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**Mr. Ron Ledbetter  
Is Our Guest Musician On  
Sunday, March 22, 2020**



**On Sunday, March 22, 2020,  
First Presbyterian Church  
will welcome  
Mr. Ron S. Ledbetter  
as our guest musician**

to assist in our 10:30 a.m.  
Worship Service.

Ron is an accomplished musician,  
having studied at Victoria College and  
what is now Texas State University.  
He currently holds positions as principal trumpet in  
the Victoria Symphony Orchestra,  
Corpus Christi Symphony Orchestra, and  
Mozart Festival Texas.

First Presbyterian Church  
is very grateful that  
Ron will share his musical talents  
with us as we continue to emphasize our  
Ministry of Music  
in worship to  
Almighty God.

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## Mark your Calendars: YOUTH SUNDAY AND BAKED POTATO SALE March 29, 2020

The Kids for Christ  
are busy planning  
our Worship Service for  
Sunday morning, March 22nd.  
These young disciples  
will participate in the  
leadership of that service as,  
with the enthusiasm of  
youthful followers of Christ,  
they share with us their talents, their faith,  
and their love of the Lord.  
Please plan to join us  
for this very special

Youth Sunday  
at First Presbyterian Church.

Immediately following the  
Youth Sunday Worship Service,  
we will gather in  
Fellowship Hall  
to enjoy a meal prepared  
by the  
Kids for Christ.  
Details are in the  
announcement below.  
Please sign up for  
a wonderful time  
as we support  
these young disciples  
who are such a wonderful part  
of the FPC family.

## KIDS FOR CHRIST

# BAKED POTATO & BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER



Join Us For A Yummy Baked Potato  
With All The Toppings, Salad, &  
Tea!

**\$8.00** for Regular Toppings  
**\$10.00** for additional BBQ topping

All proceeds go towards Kids For Christ  
Mission Project!

## March 29, 2020

Immediately After Church Services  
*To-Go Plates Available!*

**Sign Up Sheet Is In The Church Hall!**

**Please Contact the Church if you have any questions!**

First Presbyterian Church  
2408 N Navarro St, Victoria, TX 77901  
(361) 575-2441





## Easter Lilies

Our lily Cross is such an integral part of our celebration of Easter that we will once again create it for our Easter Worship Service. In addition, we offer you the opportunity to purchase Easter lilies for \$10.00, making your payment for the lilies to FPC in honor or memory of a loved one. Please watch for inserts in future bulletins on which you can indicate your preference as to how your payment should be used. Place the form and your payment in the collection plate or bring them by the office. All memorials will be acknowledged in our Easter bulletin. Finally, if in an abundance of caution, you are staying home for a while, simply contact the church office by telephone (361.515.2441) or by email ([info@fpcofvictoria.org](mailto:info@fpcofvictoria.org)), and we will gladly record your order for you.

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## COMMON SENSE AND THE CORONA VIRUS

Dear Members and Friends of First Presbyterian Church,

The famous French philosopher of the Enlightenment, Voltaire, is often credited with the observation that “common sense is not so common.” Whoever said it first, however, helps remind us that an enduring faith in our triune God calls us to extraordinary, and often rare, self-control as we resist the winds of panic and hysteria and, instead, search for truth, common sense, and good judgment.

None of us should take the corona virus *or any form of disease* lightly. We should guard our health and those of others, known and unknown to us, so as to avoid tragic illness. In doing so, we should behave rationally, thoughtfully, and sensibly.

Based on what we know so far, we are not going to suspend church meetings, choir practices, worship services, the Presbyterian Day School, or any other activities of the church unless and until it becomes apparent that a more drastic response is warranted.

Nevertheless, considering the growing concerns about COVID-19 outbreaks around the world, we will be taking some extra precautions in worship this Sunday and in the coming weeks. In the paragraphs below, I have taken large excerpts from an email I received from the Rev. Bill Cotman, Pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Cuero. What he has told his congregation is wise, well considered, and needs no embellishment by me. I am grateful for the leadership that Rev. Cotman has shared with us, and I commend it to your attention as I modify it to the circumstances of FPC of Victoria.

Given the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide and in the United States, the World Health Organization has declared this illness to be a pandemic. We will not let fear and panic overwhelm us, but we will be responsible in how we continue to gather at FPC of Victoria.

Sunday School and Worship Service will proceed as planned this weekend at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. as usual. The choir will gather at 10:00 a.m.

We have plenty of room in our sanctuary, so we ask that people spread out in worship and greet one another in a sensitive manner. Those who prefer smiles, elbow bumps, and “air hugs” should not be reluctant to say so, and the rest of us will be respectful and understanding of such requests. Before we pass the offering plates during the Offertory, we will wipe them with sanitizer. If you wish to pass the plate by using a handkerchief, you are welcome to do so. Also, we will have hand sanitizer in the narthex for use before and after worship.

