

We are falling behind once again!

Once more we are without an Office Administrator, so your Pastor and other volunteers are trying to keep up with the Newsletter and other important tasks of the church-- a daunting effort with Thanksgiving upon us and Advent Season right around the corner. Still, God will see us through this difficult time of transition as we look for a well qualified person to help us on a permanent basis.

Meanwhile, we would once again ask for everyone's patience while we struggle along with no one in the Church Office.

Please take a moment to look through this Newsletter: first of all, because it contains a lot of information about upcoming events; and second of all, because it may be a few weeks before we are able to publish the Newsletter again.

We do not want anyone to miss the many exciting activities we are planning as we prepare for and celebrate the Season of Advent.



Congratulations to our New Session Members

During our Worship Service on
Sunday, November 17, 2019,
we ordained and installed
our newly elected members of the Session
who will commence their service on
January 1, 2020.

Please pray for God's blessings
on those who have answered the call
to be servant leaders of
First Presbyterian Church of Victoria, Texas:

Class of 2021

Jack Kleinecke (Installation)

Class of 2022

Dawn Neel (Installation)
Suzanne Salinas (Ordination and Installation)
Gayla Whitaker (Ordination and Installation)



Hanging of the Greens

This Advent Season will be
especially joyful since,
after an absence of two years,
we will have the opportunity to
decorate our lovely restored Sanctuary
with greenery and other decorations
appropriate to the celebration of the
birth of our Lord.

After our worship service on **November 24, 2019**,
specifically, the Sunday *before* Thanksgiving,
we will remain to decorate the Sanctuary
and to enjoy a fellowship luncheon
of soup and sandwiches.

If there are some children who are dear to you
and who love to decorate for Christmas,
bring them along!
Everyone will have a great time
enjoying a meal together and
preparing our Sanctuary to celebrate
the Advent Season!



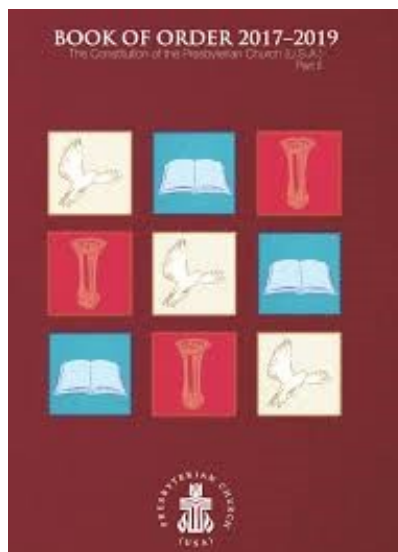
Angel Tree

This year First Presbyterian Church will participate in an Angel Tree Christmas project to benefit children in the Kinship program of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. Children in the Kinship program have been removed from their homes by Child Protective Services, and are being cared for by family members. In most cases, the children are living with grandparents, or extended family members who are raising their own children. Many of these families have limited resources, but have "stepped up" to care for additional children who would otherwise be placed in foster care.

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Kinship unit will provide the names of approximately 30 – 35 area children from infancy to 17 years of age. Opportunities to participate in the Angel Tree project are available to all interested Church members. Members may select a child's name from the Angel Tree and purchase appropriate Christmas gifts for the child. They will be provided with the child's first name, age, clothes and shoe size, a reasonable "wish list," and any special needs that the child's family or CPS worker feels is appropriate (new shoes, a winter coat, school supplies, etc.). Church members can also participate by providing wrapping paper, tape, etc.; by wrapping and labeling gifts; or by purchasing gift cards which will be used to assist the families who are providing care.

The Angel Tree project will commence shortly after Thanksgiving. Tentative cut-off date is December 15.

For further information, please contact the Church Office, or Frances Miller (578-4679).



Annual Meeting of the

Congregation

The Congregation will hold its
Annual Meeting
at the conclusion of the worship service
on **Sunday, November 24, 2019.**

During this brief meeting
important information will be presented regarding
the spiritual and financial affairs of our church.
This is the same Sunday when we will decorate
the church honoring our long-standing tradition of the
"Hanging of the Greens"
and when we will enjoy a fellowship lunch
of soup and sandwiches.

What a perfect way to conclude
a long, hard year of rebuilding,
to anticipate the joyful Advent Season,
and to look forward with great anticipation to what
the Holy Spirit
may have in store for our church
in the coming year!
Please join us!



Christmas Music Programs

The Worship Committee is working hard to
bring special musical presentations during our
Sunday morning and Christmas Eve worship services

Already Kids for Christ are rehearsing
for a handbell concert
during our worship service on
Sunday, December 8, 2019.

Come worship with us and enjoy
the special music that will be brought to us
by the energetic members of Kids for Christ!

Plans are also being made to bring
one or more featured musicians during
other Sunday morning worship services in December.

