

**PUBLICATION NOTE: THE ELECTRONIC DISTRIBUTION OF OUR NEWSLETTER IS BEING MADE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE TODAY SO THAT ALL OUR READERS MAY BE MADE AWARE OF THE MEMORIAL SERVICE THAT WILL BE HELD FOR LINDA PATTERSON TOMORROW, APRIL 27, 2023, AT 11:00 A.M. FOR FURTHER DETAILS, PLEASE READ THE ARTICLE NEAR THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER.**



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**JOIN US FOR OUR  
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE,  
APRIL 30, 2023, 10:30 A.M.**

Our Scripture readings for this Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, are Acts 2:42-47 (recounting life among new believers in the early church) and 1 Peter 2:18-25 (Peter advises slaves to accept the authority of their masters). The title of the sermon is "God's Word in Context," and a copy of the Bulletin for this service can be found here: <https://fpcovictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023-4-30-Bulletin-PDF.pdf>.

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**THIS SUNDAY WE WILL BAPTIZE  
KAROLINE MICHELLE GOHLKE  
INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST**

As an extra delight on Sunday, April 30th, the Rev. Bette Burris will join us in our worship service to co-preside with your pastor over the baptism of Karoline Michelle Gohlke, daughter of Shaye and Katie Gohlke.

Come, let us welcome Bette and the Gohlke Family on this joyous occasion!

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**GENTLEMEN,  
IT'S SHOWTIME!**

Mark your calendar for the Presbyterian Men's Bake Sale which will be held Sunday, April 30, immediately following worship and our potluck luncheon scheduled for that day. All men are encouraged to create the pie, cake, cookies, or bread of your choice to be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Get out your cookbooks to start making your plans and gathering your ingredients. If you need a little assistance from "others" in your household, that's all right, too!

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**DESPITE THE RAIN AND THUNDER LAST SUNDAY,  
OUR SANCTUARY WAS FILLED WITH  
ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL**

On PDS Sunday last week, over a dozen young disciples from our Presbyterian Day School came to worship, sing, and celebrate with their parents during a worship service that emphasized our church's Christian education ministry through PDS. What a joy! What a delight!

Parents, children, and grandparents enjoyed donuts and beverages in Fellowship Hall prior to the 10:30 worship service. In fact, they enjoyed the refreshments so much that many families, including some who were unable to come early, returned to Fellowship Hall after the service. Members of the Fellowship and Mission and Outreach Committees were on hand to greet and serve our guests. A special thank you to Patrick Patterson who donated the delicious donuts and donut holes.

It was a wonderful occasion to show our community how much we love their children and welcome them into our church! All in attendance on Sunday were rewarded with the precious songs the children performed on the Chancel steps. We look forward to more events with PDS in the future!

Gray clouds and rain may have surrounded the church last Sunday, but as these pictures show, it was bright and beautiful inside:



**OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL  
FOR AGES 5-12**



**Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these". Matt 19:14**

We're Back and Ready for some more "Knowledge". We will be revisiting the Garden of Eden and learning more about Adam and Eve! Join us for our interactive story and felt pieces as we read all about Adam and Eve and why they had to leave the Garden of Eden.

Our Sunday school lessons are multi-sensory, which means we are using all 5 senses to learn our bible stories, and it is fun, fun, fun. Children ages 5-12 are welcome.

Join us on Sunday mornings from 9:45am – 10:15am. Contact Leila Galvan at 956-367-2234 if you have questions or would like to participate. All are welcome!

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**Mission and Outreach**

The most precious commodity we own in God's world is our time. When we let one minute slip away without producing something good or doing something for someone else we can never get that minute back. Please consider the value of your minutes and join one of the FPC's team at Christ's Kitchen or Victoria Christian Assistance Ministries.





Your team from First Presbyterian Church of Victoria, Texas joined hundreds of other Victorians for Earth Day cleanup. The team included Billy Leske, Ruth Anderson, Jordan Anderson, Jim Miller, Donald Anderson, and members of Boy Scout Troop 368, Doug Borden, Nicolas Robinson, Brandon Gonzales, Brett Madden, and Angela Robinson. The morning air was cool and fresh. We all had a great time and enjoyed being with each other while cleaning and protecting God's great creation.



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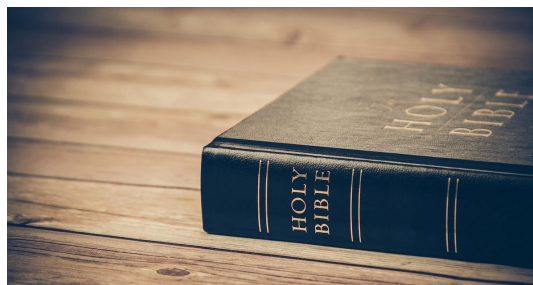


**ONE GREAT HOUR OF CARING:  
THIS FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023, AT 10:00 A.M.**

Our schedule for future cleaning sessions appears below (all dates are on a Friday). If you have some time to help us save money for the church while enjoying fellowship with good friends who love our church, please join us. No prior experience required!

