



WORSHIP SERVICE, SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022, 10:30 A.M.

Please join us for worship (and bring a friend!) on Sunday, January 23, 2022 (the Third Sunday after the Epiphany). Our Scripture readings for this service are: Psalm 19; and 1 Corinthians 12:12-31. The title of the sermon is "Unity in the Body," and a copy of the Bulletin can be found here: https://fpcofvictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/1-23-2022-Bulletin-PDF.pdf.



CHRISTMAS IS ALWAYS
INTERESTING TO OUR
PDS YOUNG DISCIPLES

Your pastor prays that Ruth Williams, now a faithful member of Church Triumphant, is able to appreciate that her precious collection of nativity scenes still draws the attention of young and old alike. In the picture above, a young, interested spectator enjoys Ruth's collection, while she waits to be picked up after another good day of learning at PDS!

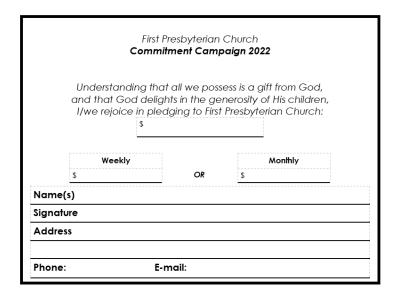
The gifts we make of our time, talent, and treasure to the glory of God and to the building of God's kingdom on earth are never made in vain. Such gifts bring joy in ways we can never imagine and to those we shall never meet on this side of heaven. Thanks be to God for generous givers!



AFTER TEMPORARY SUSPENSION DUE TO COVID, CHOIR PRACTICE WILL ONCE AGAIN RESUME ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 5:30 P.M.

Here's another reminder that, after a brief "time out" resulting from the spike in COVID infections from the Omicron variant, the choir has resumed its rehearsals on **Wednesday evenings, at the NEW start time of 5:30 p.m.** Please do not be reluctant to join this small but mighty band of faithful Christians who joyfully support our music ministry. You will quickly discover that choir fellowship is second to none!

Please contact Robert Wyatt before or after any worship service or otherwise please take a moment to call (361.575.2441) or email (<u>info@fpcofvictoria.org</u>) if you need further information.



YOUR PLEDGE CARD HAS BEEN MAILED!

As mentioned last week, completed and signed Pledge Cards are *already* being received in the church office. This is very encouraging, because as I have said (over and over!), we cannot reliably plan our expenses for 2022 if we do not know how much income to anticipate.

Please help the Session help all of us to be good stewards of the gifts given to this church and, at the same time, be assured that the Session monitors and manages our expenses as prudently as possible. After thoughtful prayer and contemplation, therefore, please confidently join the members of our congregation who have already done so and complete and return your Pledge Card as soon as you are able. God bless you for your support and generosity!



REPORTS OF CHARITABLE GIVING ARE BEING PREPARED And speaking of gifts to our church, Erica Colding, our Office Administrator without equal, is now preparing the annual Contribution Statements which, in the next several days, will be mailed to each person for whom we have a record of making a financial contribution to First Presbyterian Church of Victoria, Texas in 2021.

When you receive your form, please review it carefully, and if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Erica in the church office (361.575.2441; info@fpcofvictoria.org). Once more, thank you for your faithful support of the missions of this church even in a time of pandemic and economic hardship.



THE NEEDS OF THOSE WHOM VCAM SERVES NEVER CEASE

One of the many on-going services provided by VCAM to the members of our community in need is the preparation of daily snack/light meal bags. These bags are made available to clients which may come in hungry and in need of assistance. Listed below are a few examples of items you could donate this month to help VCAM prepare these meal bags. Anything you are able to give would be gratefully appreciated by the hardworking VCAM staff!

Individually wrapped packages of:

Peanut Butter and Crackers Cheese and Crackers Protein Bars Granola Bars
Pretzels
Fruit Snacks
Small Tins of Fruit with pull tab
Pouches or small pull tab cans of Tuna or Chicken
Apples, Oranges and Tangerines
Travel Size Hygiene items
Napkin/cutlery packs
Quart size zipper bags
#12 paper lunch bags

Items may be dropped off at VCAM, Monday-Friday from 8-12, or left in the collection baskets located in the Narthex and hallway near the FPC church office. Thank you for your ongoing support of this very worthy cause!



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PW SPRING GATHERING
TO BE HELD AT MO RANCH,

MARCH 18-20, 2022

If you are considering attending the annual PW Spring Gathering at Mo Ranch this year-- and you will not regret attending if you are able-- we have reprinted, below, the relevant portions of a communication we recently received from Ellen Gray, the intrepid organizer of that event. If you have any questions about this fantastic event, or about how to sign up for it, please contact the church office (361.575.2441; info@fpcofvictoria.org).

January 18, 2022

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Once again, I wanted to encourage you to please try to attend the Spring Gathering at Mo-Ranch. Many of us know what a wonderful experience it can be, worshiping God in the beautiful Hill Country. Realizing that the Omicron variant is causing a lot of sickness, the Coordinating Team knows that we are taking a "leap of faith" in continuing to plan.

We are hoping and praying that by mid-March things will look better. We now have available for interested women, a PW Registration Form and flyer which show how to go about getting your room at Mo-Ranch. This needs to be done by February 1st or it will be harder to get a room. You have until March 1st to get the PW Registration Form into Melanie Petru, PW Treasurer, with a \$65.00 check.

Blessings,			
Ellen Gray			



CURRENT COPIES OF "THESE DAYS" HAVE ARRIVED

The church has received the January/February/March edition of "These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith."

We have placed copies of this Devotional on this tables in the Narthex and in front of the Church Office for people to pick on Sunday mornings or whenever they are at the church. Also, upon request, we will gladly mail a copy to anyone desiring one. Simply contact the church office (info@fpcofvictoria.org; 361.575.2441), and we will send you this beloved publication right away.

Peace, grace, and mercy,

Pastor Jim

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