



**VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICES  
ON  
FACEBOOK/FPCOFVICTORIA:  
SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2020**

Our Scripture readings for next Sunday (the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost), July 19, 2020, are: Psalm 86:11-17; and Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43. The sermon title is “The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares,” and the Bulletin is available here: <https://fpcofvictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/2020-07-19-Bulletin-PDF.pdf>

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**WE CAN'T HEEEEAR YOU!**

During our last two worship services (July 5th and July 12th) we experienced technical difficulties with the microphone (or sound connection) which

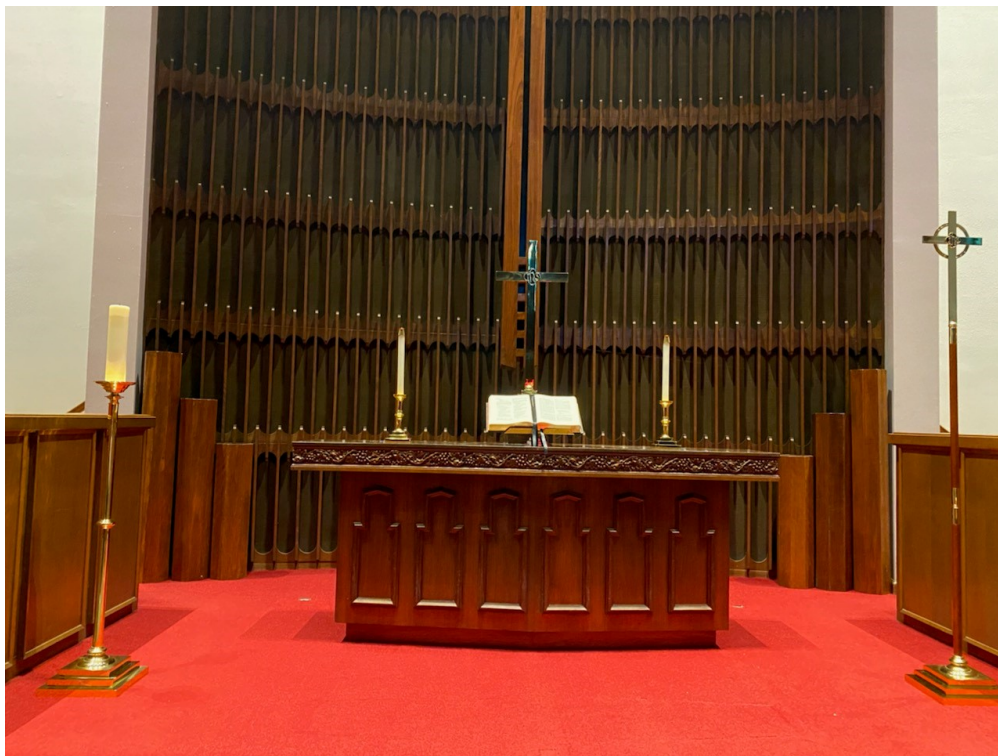


the minister uses during the liturgy and the sermon. This week we are working hard to find and fix the problem, and we expect to have the sound back up to par for our July 19th worship service.

Meanwhile, we apologize for the problem and for the inconvenience our members, friends, and visitors have experienced as a result. Unfortunately, the manner in which we are currently broadcasting our worship services over our Facebook page does not allow us to monitor the sound until after the service has been recorded and uploaded. By that time, there is nothing we can do to fix it.

Please be patient with us, however, as we navigate uncharted waters in our efforts to keep our congregation connected and to make it possible for friends and visitors to worship with us during these times of isolation and loneliness. We will resolve the current technical problems, but if more should arise, please bear with us. We will do our level best to make sure our worship services are viewable and technically adequate. We then pray that the Holy Spirit will bring inspiration, comfort, and peace to all who join us "virtually."

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### **INSTALLATION OF OUR NEW ORGAN**

During our worship service for July 19, 2020, look closely behind the altar in the Chancel and you will see that our old organ console (the "Rodgers") has been

removed. We kept the Rodgers in the Chancel as a back-up “in case of emergency” while we installed our new organ console (the “Morgan”).

While we continue to work on the finishing touches of the Morgan installation, Robert has been playing it long enough that we felt comfortable in finally moving the Rodgers out of the Chancel. Have you noticed how much more open and spacious the Chancel now appears?!

As with any complex instrument, it is still possible that we may encounter some difficulties with the new Morgan, difficulties which Robert and our organ builder will work diligently to resolve. Nevertheless, there may be the occasional worship service when our back-up will be our grand piano, instead of the now-removed Rodgers. Either way, however, you can always depend on our worshipping the Lord in word, music, and liturgy as best we are able. This is a tradition from which our church has never wavered since its founding in 1841.

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**IMPROVING THE “PRODUCTION VALUES”  
OF OUR  
VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICES  
(HELP WANTED!)**

As mentioned in our Newsletter last week, FPC has been able to acquire a camera and related equipment which have the potential to significantly improve the production values of our virtual worship services.

With a grant from Mission Presbytery, the Session approved the purchase of this equipment having in the mind the possibility of continuing to broadcast our worship services even after we returned to in-person worship. At the time, the Session believed we might have the opportunity to return to the Sanctuary in mid-July or early August at the latest. Sadly, given the recent dramatic spike in reported COVID-19 infections, not only in Texas but in Victoria County as well, that schedule cannot be met.

Nevertheless, since we have the equipment to enhance the production values of the worship services that we stream over the Internet, it seems pointless to delay using it until we return to worshipping together in person. Therefore, we are diligently looking for a camera person who would be available for two hours on the Saturdays when we record our worship services and then for two hours on the Sundays when we gather again in the Sanctuary. Additionally, a few additional hours are necessary to process and upload each video from our new equipment to the Internet.

This would be the perfect “gig” for a senior high school student, a college student, or someone who could use some extra funds for basically a half-day of light work. In our modern age, this task is very low-tech for anyone with the least bit of experience with electronic devices. Thus, the main requirements for the position are dependability and access to transportation. We are offering \$100 per worship service, with an appropriate increase if we find that significant time is involved in uploading the recorded service to the Internet.

Also, to be clear, we are not looking for a videographer. The task for now is simply to operate our camera in order to record the worship service and then to upload that service to our Facebook page and website. If and as we receive additional resources, then we will consider at that time ways to edit and enhance the videos we produce.

Do you know of someone who might be interested in working for the church in this manner? Do you know a student, family member, or friend who could use some extra cash and would enjoy helping our congregation with this task? If so, please ask them to call (361.575.2441) or email ([info@fpcovictoria.org](mailto:info@fpcovictoria.org)) the church office. We would love to speak with them!

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**NEXT ISSUE (THIRD QUARTER) OF  
“THESE DAYS”  
NOW AVAILABLE FROM CHURCH OFFICE**

The July/August/September 2020 editions of “*These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith*” have just arrived in the church office. If you would like a copy, please phone us (361.575.2441) or email us ([info@fpcovictoria.com](mailto:info@fpcovictoria.com)), and we will gladly send you one immediately. The cost of postage is negligible.

Also, if you are interested in online worship devotionals, please remember there is none better than *The Presbyterian Outlook*. Investigate this timely, informative, 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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