

**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP
THIS SUNDAY,
JANUARY 29, 2023, 10:30 A.M.**

Please join us for our worship service this Sunday, January 29, 2023, the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany. Our Scripture readings will be Psalm 15 and 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (the Apostle Paul's discussion of the "foolish wisdom of the world"). The title of the sermon is "Spirituality and Wisdom," and a copy of the Bulletin for this service can be found here: <https://fpcofvictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/2023-29-1-Bulletin-PDF.pdf>.



**SALLIE WATSON,
GENERAL PRESBYTER OF MISSION PRESBYTERY
WILL JOINS US FOR
“FIFTH TUESDAY” FELLOWSHIP ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2023, AT 6:00 PM**

Presbyterians value being connected in fellowship with their fellow Christians, and certainly with their fellow Presbyterians. In the revival of a practice that was suspended by COVID, members and clergy from churches in the “Victoria region” of Mission Presbytery will gather for a potluck supper at FPC, Victoria, on **Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.**

If you recall, these meetings seldom have a formal agenda. Presbyterians from throughout our region gather to catch up, to share stories, and to offer encouragement to one another. At this dinner, Sallie Watson, the General Presbyter of Mission Presbytery, will also present a brief update on the Presbytery’s exciting reorganization plans. FPC Elder Bill Wilkinson was among the many faithful Presbyterians who gave generously of their time and talent to consider the best way in which the various committees, missions, and activities of Mission Presbytery might be organized in a more efficient and effective manner to operate in a post-COVID environment.

Please make plans to join members of other congregation, together with members of our congregations from all around the Crossroads Area, as together we break bread, share fellowship, reconnect with one another, and learn about recent developments in our Presbytery. Our time together lasts no longer than 90 minutes (and sometimes even less), so basically the invitation is to come share a potluck dinner in FPC’s Fellowship Hall while enjoying a good time with Presbyterian friends, old and new.

The dinner is open to everyone in our church (not just the preacher and Session members). Please make plans to come and help us extend a warm welcome to our visitors as we host this “Fifth Tuesday” potluck dinner!



**WHAT COULD BE MORE FUN THAN A
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
COMBINED WITH A
*SUPER BOWL OF SOUPS?!!***

The session has called an Annual Meeting of the Congregation to held after our worship service on Sunday, February 12, 2023. Pursuant to the Presbyterian Book of Order G-1.0501, the purpose of the meeting will be to report to the congregation on matters appropriate for congregational consideration, plus we will receive a report from the Session regarding nominations for members of a Congregation Nomination Committee to serve in 2023.

The primary purpose of this CNC will be to nominate, at the end of the year, Ruling Elders to serve on the Session as the Class of 2026. Returning to ‘best practices’ which this church has followed in prior years, however, we are electing this CNC early in the year to be available to nominate individuals to fill any vacancies on the Session which may occur prior to the end of the year (a contingency that we devoutly pray will not arise).

But wait a minute! Isn’t February 12th the date of the Super Bowl game this year? Yes, indeedy, it is! But the game doesn’t start until 5:30 p.m.,

Central time, so why not have a “warm-up” luncheon in Fellowship Hall to get ready for the Big Game?!

The Caregiving & Fellowship Committee is asking you to consider bringing your favorite soup, casserole, or snack dish to our potluck luncheon on Super Bowl Sunday, so that we can all enjoy Super Bowls of Soup and Super Snacks before we return home and settle in to watch this uniquely American sports event. This will be a fun way to take care of some church business (but don't worry, it's too early for our Stewardship Campaign!) and to enjoy some delicious food and wonderful fellowship together.

Make your plans to attend now!



ANNAUL SESSION RETREAT TO PLAN FOR 2023

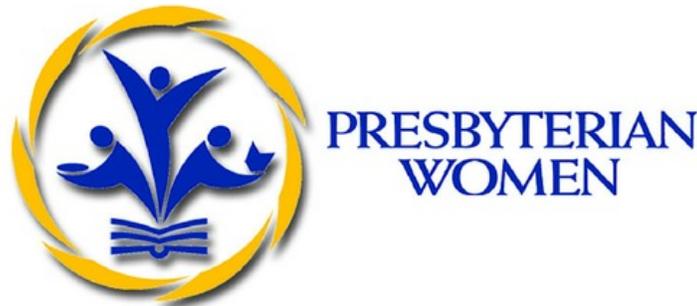
On Saturday, February 4, 2023, the Session will hold its annual retreat at the Broadax Ranch near Tivoli, Texas. Each year that we have done this, it has proven to be a moving and a motivating experience for our leaders as they seek to discern the will of the Holy Spirit in the life of our church. Please be in prayer for the members of our Session as they embrace the challenges of planning *Our Forward Journey* and as they consider the growth of our church in service to the Lord.



**REPORTS OF
CHARITABLE GIVING
ARE BEING PREPARED**

Erica Colding, our Office Administrator without equal, is now preparing the annual Contribution Statements which, in the next several days, will be mailed to each person for whom we have a record of making a financial contribution to First Presbyterian Church of Victoria, Texas in 2022.

When you receive your form, please review it carefully, and if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Erica in the church office (361.575.2441; info@fpcofvictoria.org). Once more, thank you for your faithful support of the missions of this church even in a time of pandemic and economic hardship.



Presbyterian Women's mission focus for February 2023 is Mid Coast Family Services. Presbyterian Women will be assisting this worthy organization by providing the following (the items appearing in bold text are most needed at this time):

- Ceramic pr plastic bowls (cereal size)**
- (Bed) Pillows**
- Full size sheets and pillowcases**
- Shampoo and conditioner (including ethnic hair care products)**

Large/Oversized t-shirts for women to sleep in. Shirts can be new or gently used. Plain tees with logos are ok.

Kleenex

Comforters - twin or full size

Plastic forks and spoons

Body wash

Combs and brushes

Deodorant

Satin sleeping bonnets

Cloth towels (bath and hand size, and washcloths)

Tall kitchen garbage bags

Lip balm

Toothpaste

Disposable razors (women's)

Panties for girls and women (all sizes)

Feminine hygiene products

If you would like to donate to the Presbyterian Women's mission this month, you can bring items to the church office.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CALENDAR

- *Sunday, January 29, 2023, 9:30 – 10:00 a.m., in the Parlor:* Dawn Neel continues to lead a study on Biblical Prophecy. Study Guides (*“The Prophets Speak”*) are available, and each participant in the class will be given one free of charge. Please join Dawn and fellow classmates for an interesting and timely study.

Jim Stokes has decided to take a “sabbatical” from teaching his course on Genesis, but on behalf of the congregation, I want to thank Jim for his faithful study and leadership. Watch this space for future announcements when Jim returns!



The family of Ruth Ann Bernard wants to inform her many friends that a Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held for our dear sister in Christ on Saturday, February 25, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary of our church. The Presbyterian Women will host a reception for family and friends in Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

Death has been swallowed up in victory!
~ 1 Corinthians 15:54

Peace, grace, and mercy,

Pastor Jim

