

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR WORSHIP
AND CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT,
DECEMBER 4, 2022, 10:30 A.M.**

Please join us in person for our worship service this Sunday, December 4, 2022, the second Sunday of Advent. Given that this will also be the first Sunday in December, we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

In the Spirit of Advent, our traditional Advent Wreath now stands in the front of the Sanctuary. Erica Colding and her children will be lighting the second Advent Candle (“Love”) this Sunday.

Our Scripture readings for our worship service will be the great messianic prophecy contained in Isaiah 1:1-10, as well as the story of John the Baptizer preaching in the wilderness in Matthew 3:1-12. The title of the sermon is “The Sermon in the Wilderness.” A copy of the Bulletin for this service can be found here: <https://fpcofvictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/12-4-2022-Bulletin-PDF.pdf>.



**THE REVEREND DANIEL FULTZ
IS RETIRING AFTER
31 YEARS OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRY**

A retirement celebration will be held honoring the Reverend Daniel Fultz for his service in Christian ministry. The celebration will be held at Grace Presbyterian Church, 3604 N. Ben Jordan, Victoria, Texas 77901, on **Saturday, December 10, 2022**. Friends are invited to stop in **between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.** for a “come and go” reception to share best wishes with Dan as

he retires and enters a new chapter of his life.

I know your pastor does not need to say this, but it bears repeating. Dan has been a decades-long friend of FPC, Victoria, and for over five years, he has been a friend and a source of constant inspiration and encouragement to your pastor. Dan is well known and well respected not only in the Victoria interfaith community, but also throughout the Victoria churches, clubs, and charitable organizations that seek to serve and improve the lives of all those who reside in the Crossroads Area.

Please take a moment to attend the reception and to express your gratitude, love, and support for Dan and his family.

*... he is a beloved brother, a faithful minister,
and a fellow servant in the Lord. – Colossians 4:7*



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CALENDAR

- Sunday, December 4, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m., in the Parlor: Dawn Neel and Pastor Jim DeMent are leading the Nellie Hudson Sunday School Class in a five-session Reflections on the Season of Advent. Our resource is a small booklet of daily reflections by that same title. The booklet is published by the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and is available, without cost, to each participant in the class. Our remaining sessions will meet on December 4th, 11th, and 18th, and January 1st

(yes, New Year's Day!). Please plan to join us in devotion, reflection, and conversation as we turn our spiritual focus to the joy and anticipation of this holy time of the liturgical year. And, oh yes, why not ask a friend to join you for some quality conversation of faith!

- 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.

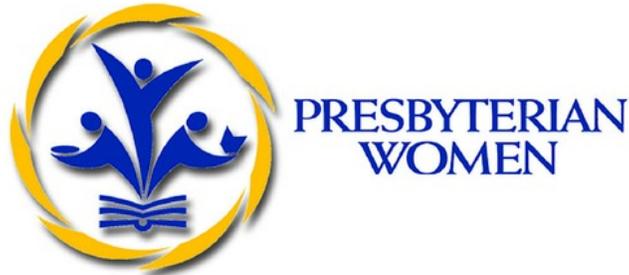


**OUR ANNUAL
ANGEL TREE PROJECT
TO BENEFIT NEEDY CHILDREN
IS COMING TO AN END!**

As reported in our last Newsletter, Frances Miller and the Presbyterian Women hung 25 cards on our Angel Tree for needy children in the Crossroads Area, and by Sunday, November 20th, all of those cards had been claimed by the members and friends of FPC!

Do not fret, however, if you wanted to participate in this wonderful mission of our church but were unable to retrieve a card from the Angel Tree before they were all gone. Frances Miller reports that members of the congregation may still drop off towels and/or packages of children's socks at the church office. These greatly need items will be included among the gifts that will be shared with the children and families who will be blessed with the love and generosity of our congregation during this Advent Season.

On a final note, please remember that *wrapped* packages (and their corresponding identification cards) must be received in the church office **by no later than Sunday, December 4, 2022**. For further information, or if you have any questions or doubts, please contact the church office (361.575.2441; info@fpcofvictoria.org) or Frances Miller (361.578.4679).



Presbyterian Women - December Meetings and Events

Dont forget to join us! Presbyterian Women will be having a Christmas Luncheon together at **Joe's Pasta and Pizza at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 1**. We hope you will be able to celebrate the beginning of the Advent Season with us on that day! If you have not responded to your Circle chairman, please text Lynn McAuley at 979-248-6238 to let her know whether you plan to attend the Luncheon. You do **NOT** need to be the member of a Circle to celebrate Advent with us.

UPCOMING DATES FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

December 6, 2022 12:00 PM Presbyterian Women Coordinating Council Meeting

December 8, 2022 9:30 AM Adele Carsner Young Circle

December 12, 2022 2:00 PM Mary & Martha Circle Meeting

ONE GREAT HOUR OF CARING

Please plan to join us Next Friday, December 9, 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):

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)



SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION CALLED FOR DECEMBER 11, 2022

The Session has called a Special Meeting of the Congregation to be held at the conclusion of the worship service on Sunday, December 11, 2022. During this brief meeting, the Chair of the Congregation Nomination Committee, Dawn Neel, will bring a follow-up report on a recommendation of the CNC, specifically that Camille Miller be elected to serve on the Session for a three-year term (the Class of 2025), commencing January 1, 2023. The election of a third Elder to serve on the Session in the Class of 2025 will complete the election of the number of Elders needed to fill that Class, given that two members of the Class of 2025 were elected at our Congregational Meeting held on November 27, 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 confirm with that individual that he or she would be willing to service if elected.

At the end of such discussion as the Congregation may desire, a vote will be taken to elect the third member of the Session Class of 2025. May God grant us and our new leaders strength and wisdom as First Presbyterian Church continues *Our Journey Forward*, and as we enter a new year of hope, promise, and continued service to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Peace, grace, and mercy,

Pastor Jim

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