

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR WORSHIP
ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2022, 10:30 A.M.**

Please plan to join us in person (and why not bring a friend!) for our worship service this Sunday, November 13, 2022, the Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost. Our Scripture readings will be Isaiah 12 and 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, and the title of the sermon is "Shirkers and Slackers." A copy of the Bulletin for this service can be found here: <https://fpcofvictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/11-13-2022-Bulletin-PDF.pdf>.



PLEASE PLAN AHEAD!
JOIN US FOR FPC'S TRADITIONAL "HANGING OF THE GREENS,"
FOLLOWING OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE, NOVEMBER 20, 2022

Before you know it, the Advent Season will be upon us! For Christians, this is a happy time of anticipation-- not so much for parties and presents, but for the joy of the arrival of our Savior as a baby in a manger.

One sign of Advent that so many of us have come to appreciate are the lovely, tasteful decorations in our Sanctuary which punctuate the joyful festival of Advent. As with everything we do at FPC, such beauty does not happen without the work of many volunteers. So, please mark your calendar now, and plan to join in FPC's annual "hanging of the greens" after our worship service on November 20, 2022 (the Sunday before Thanksgiving) when we decorate our Sanctuary with lights and greenery to mark the Advent Season.

Many hands make for light work, so if many will stay after our worship service on Sunday, November 20th, we can make fast work of this joyful task. I can think of no better way to "get in the Christmas spirit" than to join in happy fellowship to prepare our church for the coming celebration of the birth of our Savior!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CALENDAR

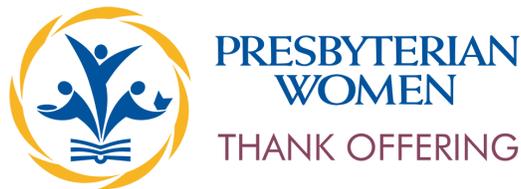
- Sunday, November 13, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m., in the Parlor: The Nellie Hudson Sunday School Class, led by Dawn Neel, will continue its six-week study of the Protestant Reformations, a study which is taken from the *Being Reformed: Faith Seeking Understanding* series.
- Wednesday, November 16, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., in the Parlor: Jim Stokes continues to lead this weekday study of the Book of Genesis.
- Thursday evening, November 17, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the office conference room: Due to your pastor's travel schedule this week, our confirmation class will be held on Thursday evening (instead of Wednesday evening). As always, please pray for our three young confirmands as they explore their nascent faith during their time together.



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

During November, the PW mission project is to support Perpetual Help Home. Please consider helping this effort with your contribution of any of these items which PW is collecting for the women residing at the Perpetual Help Home:

Toilet paper
Paper towels
Body wash
Women's stick deodorant
Kitchen drawstring garbage bags
Dish soap
Laundry detergent
Food storage bags of all sizes
Pine o' Pine floor cleaner
Liquid Clorox
Gift cards from HEB or WalMart



The Presbyterian Women will also be collecting a Thank Offering this Sunday. Envelopes will be in with you bulletin. The Thank Offering is one of Presbyterian Women's two offerings. Received in the fall each year, it gives women a tangible way to express their gratitude for the special blessings in their lives.

UPCOMING DATES FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Thursday November 10, 2022 9:30 AM: Adele Carsner Young Circle. Circle will meet in the parlor

Monday November 14, 2022 2:00 PM: Mary and Martha Circle.
Circle will also meet in the parlor

Presbyterian Women will be having a Christmas Luncheon together at Joe's Pasta and Pizza at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 1. At each November Circle Meeting, your Circle Chairman will be collecting a list of those planning to attend. We hope you will be able to celebrate the beginning of the Advent Season with us on that day!



ONE GREAT HOUR OF CARING

Please plan to join us this Friday, November 11, as our merry band of dusters, sweepers, and cleaners all gather again at 10:00 a.m. to participate in an hour of light housekeeping around the church.

If you have not joined us before, why not drop in at the church this Friday morning? You will be among friends, and you will be helping immeasurably in keeping our operating costs at a minimum.

Here are the future dates for our One Great Hour of Caring (all of the listed dates are on a Friday):

Nov. 25 @ 10am: Sanctuary & Restrooms (may change)

Dec. 9 @ 10am: Office Spaces & Halls

Dec. 23 @ 10am: Kitchen & Fellowship Hall (may change)

Any questions? If so, please contact Dawn Neel (361.652.3925).



**FPC WILL ONCE AGAIN SUPPORT
OUR ANNUAL
ANGEL TREE PROJECT
TO BENEFIT NEEDY CHILDREN**

We will once again participate in an Angel Tree project to bring Christian Christmas joy to area children. Thirteen children, ages 14 months to 14 years, who have been removed from their homes by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services will benefit from our Angel Tree. This year we have also partnered with Perpetual Help Home. We will provide Christmas gifts to twelve children, ages 14 months to 18 years, who reside at Perpetual Help Home with their mothers.

Opportunities to participate in the Angel Tree project are available to all interested Church members. Members can select a child's name from the Angel Tree display located in the Narthex, and purchase appropriate Christmas gifts for that child. Church members are provided with the child's age, clothing and shoe size, reasonable "wish list" and any special needs that child has if we received that information. Gift cards are also welcome. Suggested gift card locations are Target, Walmart, Academy, and HEB. A decorative box is located by the Angel Tree display for monetary donations. Donations will be used to purchase gift cards, or additional gifts as needed.

Suggested price for gifts is \$25.00+. Please provide batteries for toys that are battery operated. Gifts should be wrapped, and labeled with the child's name and assigned number. Wrapped gifts may be brought to Church on Sundays, or to the Church office during the week. Gifts may also be delivered

to the home of Wesley and Frances Miller (please call and speak with Erica if you would like this info). Packages MUST be received by **Sunday, December 4.**

For further information, please contact the Church office at 361-575-2441, or Frances Miller at 361-578-4679.



**VETERANS' DAY
NOVEMBER 11, 2022**

Today, as we circulate our Newsletter on Wednesday, November 8, 2022, we are mindful that it is close to Veterans' Day.

We pause, therefore, to express, on behalf of all the members and friends of First Presbyterian Church, our deepest gratitude to our veterans and their families as we commemorate this special day dedicated to all the men and women who have served in the U.S. armed forces while defending our freedom, our liberty, and our cherished democracy.

May God richly bless all those who have served our country with pride, selfless devotion, and patriotism!

Peace, grace, and mercy,

Pastor Jim