As you always do, continue to wash your hands well and avoid touching your face after sneezing or coughing. Carry a handkerchief or Kleenex.

Finally, if you are feeling unwell or have recently been exposed to somebody who is feeling unwell, please do not feel guilty about staying home from worship this week. We want you to rest and recover, and we want to protect the most vulnerable members of our community from becoming infected with any illness.

As the Rev. Cotman said in the email to his church, these are all temporary solutions to what we hope is a temporary concern, and we look forward to returning to our “normal” worship practices soon. Thank you for taking the health of our neighbors seriously, and please reach out to the church office if you have any questions or concerns.

Pastorally, I also want to add that if anyone among us is wanting for material supplies, transportation, or emotional support during these anxious times, please let your Pastor know. The full resources of your loving friends at FPC, Victoria are available to support and sustain you.

I close with a prayer from Psalm 103:1-5, which I offer as our collective expression of confidence in our God-- our creator, redeemer, healer, and protector throughout the ages:

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and do not forget all his benefits—  
who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the Pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,  
who satisfies you with good as long as you live  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jim

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**Wednesday, March 18**

6:00 PM Kids for Christ

7:00 PM Choir Practice



**Sunday, March 22**

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship

\*Guest Musician - Ron Ledbetter, Trumpet

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**March 19 - Francie Byrne**  
**March 23 - Mary Ann Oakley**

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

361.575.2441

or

[info@fpcovictoria.org](mailto:info@fpcovictoria.org)

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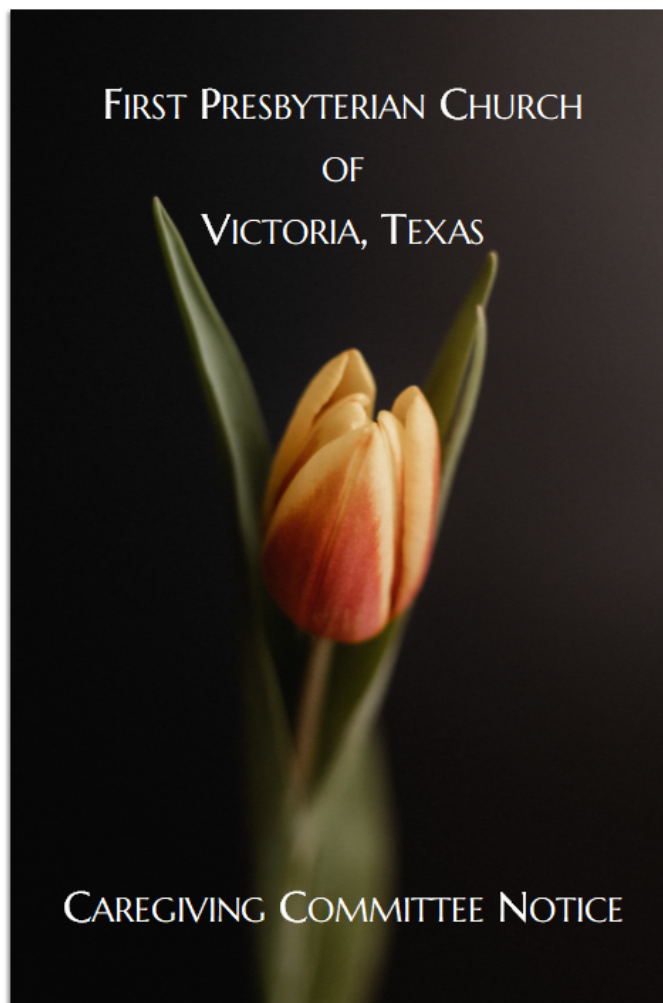
**Final Notes**

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**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.*

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*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.*

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**Rev. Jim DeMent**

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

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*\* 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.*

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*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):**

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**These Days Daily Devotional**

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***Hopes & Expectations***

**Austin Seminary Advent 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.

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### **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**  
**Roxanna Hauschild**  
**Claire Heger**  
**Leonard "Mac" McCameron**  
**Roland Merrill**  
**Rickey Ramseur**

**Nathan Galvan**  
*(Son of Leila Galvan)*

**Angie Longoria**  
*(Kids for Christ Volunteer)*

**Juliana Longoria**  
*(Kids for Christ Disciple)*

**Samantha Skaggs**  
*(Niece of Roxanna and Henry Hauschild)*

**John & Jere Swoboda**  
*(Prior FPC Members)*

**Carol Wisdom**  
*(Lea Lenz's Daughter)*

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**Submissions to the Weekly Calendar**  
**can be sent to [info@fpcofvictoria.org](mailto:info@fpcofvictoria.org)**  
**or by telephone: 361.575.2441**

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**Office Hours**  
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM  
Monday - Friday

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**DON'T FORGET!**  
**YOU CAN VISIT OUR WEBSITE ANYTIME AT:**  
***[www.fpcofvictoria.org](http://www.fpcofvictoria.org)***



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