We will also celebrate our traditional
candle light Christmas Eve Service
on Tuesday evening, December 24, 2019.

Please plan to join us,

and bring your friends and family,
as we enjoy our first Advent Season
in two years in our newly restored Sanctuary!



Advent Wreath

As has been a long-standing tradition at First Presbyterian Church,
we will light and advent candle during each Sunday morning worship
service during Advent, with the center candle (the Christ Candle)
to be lit on Christmas Eve.

If you and your spouse or your extended family
would like to participate in the lighting of
one of our Advent Candles
on our beautiful new Advent Wreath,
please contact the Church Office,
or speak with Linda Patterson.

We look forward to this being a beautiful and worshipful
Advent Season
at First Presbyterian Church of Victoria, Texas.

Weekly Calendar

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

5:00 PM Personnel Committee

5:00 PM Worship Committee

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

6:00 PM Kids for Christ

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 24, 2019

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service

Annual Congregational Meeting

Hanging of the Greens

Fellowship Luncheon



If you, or someone you know, has a birthday this week please contact the church office:

361.575.2441

or

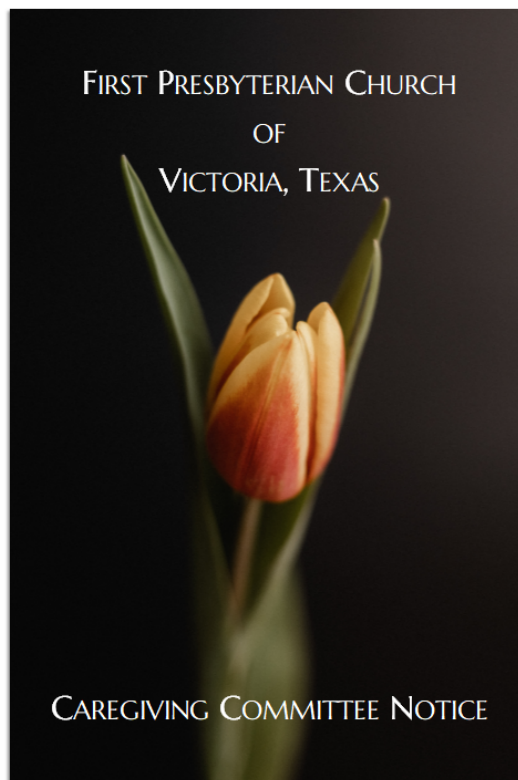
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Final Notes

Nellie Hudson Adult Sunday School



Are you interested in joining the Nellie Hudson Adult Sunday School?
Come join us! All are welcome.
We meet before Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 AM.



*When you or a family member is in the hospital, facing illness,
or simply in need of prayer or care once a loved one has passed,
please call or email members of the Caregiving Committee.*

*Also, our team is seeking special people,
to pray, work, and to aid in the tasks involved.*

Would you like to help? If so, please contact us at the info below.

Rev. Jim DeMent
361.575.2441 (church office)
or
info@fpcovictoria.org (email)

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or
Lynn McAuley
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lynmca@suddenlink.net

*Each of these numbers can take messages,
or are actively receiving emails.*

** Due to the HIPPA Act, hospitals will no longer release
any information, unless we know you are there.
If you are hospitalized, please have a loved one or friend call the
church office so we may pray for your prompt recovery
and come visit you if you wish.*

*Are any among you sick?
They should call for the elders of the church
and have them pray over them,
anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.
The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up;
and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.
Therefore confess your sins to one another,
and pray for one another, so that you may be healed.
The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.*

James 5:14-16



The following publications are now available (free of charge):

Horizon's Magazine

These Days Daily Devotional

Reserve your copies by calling the church office, or pick yours up in person!
Located in the hall in front of the church office.



Pray For

Please continue to engage in prayers for our extended church family.
If someone you know is in need of prayer, please contact the church office.

Kathryn Amsler
Gloria Aouelle
Kay Edwards
Doyle & Eileen Fowler & Family
Claire Heger
Leonard "Mac" McCameron
Roland Merrill
Rickey Ramseur

Shelly, Jenna, and Ty Hartmann
(Kids of Christ)

Angie Longoria
(Kids for Christ Volunteer)

Juliana Longoria
(Kids for Christ Disciple)

Eric and Kelli Mercer
(Parents of PDS Student)

Samantha Skaggs
(Niece of Roxanna and Henry Hauschild)

John & Jere Swoboda
(Prior FPC Members)

Carol Wisdom
(Lea Lenz's Daughter)



**At this Time of the Year,
Let Us Thank God for Our
Many Blessings!**

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**Submissions to the Weekly Calendar
can be sent to info@fpcovictoria.org
or by telephone: 361.575.2441**

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8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Monday - Friday



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