

WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021, 10:30 A.M.

Our Scripture readings for next Sunday, the Seventh Sunday of Easter, are: Psalm 1 ("Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked ..."); and 1 John 5:9-13 ("And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son."). The sermon title is "God's Testimony," and the Bulletin is available here: https://fpcofvictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/5-16-2021-Bulletin-PDF.pub_.pdf

We will also have two especially fine musical presentations, courtesy of our Music Ministry. C.F. Schneider will play, "How Great Thou Art," and Robert Wyatt will

showcase an organ anthem, "I'll Walk with God." Please join us in person or on our Facebook page or website for another beautiful morning of music!



Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, Victoria, Texas

CONCERNS FOR KEIMRYN LEE, GRANDDAUGHTER OF REV. FRED HOBBS

During its meeting on Monday night, May 10th, the Session was saddened to learn of the serious illness of one of the granddaughters of FPC's good friends, the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hobbs. The eight-year old girl, Keimryn Lee, is the daughter of Askaskia Hobbs, whom many of us know through her work at her father's church, Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church.

Keimryn Lee is being treated for pediatric cancer in the Houston Medical Center. We shall pray for the welfare and prompt healing of this dear child. Any members or friends of our church who would like to provide much needed financial support to the Hobbs family should visit <https://www.facebook.com/askaskia> where there is more information in this regard. We understand, for instance, that visitors can buy a t-shirt to support Keimryn Lee emotionally and her family financially.

A special account has also been set up at the Texas Dow Employees Credit Union (TDECU) to receive contributions to help offset Keimryn Lee's considerable medical expenses. Keimryn Lee's mother, Askaskia, can be reached at 361.489.7458 for anyone to provide comfort and reassurance as well as to obtain additional information as to how best to assist the family in this time of trial.

Join us in prayer for the healing mercy and comfort of the Holy Spirit for our dear friends, the Hobbs Family, as they face this challenge. *“Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth .”* 3 John 1:2 (KJV).



**JOIN FELLOW FPC MEMBERS
IN SERVICE TO THE HOMELESS AT
CHRIST'S KITCHEN**

In keeping with a long-standing commitment of service to others, several members of First Presbyterian Church, Victoria meet weekly to help prepare for the Tuesday meals served at Christ's Kitchen. Volunteers from First Presbyterian begin chopping fruit and vegetables for salads as well as cutting and boxing desserts on Monday afternoon between the hours of 1:30 - 4:30 pm. The remainder of our portion of the meal preparation is completed on Tuesday morning beginning at 7:00 a.m. Currently, enough food is being prepared to serve between 500-600 to-go meals. During this time, the safe practice of wearing masks is still observed, and no one (other than volunteers) is allowed inside the building.

If you would like to help by joining in during this food preparation, just come to Christ's Kitchen any time on Monday afternoon between 1:30 and 4:30 pm. Extra hands, in service to the less fortunate among us, are always welcome!



FPC CONTINUES TO SUPPORT BOY SCOUT TROOP 368

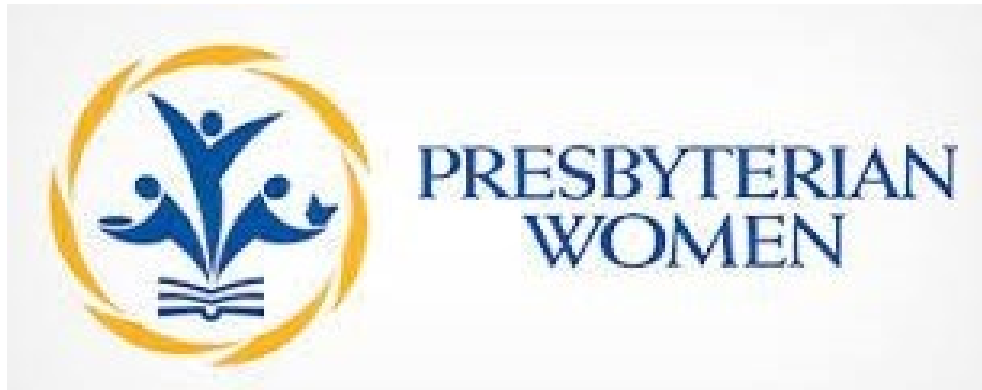
Your Pastor was honored to be invited to give the invocation at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor held on Tuesday evening, May 13th, for two members of BSA Troop 368, Mark York Doane and Dylan Waitschies. Mark (on the right) and Dylan (on the left) are pictured above with their Assistant Scout Master, Doug Borden (second from the left).

Although not an “official sponsor,” FPC has long been a faithful supporter of Troop 368 by allowing the Scouts to use our property (principally the “Scout Hut” located on the southeast corner of our property). The Scouts meet there and also store their considerable amount of camping and other equipment. On more formal occasions, the Scouts, together with their families and other supporters, use our Fellowship Hall for special events.

Many of us are aware of the significant financial and social problems facing the national organization of Boy Scouts of America these days, but, the local troop that meets on our property appears unaffected by such problems. The adult leadership whom I have met are all conscientious and dedicated. They aspire to instill in the young Scouts the highest ideals of duty to God and country, of personal character and integrity, and of preparation for the challenges of life, all while having a lot of good, wholesome fun!

Before the COVID pandemic, the Scouts of Troop 368 joined us during a Sunday-morning worship service in February 2020 to celebrate “Scout Sunday.” This is a tradition that I greatly look forward to restoring in 2022 and following years. If you see a Boy Scout, or one of their leaders, around the church house one of

these days, please stop and give them a word of encouragement. In scouting, that is the highest coin of the realm!



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S
99TH BIRTHDAY OFFERING**

The Presbyterian Women of our church have asked me to express their sincere gratitude to the members and friends of FPC, Victoria for the generous response given in support of the Presbyterian Women's 99th Birthday Offering. As of the publication of this Newsletter, PW have received over \$700 in contributions to support the worthy organizations that will be the beneficiaries of this year's offering.

Moreover, it is not too late to make your donation if you have not done so yet. You can mail your check to, or bring it by, the church office, and we will make sure it gets into the right hands. Just make the check out to "Presbyterian Women" and add "2021 Birthday Offering" on the memo line. Thanks to everyone, again, for supporting the wonderful ministries identified by the PW this year.

And, if you failed to get a piece of PW birthday cake at the end of last Sunday's worship service, well, it *is* too late to enjoy that delicious treat! Thank you, PW, for adding a sweet treat to our celebration of Mothers' Day.

Peace, grace, and mercy,

Pastor Jim
