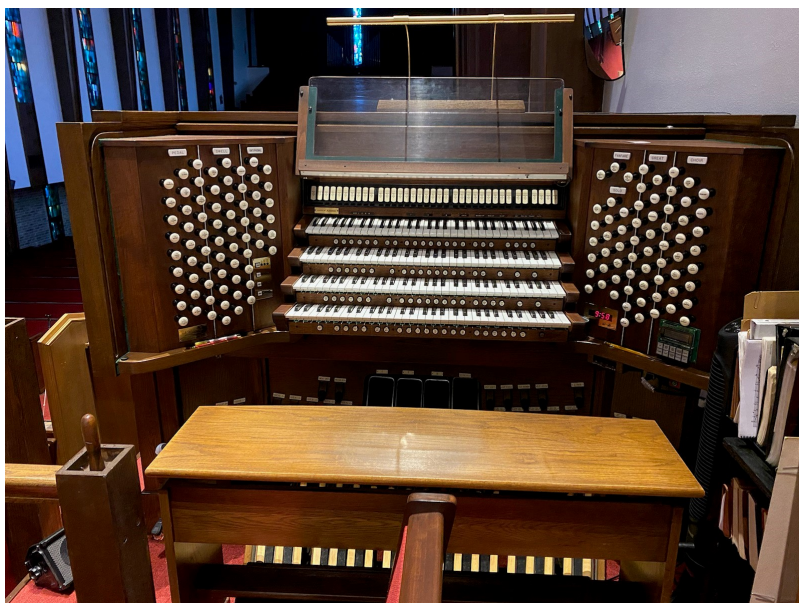




**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE,
OCTOBER 10, 2021, 10:30 A.M.**

Our Scripture readings for next Sunday, the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, are: Psalm 22:1-15 and Job 23:1-17. Together, we shall consider Job's lament as he believes that God is hidden from him. The title of the sermon is "Where Is God?" ("Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling!"), and a copy of the Bulletin for this worship service can be found here: <https://fpcofvictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/10-10-2021-bulletin-pdf.pdf>.





A JOYFUL SUNDAY!

Wasn't it wonderful to hear our Sanctuary full of beautiful music last Sunday morning, as we celebrated World Communion Sunday and the 180th Anniversary of the founding of our church?

Special thanks to Linda Patterson and Becky Richter who decorated our altar in such a beautiful, "global" fashion, to Joey Farrell and Dawn Neel who enchanted us with their lovely duet, and to Robert Wyatt who simply played his heart out to demonstrate the versatility, the range, and the power of our new organ. We thank God for the many blessings he has bestowed on this church and those who worship here.

*Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name. – Psalm 30:4*



ANOTHER HAPPY CELEBRATION IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

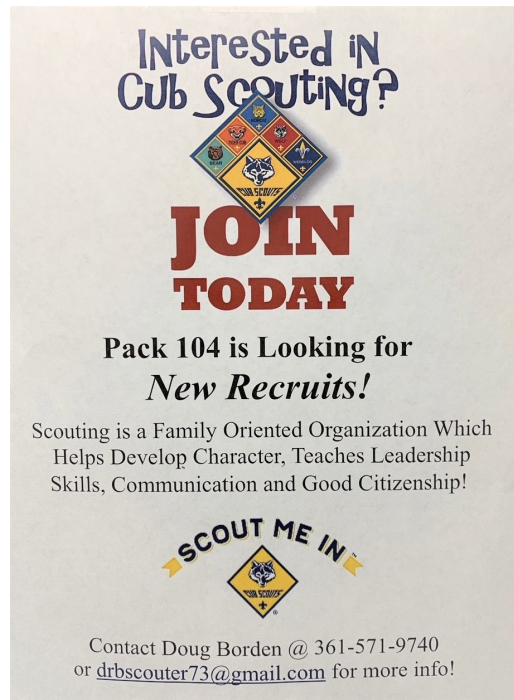
Isn't it fun when the Sanctuary is full of worshipers? Isn't it all the more fun when those worshipers include children and the young in heart?!

During our worship service on Sunday, October 24, we will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the founding of our Presbyterian Day School. Students from PDS, together with their families and teachers, will join us. Moreover, invitations to join us for this special worship service will be mailed or emailed to as many former students and teachers as we have been able to find.

The teachers of our current students will decorate our Sanctuary with the children's artwork, and during the service the children will sing for us! Visitors will be invited to tour the open classrooms in the school after the worship service. May many fond memories be rekindled!

Please help us spread the word. If you know a former student or teacher from PDS, please make a special effort to invite them to this service. We can send invitations, of course, but the most effective invitation always comes from a friend. Also, please pray for the PDS students and teachers in the midst of the current pandemic. The teachers are doing their best (including wearing masks all day long!) to keep the children safe, and they would certainly appreciate our

encouragement and our prayers.



CALLING ALL YOUNG BOYS!

Following the Session's decision to accept an invitation from the local Boy Scouts of America for our church to sponsor Cub Scout Pack 104, local scout leaders have been busy getting organized. Pictured above is an invitation for all interested parents to contact Scouter Doug Borden about how to enroll their boys in the Pack.

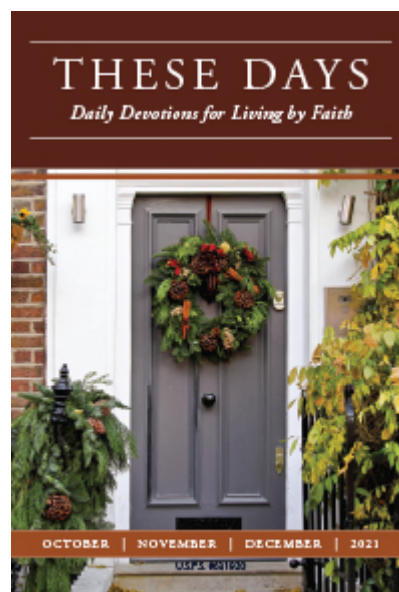
Do you have a grandson, or do you have a friend or neighbor with a young son? Please let them know about this opportunity. Your pastor participated in the Boy Scouts during his youth, and that experience has proven to be one of the most positive factors in my character formation. At the time, I thought I was just having fun, but what I did not realize until much later in life was that I was having good, clean fun while learning life-skills, not to mention valuable lessons about loyalty, integrity, and service. As the pastor of this church, I have had the opportunity to observe the local scouting program in action as it is led by faithful, enthusiastic adults (men and women) who care about the youth of our community.

I have a feeling that the lucky young boys who sign up for Pack 104 are

going to have a rich and rewarding experience. If you know a boy who you believe would benefit from scouting, please tell their parents about this wonderful opportunity.



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) for a copy of the form or for further information.



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 Devotional 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
