



**WORSHIP SERVICE AND
COMMUNION ON
SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2021**

Our Scripture readings for next Sunday, the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, are: Psalms 34:1-8; and Ephesians 4:25-5:2 ("Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God"). The title of the sermon is, "Imitators of God," and the Bulletin is available here: https://fpcofvictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/8-8-2021-Bulletin-PDF.pub_.pdf



**BEST WISHES,
TASHA WOLF!**

As many members are already aware, this will be Tasha's last week with us as our Officer Administrator (her last day in the office is Friday, August 6th). After having faithfully served the congregation of First Presbyterian Church for over a year and a half, Tasha Wolf has accepted employment closer to her home in Hallettsville.

Meanwhile, with the help of the same personnel agency that brought us Tasha, we have identified a young woman to work with us on a temporary basis to allow us to get to know her and her to know us. Her name is Erica Colding, and just as you may wish to stop by the office to give Tasha your best wishes, you may also want to stop by and welcome Erica to the friendly environs of First Presbyterian Church. To be clear, if things work out well for all involved, Erica will be hired in a permanent capacity.



POSSIBLE INTERRUPTIONS IN PUBLICATION OF CHURCH NEWSLETTER

As we experience a transition in our Office Administrator position, there may arise a week or two during which we will be unable to prepare and circulate the Church Newsletter. Please be patient with us as our new Office Administrator, Erica, learns the ropes.

We **will** continue to mail our Bulletins on the Wednesday before the Sunday to which each one of them pertains, and we will take the time necessary to prepare each Bulletin in accordance with our high standards. Should that effort cut into the time we usually spend to also prepare the Newsletter, however, then we hope you will understand.



Give me a "P!" Give me a "D!" Give me an "S!"



As we have published before, exciting plans are underway for a *Homecoming* celebration on Sunday morning, October 24, 2021, to rejoice during the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Presbyterian Day School by the First Presbyterian Church of Victoria, Texas.

If you are a PDS former student, teacher, or staff member, or have family or friends who are, please provide the First Presbyterian Church office (info@fpcovictoria.org or (361) 575-2441) with contact information to receive a special invitation. Tell your friends; help us spread the word! All are welcome.

With the support and far-sighted vision of the members of our church who have preceded us, the Presbyterian Day School held its first classes on September 9, 1946. The school's rich tradition of teaching young children in a loving and nurturing Christian environment has been fundamental throughout its history and continues today.



**THIS YEAR MARKS THE
180TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE FOUNDING OF
OUR CHURCH**

First Presbyterian Church of Victoria, Texas was founded on October 2, 1841. We will mark that happy occasion during our worship service on Sunday morning October 3, 2021.

In preparation for our celebration, we are asking all the members and friends of FPC to make a special effort to search for any memorabilia or artifacts you believe

would be of interest to our Congregation. Please check your closets, your bureau drawers, and “those boxes” in the attic, the garage, the basement, or wherever, and help us revisit some memories of the long and storied history of this church’s witness to the Gospel in and around the Victoria community.

We have already received some positive responses to our call for church memorabilia and artifacts, and we would like to keep the momentum going. So, please contact our church Historian, Henry Hauschild (heneryjhaus@aol.com), or the Church Office about anything interesting you discover! Every anniversary is a joyous one for our church, but let’s make this next one a particularly happy occasion as we continue to emerge from the pandemic.



**ATTENTION CHOIR MEMBERS!!
MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, AT 7:00 PM:
OUR FIRST REHEARSAL FOR 2021**

With joy, we look forward to a fully restored music ministry as our choir returns to their normal routine to lead us in song after the Labor Day Holiday.

Don’t be bashful! If you want to be a member of a happy, devoted group of Christians who sing for love, come join us. Prior choir experience is not required. Under Robert Wyatt’s skillful leadership, talent can be found in even the most timid singer!



As Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry celebrates its 35th year of serving Victoria County, it is once again holding its annual Raffle Fundraiser. 100% of the raffle proceeds go to VCAM's mission of providing food, clothing, and services to those less fortunate in Victoria County. The Grand prize is a \$1,000 HEB gift card, in addition to 30 more prizes valued from \$50-\$750. Tickets are now available for \$5 each or 6 for \$25.

The drawing is at NOON, Saturday, September 25th as part of VCAM's OPEN HOUSE festivities from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (you need not be present to win). VCAM is located at 108 N. Liberty - contact 361-572-0048 for more information

Members of First Presbyterian Church are urged to contact Becky Richter at 361-220-1111 for tickets or look for her in the Narthex after Sunday morning services.

Our church also continues to support VCAM with our contributions of food and other household supplies. In August, VCAM is requesting particular attention to the following needs of those whom they serve:

Dried beans, canned vegetables, and toiletry items.

Therefore, please search your pantry and closets once again to see if you have any suitable items to provide VCAM's clientele in need. As always, bring them to worship on Sunday morning, or to the church anytime during the week, and place them in the collection baskets you will find in the Narthex and in the hallway by Fellowship Hall.

Peace, grace, and mercy,

Pastor Jim