May 12 at 10:00 AM: Sanctuary & Restrooms  
May 26 at 10:00 AM: Office Space & Halls  
June 9 at 10:00 AM: Kitchen & Fellowship Hall  
June 23 at 10:00 AM: Sanctuary & Restrooms  
July 14 at 10:00 AM: Office Spaces & Halls  
July 28 at 10:00 AM: Kitchen & Fellowship Hall

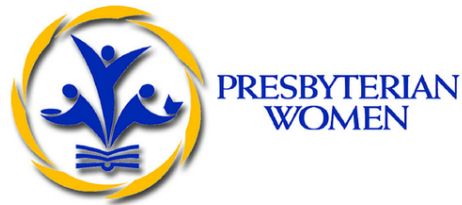
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**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

- Sunday, April 30, 2023, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m., in the Parlor: The Nellie Hudson Adult Sunday School Class continues its study entitled, “*Prayers and Poetry*,” a spiritual study of the beauty, majesty, and power of prayer. Materials will be provided, and you can be sure of a great time of fellowship and learning.

- Kingdom Kids: Sunday Morning starting at 9:45 a.m. Come by and experience our multi-sensory lessons.



## NEWS FOR THE NEW PW STUDY YEAR

May will bring with it the final lesson in our Horizon's Bible Study: Celebrating Sabbath. Presbyterian Women have begun planning already for the new study year which starts in September. Two big changes include combining the two daytime circles into one and the addition of an evening circle.

We would love to have input about what you would like the evening circle to be. If you are possibly interested in joining the evening circle, we would love to hear from you. Please call the church office and leave your name with Erica. With a list of possible members, we can proceed to make this circle very special and meaningful to those who choose to attend it.



Our dear sister in Christ, Linda Fagan Patterson, was called home by the Lord on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at the age of 80. We will hold a Service of Witness to the Resurrection in Celebration of Linda's glorious life in our Sanctuary on **Thursday, April 27, at 11:00 a.m.** The service will be live streamed on our website ([www.fpcovictoria.org](http://www.fpcovictoria.org)) and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/fpcovictoria>).

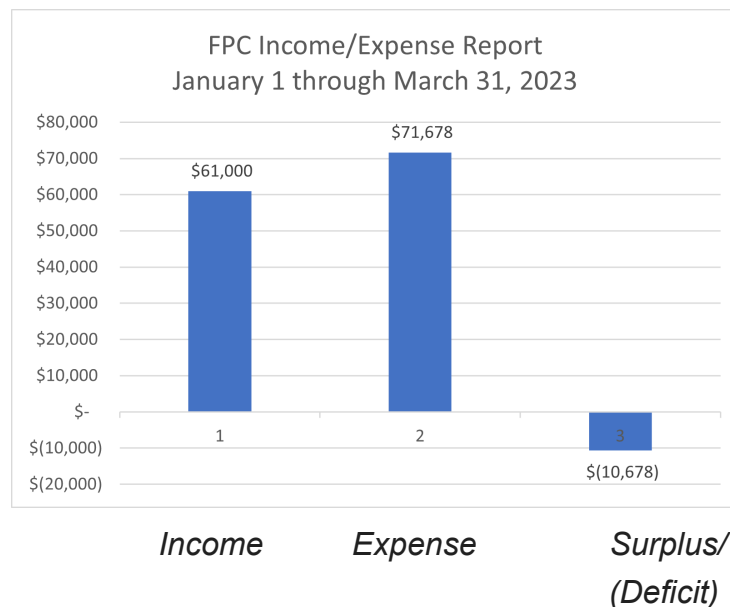
Everyone is invited to join Linda's family in Fellowship Hall for a catered reception immediately following the service.





Disappointingly, church revenue through the first calendar quarter of 2023 fell approximately \$10,000 short of our expenses during the same period. Our Finance Committee will be meeting soon to determine if this is merely a timing issue or whether we need to consider even greater (likely painful) reductions in our expenses going forward.

Meanwhile, however, so far we are fortunate to have sufficient cash flow in April (which includes Easter Sunday) to not be in immediate difficulty. Still, if you have been 'tardy' in keeping your pledge-giving current, please help us by catching up as soon as you can!



*Each of you must give as you have made up your mind,  
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

2 Cor 9:7

Peace, grace, and mercy,

Pastor Jim

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