



**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY  
180th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
ORGAN DEDICATION  
OCTOBER 3, 2021, 10:30 A.M.**

As previously announced, we will have a very special worship service on Sunday, October 3, 2021, one that we hope you, your family, and your invited friends will be able to attend in person.

This Sunday is World Communion Sunday. In recognition of the fact that we will be participating in this sacrament with our Christian sisters and brothers around the world, we will decorate our altar with a multitude of breads-- breads as diverse as God's people around the world who bring their own unique style to preparing this staple of life.

We will also celebrate the 180th anniversary of the founding of First Presbyterian Church of Victoria, Texas (October 2, 1841). For eighteen decades, FPC has been spreading the Gospel in the Crossroads area! Let us rejoice over the host of so many faithful saints before us who selflessly kept the flame of faith ablaze and who have made it possible for us to worship as we do today.

Finally, during our service of music we will dedicate our splendid post-Hurricane Harvey organ to the glory of God and in service to the music ministry of this church. We will feature organ anthems and other special music in honor of the occasion. What a right and proper way to thank God for the many blessings he offers us through music!

Our Scripture readings for next Sunday, the Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost, are: Proverbs 150; and Colossians 3:14-17. The time that we ordinarily devote to a sermon during which the Word is proclaimed will, on this occasion, be given over to the celebration and dedication of our new organ. A copy of the Bulletin for this very special worship service can be found here: <https://fpcofvictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/10-3-2021-bulletin-pdf.pdf> .

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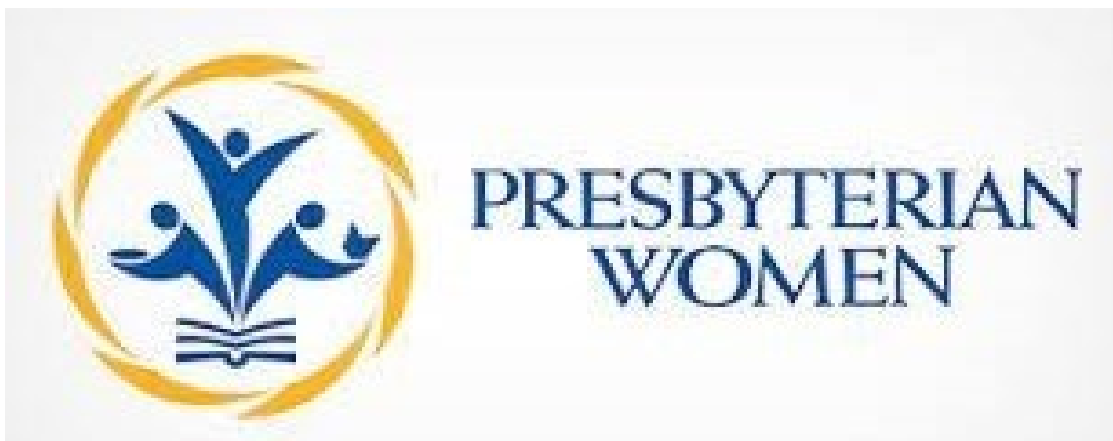


**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE  
TO VCAM REQUESTS  
REMAINS GENEROUS!**

Becky Richter and all the folks at the Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry want to thank the FPC congregation for its generous support of VCAM's recent fundraising raffle, as well as for all of the generous gifts of food and clothing that continue to fill our contribution boxes in the hallway outside the church office.

Our church's support for VCAM and its clients is a blessing to that organization and to the many clients it serves. Such generosity is continuously called for by our faith. Those who follow Christ feed (and clothe!) his sheep.

And by the way, congratulations to church member, Ann Witte, who was a winner in VCAM's recent raffle drawing!



The Presbyterian Women's Coordination Council will meet at ***noon on Tuesday, October 5, 2021***, in the church Parlor.

