



**WORSHIP SERVICE,  
March 13, 2022, 10:30 A.M.**

Please join us for worship (and bring a friend!) on the Second Sunday in Lent, March 13th at 10:30 a.m. Our Scripture readings this Sunday are: Psalm 27; and Philippians 3:17-4:1. The title of the sermon is "Citizens of Heaven," and a copy of the Bulletin for this service can be found here: <https://fpcovictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/2022-3-13-Bulletin-PDF.pdf>.



**AND BE SURE TO GET YOURSELF  
TO THE CHURCH ON TIME!**

This weekend, be sure and move your clocks *forward* by one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night. At 2:00 a.m. that night (technically Sunday morning) our local time will become 3:00 a.m., meaning that if you don't make the change, you will get to church at 11:30 a.m. when you thought it was only 10:30 a.m.-- and nobody, especially the Holy Spirit, wants you to miss church!

If your preacher ruled the world, by the way, he would call for a public referendum across the country to ask people whether they preferred Standard Time or Daylight Saving Time. Howsoever the vote turned out (probably 50.1% to 49.9% given the shape our politics are in today), I would declare that we would stick to the winning choice all year long. I don't know about you, but for me adjusting to time changes twice a year gets harder and harder as time goes by. I wonder if all the original reasons for making these changes are no longer as important as they once were. To me, consistency and uniformity in timekeeping make a whole lot of sense!

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**LET'S GET TOGETHER,  
JUST BECAUSE WE CAN!**

The Caregiving and Fellowship Committee reported during our last Session meeting that, with COVID on the decline, and with a clear desire among the members of our church to just enjoy some plain old-fashion fellowship, it was about time for an after-worship-luncheon in Fellowship Hall.

So that's what we are going to do after the worship service on Sunday, March 20, 2022! We don't have a theme (it will be the Spring Equinox, but how do you turn that into a reason for a party?). Someone suggested we call it a "Fellowship Party," but when the church gathers it's always a fellowship party! Someone else said we could call it a "Welcome Back Party," but then someone else pointed out that nobody in our midst ever left-- we continued to worship throughout the pandemic, even when all we had was an iPhone and a Facebook connection! Regardless, on March 20th we are going to meet in Fellowship Hall and catch up with one another as we enjoy a bite to eat and celebrate and the joy of being a member of this Christian community in Victoria, Texas.

Finally, the Caregiving and Fellowship Committee is still working on the details. Right now, we're not sure if we will serve breakfast tacos, or whether we will invite church members to bring "potluck." For the moment, please just save the date, and plan to bring a friend! We will announce more details during this Sunday's worship service, and in next week's Newsletter. And meanwhile, if you have any suggestion for how we might make this an extra-special event in the life of our church, please contact the church office ([infor@fpcofvictoria.org](mailto:infor@fpcofvictoria.org); 713.575.2441) or speak to Gayla Whitaker.



### **DID SOMEONE SAY “SPRING”?**

Our young disciples at the Presbyterian Day School are looking forward to warmer temperatures, but so far the fickle weather of south central Texas has not been very obliging. As a result, this year’s class pictures had to be taken indoors just before “spring break.”

That’s alright, however. Spring, summer, fall, or winter, pictures of happy children are always a welcome sight (especially to parents and grandparents!). When those pictures are taken on the Chancel steps in our beautiful Sanctuary, how much greater is the joy!

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## HAVE YOU VISITED OUR WEBSITE LATELY?

By all accounts, we have a very attractive website ([www.fpcovictoria.org](http://www.fpcovictoria.org)). At its February Retreat, one of the issues discussed by the Session was our sense that the church's website is underutilized and underappreciated.

To try to rekindle interest in our website, our super-star office Manager, Erica Colding, is working to “post” more real-time events and announcements. For Lent, we have added a “daily devotional” feature not only to encourage you to use the website but also to facilitate your worship experience during the Lenten Season. Look for it under the tab marked “Holy Seasons.”

Our goal is to make our website a handy and habitual place for you (and visitors, we pray!) to follow the weekly activities of what the Session plans to be our increasingly dynamic church!

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### **LIMITED NEWSLETTER NEW WEEK**

And speaking of our hard-working Office Administrator, Erica is going to take a well-earned vacation with her children next week during the VISD Spring Break. She will out of the office from Friday, March 11th, through Tuesday, March 15th, and she will return on Wednesday, March 16th.

Accordingly, we will be operating with reduced office support during the first part of next week. Moreover, while we do plan to publish a Newsletter next week, it might possibly arrive late, and it will have very limited content. Still, we will make sure that all our members and friends who receive the Newsletter and Sunday bulletin by mail will continue to do so next week. Be aware, however, that the mailing *might* go out a day later than it ordinarily does. As always, we appreciate your patience and understanding.

Meanwhile, pray for Erica and her family as they enjoy God's gifts of rest, recreation, and fun times together.

Peace, grace, and mercy,

Pastor Jim

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