



**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
NOVEMBER 28, 2021, 10:30 A.M.**

Our Scripture readings for this Sunday, November 28, 2021, the First Sunday of Advent are: Psalm 25:1-10; and Luke 21:25-36. Bette Burris will be our guest preacher and the title of her sermon is "Signs of the Times. A copy of the Bulletin for this worship service can be found here: <https://fpcovictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/11-28-2021-Bulletin-PDF.pdf>



### **OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING AT PDS!**

On the Friday before the week of the Thanksgiving Holiday, PDS students celebrated their own special Thanksgiving Luncheon wearing headdresses and other clothing that resembled the clothing worn by Native Americans who joined the pilgrims at the "first" Thanksgiving celebration.

Let us give thanks to God for our many blessings (including these dear children) as we enjoy the pictures below:



## VCAM

For the month of November, let's again help our VCAM families enjoy a bountiful Thanksgiving meal. Please donate your favorite healthy, non-perishable holiday staples—

- *cranberry sauce*
- *fruit cocktail*
- *green beans*
- *instant mashed potatoes*
- *poultry seasoning and spices*
- *pumpkin pie filling*
- *sweet potatoes and yams*
- *stuffing and cornbread mix*
- *cake mixes . . . and more!*

Collection baskets are located in the Narthex and hallway outside the church office.

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### **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION CALLED FOR DECEMBER 5, 2021**

The Session has called a Special Meeting of the Congregation to be held at the conclusion of the worship service on Sunday, December 5, 2021.

During this brief meeting, the Chair of the Congregation Nominating Committee, Billy Leske, will report on the recommendations of the CNC, specifically that Francie Byrne, Patrick Patterson, and Becky Richter be elected to serve on the Session for a three-year term (the Class of 2024) commencing January 1, 2022.

The Moderator will invite additional nominations from the floor, if there be any. Before submitting someone to be considered for election to the Session, however, please be sure and confirm with that individual that he or she would be willing to serve if elected.

At the end of such discussion as the congregation may desire, a vote will be taken to elect the members of the Session Class of 2024. May God grant us and our new leaders strength, wisdom, and perseverance as First Presbyterian

Church enters the coming calendar year with hope, promise, and continued service to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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The Church Office will be closed, Wednesday afternoon November 24, Thursday November 25, and Friday November 26, for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

In case of emergency please call 361-652-0212.

If you have any questions or concerns that are not urgent please email us at the church email ([info@fpcovictoria.org](mailto:info@fpcovictoria.org)) and we will get back with you when we return Monday.

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**THIS IS AN ABBREVIATED EDITION  
OF OUR NEWSLETTER**

Given the Thanksgiving Holiday, we have not had sufficient time to prepare and circulate our normal, detailed Newsletter. Next week spend the time you would ordinarily spend reading a longer version of the the Newsletter to help yourself to some Thanksgiving dinner leftovers! Meanwhile, thank you for your patience and understanding.

Enjoy Thanksgiving, and if you are able, please join us in church on the following Sunday.

Peace, grace, and mercy,

Pastor Jim

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