



**“VIRTUAL” WORSHIP SERVICES  
ON  
FACEBOOK/FPCOFVICTORIA:  
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER,  
MAY 24, 2020**

After a slight lull for our Mothers’ Day worship service, interest in our Sunday morning worship services on the FPC Facebook page remains strong (<https://www.facebook.com/fpcofvictoria/>) .

In the Church Office, we sense, due to the declining number of questions we are receiving, that everyone now understands how to find our worship service on our Facebook page as well as our website ([www.fpcofvictoria.org](http://www.fpcofvictoria.org)). People are also able

to find our Bulletins, either on the FPC website or through the link provided in our weekly Newspaper published prior to the weekend worship service to which each Bulletin pertains.

Our Scripture readings for this Sunday, May 24, 2020 (the Seventh Sunday of Easter), are: Acts 1:6-14; and John 17:1-1. The sermon title is “A Dying Prayer,” and you can obtain a copy of the Bulletin here: <https://fpcovictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/2020-05-24-Bulletin-PDF.pdf>

Remember, however, if you have trouble using our Facebook page or our website, or finding our Bulletin, please do not hesitate to call the Church Office for help.



### A REPEATED CALL FOR HELP FROM CHRIST'S KITCHEN

Just when we thought conditions were improving, Christ's Kitchen has again been overwhelmed by an increase in the number of homeless who look to that organization for likely their only meal of the day. At the same time, the customary suppliers who assist Christ's Kitchen in providing desserts for the meals prepared by the volunteers at Christ's Kitchen cannot keep up with the demand. ***Therefore, Christ's Kitchen volunteers from First Presbyterian Church once need the congregation's help.***

Frances Miller sends us this reminder of how each of us can donate desserts to feed the homeless on Tuesday, the day that FPC's dedicated volunteers prepare to-go lunch boxes for over 750 needy people:

1. If you are able to donate store-bought or homemade cakes, cookies, brownies, etc., you can bring them to Christ's Kitchen (611 Warren Ave.) by 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday mornings.
2. Individual desserts such as cookies, brownies, lemon bars, etc., should be put in small ziploc storage bags before being delivered to Christ's Kitchen. Typical servings per storage bag are 3 to 4 cookies or 2 to 3 donuts, brownies, lemon bars, etc. Cakes or pies should be delivered in disposable, non-returnable containers.
3. If you have health concerns, you can, instead, bring your donations *to the Church Office* on Monday afternoon. We can store them (even in a refrigerator if necessary) and deliver them in time to Christ's Kitchen on Tuesday morning.

As noted in an earlier Newsletter when we first identified the need for FPC's support, Christ's Kitchen has always been a "loaves and fishes" operation--stretching its limited resources beyond any normal expectations. Please heed this call to help our tireless volunteers following the command of our Lord and Savior to feed the hungry. As always, if you have any questions or comments, please call the Church Office. We are here to help you help others.

## CARES AND CONCERNS

Ruth Ann Barnard had her knee-replacement surgery yesterday (Tuesday, May 19th), and the reports are that all went well and the patient is doing fine. In fact, Ruth Ann was told she might be hospitalized for two nights, but at last report, she was going to be released after only one night's stay. There is a long road of recuperation and rehabilitation ahead of course, but we thank God that Ruth Ann has had this much-needed surgery and that she appears to be well on the way to a full recovery.

The Reverend Carroll Pickett, Associate Pastor at FPC from approximately 1961-1967, remains in hospice care in Kerrville, Texas. The Church Office now has contact information for him and can provide it upon request. One member of our congregation was able to reach Rev. Pickett and speak with him in a warm and personal manner. He remembers FPC well, having grown up as a child of this church and then serving here in an ordained capacity. He also fondly remembers

being personally present for and participating in FPC's 175th Anniversary. Please keep Rev. Pickett, God's faithful servant, in your prayers during these difficult times for him and his family.



**PRESBYTERIAN DAY SCHOOL  
CELEBRATES THE END OF  
AN “UNUSUAL” SCHOOL YEAR**

Observing all of the social distancing and other public health protocols in place during the current pandemic, the faculty and members of the Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Day School gathered in FPC's Fellowship Hall on Tuesday afternoon, May 19th, to share a luncheon meal and some good, old-fashioned fellowship marking the end of the 2019/20 academic year.

The PDS Parent/Teacher Organization sponsored a catered meal delivered by Chick-fil-A, and prizes and favors were awarded to those in attendance. As they have done in the past, and with hospitality and kindness that are second to none, the PDS and PTO invited FPC's Pastor and Office Administrator to join in the fun.

Melissa Samudio, the PDS Director, announced that all of the school's teachers and assistants had announced their intentions to continue teaching in the next 2020/21 school year. This is wonderful testimony to the dedication of these dear teachers who continue to teach, nurture, and care for the youngest of Christ's disciples.

The members of FPC, through our education ministry, make it possible for the

PDS to continue its mission, a mission which the members of the Board of Directors collectively recite at the beginning of every meeting: “Presbyterian Day School is committed to providing an excellent early childhood education with emphasis on spiritual, social, emotional, educational, creative, and physical development.”

Please continue to pray for the safety and welfare of these dear teachers, the young children entrusted to their care, and the families of those students who trust PDS and FPC to guide their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

**COPIES OF “*THESE DAYS*”  
AVAILABLE FROM CHURCH OFFICE**

The April/May/June 2020 editions of “*These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith*” have arrived in the Church Office. If you would like a copy, just phone us (361.575.2441) or email us ([info@fpcofvictoria.com](mailto:info@fpcofvictoria.com)), and we will gladly send you one immediately. Do not worry about the postage involved, by the way. We have received a generous contribution to our postage budget to help meet our mailing expenses as we try our best to stay in touch with the members and friends of First Presbyterian Church.

Also, if you are interested in online worship devotionals, there is none better than *The Presbyterian Outlook*. Investigate this timely, information, and spiritually motivating publication at: <https://pres-outlook.org/>. I particularly recommend the devotionals presented by Jill Duffield. If you enjoy this publication, you can sign up for a free “internet subscription” and receive the weekly editions by email.

Peace, grace, and mercy,

Pastor Jim



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