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**NOTE;  
THIS IS AN  
“ABBREVIATED EDITION”  
OF OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

Given the holiday closure of our church office, this week we are bringing you only a “basic” bit of news about the life of First Presbyterian Church of Victoria, Texas.

For those who receive this newsletter by mail, we will also enclose a printed copy of the worship bulletin for next Sunday’s worship service.

Please check with us next week as we begin the New Year fresh, rested, and full of new plans and ideas to bring you in our newsletter!

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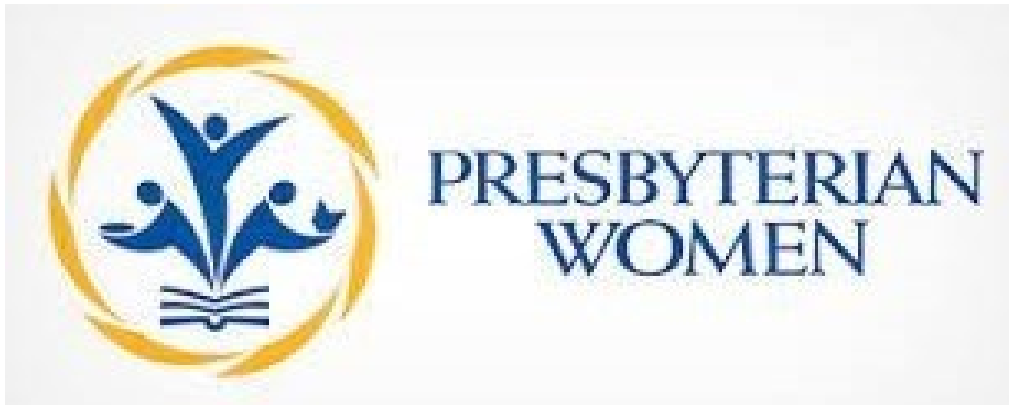


**WORSHIP SERVICE,  
JANUARY 2, 2022, 10:30 A.M.**

What better way to start the New Year than joining us in person during our first Sunday-morning worship service of the New Year, January 2, 2022 (the Second Sunday after Christmas Day). We will also be celebrating the Lord's Supper for the first time in the New Year. Please join us, and bring a friend?!

Our Scripture readings are: Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21; and John 1:1-18. The title of the sermon is "Beginnings," and a copy of the Bulletin for this service can be found here: [abcdef](#).

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## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

The Presbyterian Women have cautiously resumed their regular in-person activities. Here is a schedule of those activities in the coming weeks:

- Tuesday January 4, 2022: The Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team at 11:30 am.
- Monday, January 10, 2022: Mary and Martha Circle meeting at 2:00 p.m.

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First Presbyterian Church <b>Commitment Campaign 2022</b>	
<i>Understanding that all we possess is a gift from God, and that God delights in the generosity of His children, I/we rejoice in pledging to First Presbyterian Church:</i>	
\$ _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
\$ _____	OR \$ _____
Name(s) _____	
Signature _____	
Address _____	
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Phone: _____	E-mail: _____

## **PLEASE RETURN YOUR PLEDGE CARD!**

As we begin a new calendar year (also the fiscal year of the church), please do not delay completing and returning your Pledge Card to the church office. As we have said before, pledge cards are the only reliable means the Session has to responsibly plan our annual budget. We cannot reliably plan our expenses if we do not know how much income to anticipate!

After thoughtful prayer and contemplation, please complete and return your Pledge Card as soon as you are able. God bless you for your support and generosity!



**COMING IN JANUARY 2022:  
A GROUP BOOK STUDY!**

Our Mission and Outreach and Christian Education Committees are coming together to offer to all a book study. Leila Galvan and Dawn Neel will lead this nine-week study from 9 to 10 a.m. on Saturday mornings beginning January 8 and running through March 5, 2022.

*“Do It Afraid: Embracing Courage in the Face of Fear,”* by Joyce Meyer is the book chosen by Leila Galvan and a group of her colleagues who will be joining us. Books and study guides can be purchased at H-E-B and Hobby Lobby and online at Amazon for around \$10 each.

In *“Do It Afraid,”* Ms. Meyer argues powerfully that you do not have to allow fear to dictate your decisions or determine what you will or will not do. You are free to be led by the Holy Spirit and to do everything God calls you to do. God has an amazing plan for your life, a plan our enemy, the devil, tries to keep you from fulfilling, often through fear. There may be times when you feel fear, but if you learn to do it afraid, whatever it may be in your life, you will break fear’s hold over you and find freedom to live a life of peace, strength, joy, and great fulfillment.

Come explore this and other themes with friends interested in reading and interested in intellectual exploration, friendly fellowship, and a time for conversation about Christian themes and ideas that will help and inspire us in our daily struggles. What a great way to start the New Year!

For more information, contact Dawn Neel at [dawnspaur@yahoo.com](mailto:dawnspaur@yahoo.com).



Best wishes for a Happy and Joyful New Year! May the blessing of

Christmas continue with you and yours throughout

2022

Peace, grace, and mercy,

Pastor Jim

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