

Proverbs 22:6: Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray.

**PRESBYTERIAN DAY SCHOOL
HOMECOMING WORSHIP SERVICE,
OCTOBER 24, 2021, 10:30 A.M.**

The “big day” is just around the corner! Invitations have been mailed, bulletin boards have been made, PDS memorabilia is on display-- all in anticipation of our first-ever PDS Homingcoming when we will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the Presbyterian Day School by visionary members of First Presbyterian Church of Victoria, Texas.

This Sunday, October 24, 2021, the Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost, please plan to join the current students and faculty of PDS as they

sing happy Sunday School songs on the steps of our Chancel to celebrate this joyous event. Robert Wyatt has also arranged a charming medley of Sunday School songs which will bring back memories for us all as he plays the Chancel organ. After the service, PDS memorabilia will be on display in Fellowship Hall, and the PDS classrooms will be open until noon so that visitors (and returning alumnae) can see (and revisit) where our young disciples are taught.

Our Scripture readings for next Sunday are: Psalm 22:1-6; and Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 19:13-15. The title of the sermon is "A Mission Statement for Life," and a copy of the Bulletin for this worship service can be found here: <https://fpcovictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/10-24-2021-Bulletin-pdf.pdf>.

Please join us this Sunday-- and why not invite a friend or neighbor to come share in this glorious occasion!



PREPARING FOR ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE

One of the most sacred occasions of worship at FPC occurs on the Sunday when we remember those among us who have joined the Church Triumphant in the preceding 12 months. We mark this occasion on the first Sunday after All Saints Day (which always falls on November 1st).

This year we will celebrate our All Saints Remembrance on Sunday, November 7, 2021. The family and friends of our recently departed members will join us on this somber yet joyous occasion as we celebrate the fact that death has been conquered by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

In preparing for this service, the Worship Committee is caringly compiling a list of those who are to be remembered by name during this special worship service. These are the names we have so far: Roland Merrill, Mavis O'Sullivan, Frances Stuart, Fiench Tarkington, Jean Whitaker, Jackie Richardson, and Ruth Williams. Also, please allow me to add that if we have inadvertently failed to include the name of someone whom you love, cherish, and lost last year, we do sincerely apologize. While our files are complete with the names of those for whom a Celebration of Life Service was held at our church or celebrated by your pastor, our records may be incomplete with respect to other dear people whom we have lost.

If you are aware (whether as a family member or as a friend) of someone who should be memorialized this year, but whose name does not yet appear on our list, please do not be offended. Contact your pastor or the church office so that we may be sure that all of God's saints are memorialized in a manner befitting of our faith.



VCAM UPDATE

For the month of October, let's brighten the VCAM shopping carts by donating ORANGE non-perishable items! Canned carrots, pumpkin, sweet potatoes and yams, mandarin oranges, sliced peaches, tomato sauce and more — use your colorful imagination to help our friends at VCAM. Collection baskets are in the Narthex and hallway outside the church office.

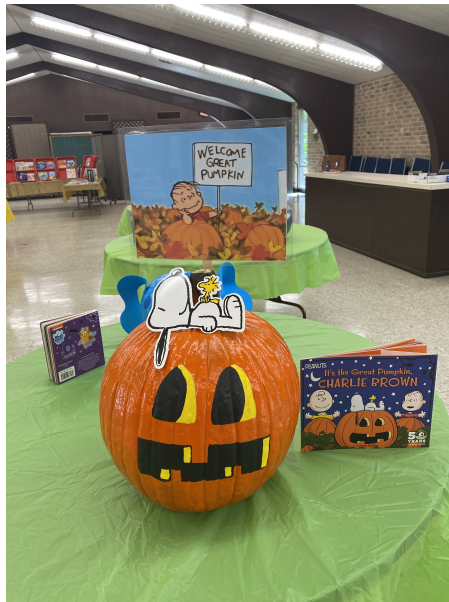
OUR PRAYER TREE

The response to our Prayer Tree, both from parents at PDS and the Vine School and from members of our congregation, continues to be impressive. Prayer cards appear on the tree during the week and then disappear on Sunday morning!

For better visibility and accessibility, we have moved the Prayer Tree from the Narthex to the main corridor in front of the church office. Please take a card and pray for whom and for what the requester has written.

What an encouraging ministry this is for those who participate in it and for those who receive the blessings of prayer from devoted members of our church.

- The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective (James 5:16).



**THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING HAPPENING,
ALWAYS SOMETHING TO LEARN,
AT PDS!**

These days the young disciples at PDS are having their pictures taken in the middle of pumpkin patches, while their creative, imaginative teachers decorate pumpkins as a fundraising event. Fall is a wonderful time of the year, and PDS is celebrating with a Book Sale as well.

While the decorated pumpkins have all been spoken for, books will still be available for purchase this Sunday after our worship service. Stop by the Fellowship Hall and see if you are able to find something for that special preschooler in your life!

Although the Session remains cautious about our COVID protocols during worship, with the recent, strong decline in open cases of COVID in the Crossroads Area the Session has decided to allow the use of our hymnals during our worship services for those who prefer to read the music as well as the lyrics during our congregational hymns.

Still, let us be careful and smart about masks, social distancing, and the other common-sense safety measures we follow when we are together. Let us do what we can to help God spare us from this dreadful pandemic which has already claimed the lives of over 700,000 of our fellow Americans.

Peace, grace, and mercy,

Pastor Jim
