

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE SERVICE
AND OUR CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2022, 10:30 A.M.**

At our worship service on Sunday, November 6, 2022, the Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost, we will have a special memorial liturgy to remember those saints among us who joined the Church Triumphant during the past twelve months. Candles will burn and names will be read to honor these dear loved ones whom we have lost. All Saints' Day falls on November 1st on the church calendar, and so, when Sunday does not fall on that date in a given

year, it is the practice of our church to celebrate this occasion on the first Sunday following November 1st.

Because this also the first Sunday of the month, we will likewise be celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Our Scripture readings will be Psalm 149 and Ephesians 1:11-23, and the title of the sermon is "All the Saints." A copy of the Bulletin for this service can be found here:

<https://fpcofvictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/11-6-2022-Bulletin-All-Saints-Sunday-PDF.pdf>.

Please plan to join us for this sacred worship service.



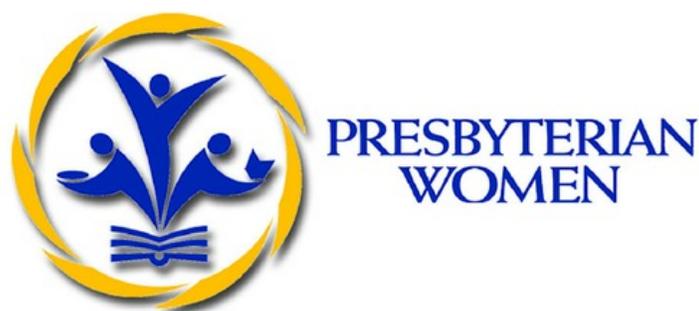
Unless you are anxious to arrive at church an hour early this Sunday, do not forget to adjust your clocks for the changeover to Central Standard Time this weekend! At 3:00 a.m., Sunday morning, clocks will be turned back one hour, making it 2:00 a.m., Central Standard Time.

Remember, it's "fall back, and spring forward," so this Fall enjoy your extra hour of sleep but don't forget to join us for our All Saints Remembrance worship service, during which we will also share communion at the Lord's table.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CALENDAR

- Sunday, November 6th, 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 9th, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., in the Parlor: Jim Stokes continues to lead this weekday study of the Book of Genesis.
- Wednesday evenings, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the office conference room: Our confirmation class has resumed on Wednesday evenings, November 9th through November 23rd. Please continue to pray for our three young confirmands as they explore their nascent faith during their time together.



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

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!



**OUR PDS YOUNG DISCIPLES ENJOY THEMSELVES
AS FIREFIGHTERS COME TO VISIT
AND "SPOOKY" HALLOWEEN IS CELEBRATED**

For our PDS students, coming to school involves having so much fun that they don't even realize how much they are growing, learning, and developing. Enjoy the happy pictures below to bring yourself up to date on the fun, excitement, and other happy things that are going on at PDS.





**PLANS ARE UNDERWAY FOR ANOTHER
ANGLE TREE PROJECT
TO BENEFIT NEEDY CHILDREN
IN THE CROSSROADS AREA
DURING THE 2022 CHRISTMAS SEASON**

During our 'Moment for Mission' this Sunday, we will be hearing from Frances Miller about the plans that are underway to place the names of children on our "Angle Tree" for whom members of the congregation can purchase gifts to make the Christmas season a little warmer, a little brighter for children who would otherwise have nothing.

This is a special mission in which our church has been engaged for many Christmases, and in your pastor's eyes it is one of the most spiritually rewarding things we do. In future Newsletters, we will be providing additional details, but meanwhile, please listen to Francis carefully this Sunday, and please be prepared to open your heart to support this special project.



**All Saints Sunday
November 6, 2022**

Although *All Saints Day* always falls on November 1st on the church calendar, this year, on Sunday, November 6, 2022, our church will be remembering all of those saints who have preceded us in faith into the Church Triumph. During our worship service, we will be especially honoring those among us who passed away between November 1, 2021, and October 31, 2022.

At the same time, *All Saints Day* presents an opportunity for us to remember all our loved ones. If there is someone whose name you would like for us to mention in loving memory in our worship bulletin next Sunday (even if they passed away earlier than within the last twelve months), please complete this form as indicated below and either drop it in the collection plate this morning or return it to the church office before **Friday at noon, November 5th**. If you would like to add a gift in memory of your loved one, please also include that information where indicated.

In Memory of _____

In Memory of _____

In Memory of _____

Your name: _____

Amount of Memorial _____ (Check ___; Cash ___)





THANK YOU FOR THE TIME TO REST, RELAX, AND REJUVENATE

As I have said before, but it always bears repeating, I am forever grateful to this congregation for the time they afford me to step away from my pastoral duties at FPC in order to spend time with my family to rest, relax, and rejuvenate.

For 10 days in October, Sally and I traveled with our grandson (Jimmy) to Ireland to see that beautiful country and to expose Jimmy to a culture, customs, and even a dialect different from his own. In the picture above, Jimmy and I are each holding our own hawks. We visited a falconry where these beautiful birds are bred, trained, and maintained. With the aid of a member of the staff, we were allowed to walk in the open woods where we could release the birds to soar high above the trees and then return to our outstretched arms to be rewarded with a piece of raw meat. I was moved by the beauty and majesty of these mighty birds of prey, Jimmy thought he was doing the “coolest thing in the world,” and together we felt like we were living the life of an Irish lord or baron in the Middle Ages-- although archeologists believe that hunting with birds of prey may have originated some 6,000 to 8,000 years ago in the steppes of Mongolia!

Still, no matter how far we may roam, no matter how exhilarating a vacation may be, there is still “no place like home.” Sally, Jimmy, and your preacher are now so very glad to be back with our family and friends.

Grateful for our time together with our grandson, Sally and I were reminded that we wish everyone could have the opportunity to see a larger part of God’s beautiful, and diverse!, world. When we become insular, when we seek just to be with our “own kind,” our hearts and minds become diminished in our capacity to appreciate *all* of God’s creation.

In my sermon this Sunday, we will explore the unity that our triune God intended among all the saints who claim Jesus as their Savior. For Paul, the “big divide” was between Jew and Gentile. For us, two thousand years later, there are plenty more “big divides” to overcome-- prejudices to conquer, strangers to feed and clothe, neighbors to love and accept. As Christians, we have plenty of work to do, but of course with God’s help, all things are possible in Christ Jesus.

Peace, grace, and mercy,

Pastor Jim

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