



**VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICES
ON
FACEBOOK/FPCOFVICTORIA:
SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2020**

Our Scripture readings for next Sunday (the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost), July 12, 2020, are: Isaiah 55:10-33; and Matthew 13:1-8, 18-23. The sermon title is “The Parable of the Soils,” and the Bulletin is available here: https://fpcovictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/2020-07-12-Bulletin-PDF.pub_.pdf.



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

In cinematography and videography, “production values” are those things, such as lighting, sound, camera placement, and camera movement, that improve the quality and enjoyment of a movie, television, or video program.

Thanks to a generous grant from Mission Presbytery, FPC has been able to acquire a camera and related equipment which have the potential to improve the production values of our virtual worship services. The Session approved the purchase of this equipment having in the mind the possibility of continuing to broadcast our worship services when 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 now seems most unlikely.

Nevertheless, since we have the equipment to improve 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. The only issue holding us back is that we need a person to operate this equipment during our worship services. We need a camera person who would be available for two hours on the Saturdays when we record our worship services and then later of course 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 a little extra “pin money” (and don’t pretend you are too young to know what that expression means!). 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 commitment, dependability, and access to transportation. We would need to understand how much time is involved in processing the video after recording each worship service, but initially we are offering \$100 per worship service, with an increase if we find that significant time is involved in uploading the recorded service to the Internet.

Finally, 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 might consider ways to edit and enhance the videos we produce. For now, however, that is a distant dream.

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) the church office. We would love to speak with them!

CARES AND CONCERNS

Good news! According to the latest reports we have, Carol Joy Wisdom, the daughter of Jerry and Lea Lentz and the wife of Brian Wisdom, is recovering well from the surgery she underwent last week as the doctors sought to diagnose and treat a persistent infection in her leg. Carol's surgery, although serious, went well, and she is convalescing nicely. We continue to pray for Carol and her family as she recuperates from her surgery and as she progresses with her rehabilitation.

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), 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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