44. The title of the sermon is "The Great Cloud of Witnesses," and a copy of the Bulletin for this worship service can be found here: <https://fpcofvictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/11-7-2021-Bulletin-PDF.pdf>.

These are the names of the loved ones for whom we shall light a candle during this

special worship service of remembrance:

<i>Lorraine Carpenter</i>	<i>1924-2021</i>
<i>Roland Merrill</i>	<i>1935-2021</i>
<i>Mavis O'Sullivan</i>	<i>1936-2021</i>
<i>Frances Stuart</i>	<i>1925-2020</i>
<i>Friench Tarkington</i>	<i>1932-2020</i>
<i>Jean Whitaker</i>	<i>1924-2021</i>
<i>Ruth Williams</i>	<i>1927-2020</i>
<i>Jackie Richardson</i>	<i>1928-2021</i>

A special note about this All Saints Remembrance Service: Grateful for the many memorial gifts received by our church to the glory of God and in memory of those whose names appear above, the Session has determined that such gifts will be used variously to support scholarships at PDS and John Knox Ranch for young children as well as to acquire candles, candlesticks, and other adornments for our Chancel.

During our worship service this Sunday, please notice the new candles and candlesticks that will now appear on the altar permanently. These are examples of the memorials within our church for the saints who have preceded us in the faith. If you have lost a loved one recently, we hope you are comforted by the beauty of the candles and the flames upon them that represent the light of the world which was manifest in the life of the one who precedes you in the Church Triumphant.



This weekend (November 6-7) marks the change of our clocks from Central Daylight Saving Time back to Central Standard Time ("Fall Back!"), which means we get to sleep an extra hour before we come, joyfully!, to worship God.

Please don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night. Otherwise, you will arrive early enough in the Sanctuary to have an extra hour of prayer time-- which actually isn't all that bad!



LITTLE GOBLINS IN THE HALLS OF THE PRESBYTARIAN DAY SCHOOL

Our young disciples at PDS did not let the “trick or treat” Halloween festivities pass unnoticed. Can you spot the *two* Minnie Mouses in the picture above?



VCAM UPDATE

For the month of November, let's help our VCAM families enjoy a bountiful Thanksgiving meal. Please donate your favorite healthy, non-perishable holiday staples—

- *cranberry sauce*
- *fruit cocktail*
- *green beans*
- *instant mashed potatoes*
- *poultry seasoning and spices*
- *pumpkin pie filling*
- *sweet potatoes and yams*
- *stuffing and cornbread mix*
- *cake mixes . . . and more!*

Collection baskets are located in the Narthex and hallway outside the church office.

**THANK YOU,
FPC FAMILY AND FRIENDS,
FOR SUPPORTING OUR
PRAYER TREE MINISTRY**

A special “bless you” from the members of our Mission & Outreach Committee to all those who encouraged and supported our Prayer Tree ministry! In partnering with families of children enrolled in the Presbyterian Day School as well as the Vine School, the congregation lifted up in prayer those with special concerns. Thanks be to God for the love and compassion shared by all.

Be sure to look for the periodic return of this project, as well as others under consideration by the Mission and Outreach Committee, as we constantly search for opportunities to spread the love of Jesus Christ throughout our community.



**CHOIR REHEARSALS TO RESUME ON
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10th, 7:00 P.M.**

Finally, there is some encouraging news during this pandemic. The number of active COVID cases in the Crossroads area has, according to *The Victoria Advocate*, declined from a Delta-variant high of over 800 (Sept. 3rd) to a current low of less than 30 (Oct. 31st).

Therefore, adhering to guidelines previously adopted by the Session, we are happy to announce the resumption of choir rehearsals on **Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.** In an abundance of caution, rehearsals will be held in the Sanctuary to facilitate social distancing. The first worship service in which the choir will sing from the Chancel is **Sunday, November 14, 2021.** As usual, the choir will arrive 45 minutes early (**9:45 a.m.**) to warm up.

As we gather momentum in our music ministry, we will be working as best we are able to expand our choir in at least two ways: (1) with the use of “section leaders” as we were doing just before the pandemic struck; and (2) by recruiting new members (no matter how bashful they may be!). If you have ever “thought about” singing in a church choir, now’s your chance! Please join as we begin our rehearsals anew. Not only will you have a good time singing, you will also experience the special bond of fellowship that choir members share!

Please contact Robert Wyatt before or after any worship service or otherwise please take a moment to call (361.575.2441) or email (info@fpcofvictoria.org) the church office to confirm your interest.

We thank God that our choir can now cautiously, and safely, return to lead us in joyful praise and worship of our Lord!

**POSSIBLE INTERRUPTIONS OR DELAYS
IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF
THE FPC NEWSLETTER**

As we approach the end of the calendar year and the beginning of a new liturgical year (Advent!), the church office at times becomes overwhelmed by the demand of the holidays and the special worship services that accompany our joyful celebration of Christ’s birth. All

of this becomes compounded by the fact that your preacher will be out of the office at times to attend meetings in Austin or to spend time with his children and grandchildren.

We will do our best to bring you a Newsletter each week, but we ask for your patience and your grace if, on one or two occasions, circulation of the Newsletter is delayed by a day or so, or if the Newsletter is published in an abbreviated format, or if, in the least desirable case, we are unable to publish the Newsletter at all during a particular week.

Regardless, however, we will continue to distribute in advance copies of our Bulletin for each forthcoming Sunday worship service to those who are on our postal mailing list. You will receive the Bulletin, but you may not receive a Newsletter. Again, thank you for your understanding.

Peace, grace, and mercy,

Pastor Jim