**In other PW news:**



As a reminder, registration forms are available in the church office for those who are planning to attend this event. Please contact our Office Administrator, Erica Colding, by phone (361.575.2441) or email ([info@fpcovictoria.org](mailto:info@fpcovictoria.org)) for a copy of the form or for further information.

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## Blessing of The Backpacks

The PDS Children's Chapel meets weekly on alternating Mondays and Tuesdays. This schedule ensures that all of the young disciples (those who attend PDS all week and those who attend only on Tuesdays and Thursdays) experience age-appropriate worship. This week, on Monday, September 27th, your pastor had the opportunity to bless more backpacks, the children who wear them, the parents who pack them, and the teachers who tend to them. Name tags and small toy trinkets were distributed to those children who did not receive them last time.

Once again, I was reminded of what a special ministry our congregation makes possible by its support of the Presbyterian Day School. May God bless all those who attend, teach, support, and otherwise make possible the education of our young disciples in the love of Jesus for them and for all God's Creation!

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### **A NEW INITIATIVE IN OUR PRAYER MINISTRY HAS BEGUN**

The Prayer Tree initiated by the Mission & Outreach Committee of First Presbyterian Church is now active.

Families at Presbyterian Day School and The Vine School have been invited to complete prayer cards on which they express any special concerns or worries or spiritual needs they may have. The members of the Mission & Outreach Committee are now watching for cards, and as they collect them, they will hang them on our Prayer Tree in the Narthex.

Please keep an eye on the Prayer Tree and take a prayer card when you see one that interests you. Once you have a card, all we ask is that you pray in the manner requested. Pray silently, pray aloud. Pray alone, pray with a prayer partner. Pray with the confidence you will be heard. We hope to keep this practice going during the school year for as long as we receive requests, and we hope you will join us in this powerful Christian ministry!

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Phil 4:6*

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thess 5:16-18*

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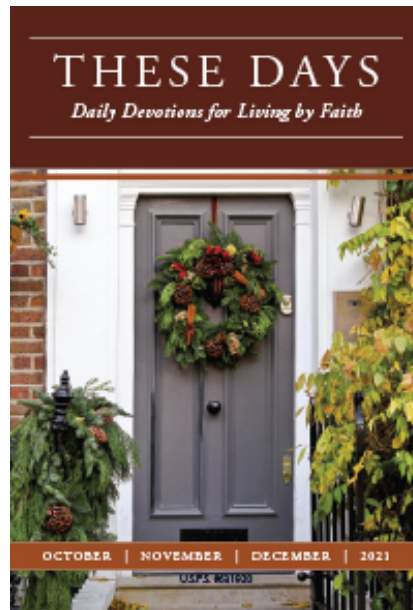


***Give me a "P!" Give me a "D!" Give me an "S!"***  
**PRESBYTERIAN DAY SCHOOL**  
**75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2021**

Our address list is getting longer and longer, and we are hoping for a spectacular turn out during our "PDS Homecoming" worship service on Sunday, October 24, 2021, at 10:30 a.m.. Please remember to pass the word, and let's round up as many past PDS members as we can. After the last few chaotic years, let's have an anniversary celebration we will not soon forget!

Help us make this a joyful event for our church and our community-- one that we will enjoy and remember for a long time. 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@fpcofvictoria.org](mailto:info@fpcofvictoria.org) or (361) 575-2441) with contact information to receive a special invitation. Tell your friends; help us spread the word! All are welcome.

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**CURRENT COPIES OF  
“THESE DAYS”  
HAVE ARRIVED**

The church has received the October/November/December 2021 edition of “*These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith.*” Upon request, we would be happy to mail a copy to any member desiring one. Also, we will place copies of the *These Days* on the tables in the Narthex and in front of the Church Office for people to pick up on Sunday mornings or whenever they are at the church. Especially in these extended times of isolation and separation, the devotionals in this cherished publication are a wonderful source of inspiration, hope, and comfort.

Peace, grace, and mercy,

Pastor Jim

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