

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR WORSHIP  
ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023, AT 10:30 A.M.**

Please join us for worship this Sunday, the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, October 15, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. Our Scripture readings will be Psalm 23 ("The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want") and Matthew 22:1-14 (the Parable of the Wedding Feast). The title of the sermon is "Invitation and Judgment," and a copy of the bulletin can be found here:

<https://fpcovictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/2023-10-15-Bulletin-3-PDF.pdf>

***A Special Musical Note***

For our Organ Anthem, Robert will be playing “The Twenty-third Psalm” by Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964), an American pianist, organist, and composer. Malotte’s most famous composition is “The Lord’s Prayer,” a powerful piece which Robert plays for us from time to time during our worship services and at funerals. Malotte’s second most famous composition is the one which Robert will play for us this Sunday.

Many enjoy Malotte’s compositions not only for their beauty but also for the moving way in which the composer has written melodies that naturally reinforce the biblical passages on which they are based. A listener familiar with the Lord’s Prayer, for example, is compelled to recite the words in their mind as Malotte’s majestic melody is played.

Please join us this Sunday (and why not invite a friend?!) to enjoy our ministry of music as Robert once again plays for us beautiful and inspirational music to enhance our worship.

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### **SESSION APPROVES THREE NEW COMMUNITY OUTREACH INITIATIVES**

This past Monday evening, the Session approved three great programs for you to participate in our community. Please mark your calendar for these important activities and make plans to join your brothers and sisters as we provide support and assistance to our community.

**October 21, 2023** - Join the FPC, Victoria team and participate in the City of Victoria Queen City Cleanup from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. It will be a fun time and a good way to meet others in our community who are working to make our world a better place. If you would like to participate, please contact the church

office ([info@fpcofvictoria.org](mailto:info@fpcofvictoria.org); 361.575.2441) so that we can get you registered to join those who have already signed up for this great opportunity of fellowship and community service.

**October 29 – November 19, 2023** – We are planning a Scavenger Hunt to support VCAM with food products for their Thanksgiving Day distribution. The object of the Scavenger Hunt will be for each of us to find a can of food in our kitchens and pantries each day based on a list of items to scavenge. A list of vegetable and fruit cans will be provided for members and friends of our church to collect each day. We will provide large brown bags and the list to scavenge. Bags can be deposited weekly on Sunday or dropped by the church office during the week. The VCAM shopping cart will be the drop off spot. More information about the Scavenger Hunt will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

**December 6, 2023** – FPC, Victoria will sponsor a Veterans Fair in partnership with the Texas Veterans Commission and the Veterans Resource Department of the Texas Workforce Commission. The goal is to inform our congregation regarding benefits available to our veterans and their families and to provide outreach and assistance to all veterans in our community.

Gina Brown, Veterans Resource Coordinator, Coastal Bend & Golden Crescent Areas representative, will organize the Veterans Fair, as well as publicize the Fair through the various veteran organization contacts available to her. She has already received commitments from Victoria Veterans Center and the Military Veterans Network. She will be working to recruit more veteran organizations to participate. To support the Veterans Fair and those who attend, FPC will provide the Fellowship Hall, bottled water, tea, and coffee.



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Get Support

## PAW Pet Care Assistance



Our congregation has responded again in a huge way helping those in our community that cannot afford to buy cat and dog food for their loving animal

companions. In September we donated 136 pounds of dog food and 60 pounds of cat food to the Meals on Wheels Paw Bites program. This was about one-third of what we contributed in August, but it was gratefully accepted and appreciated by the Meals on Wheels South Texas staff.

Each time a member of our Mission and Outreach Committee delivers our church's weekly donation, the staff greets them with open arms and gives thanks for what our church does for those senior citizens they serve. They report that because of our contributions Meals on Wheels has not had to purchase cat or dog food for the past two months to meet their clients' needs!

We fell short of our goal in September. You are encouraged to join in again by purchasing an extra bag of cat or dog food for those needing our help. Our red Paw Bites wagon will continue to be in Narthex of the church for your convenience. Please remember to bring a bag of cat or dog food with you on Sunday.

Your support of this important work of God in our community is being felt in the lives of many. We do this in the name of Jesus Christ.

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**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING  
AGAIN THIS  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2023, AT 10:00 A.M.**

This Friday, October 13, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., we will once again gather as has become our custom to do some light cleaning around the church.



Forget your superstitions!! Any day that the friends and members of our church help us save money on cleaning expenses is a lucky day indeed!

Please join us for some good times and fellowship, all for the benefit of our church!

Here, for your convenience is a list of the upcoming dates for our One Great Hour of Caring:

October 13

October 27

November 10

November 24 (may change due to Thanksgiving)

December 8

December 22 (may change due to Christmas)

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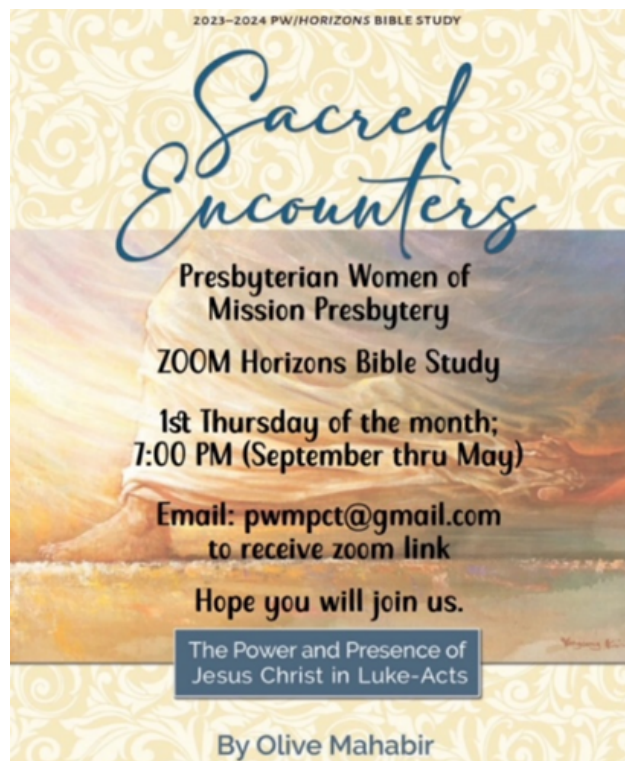
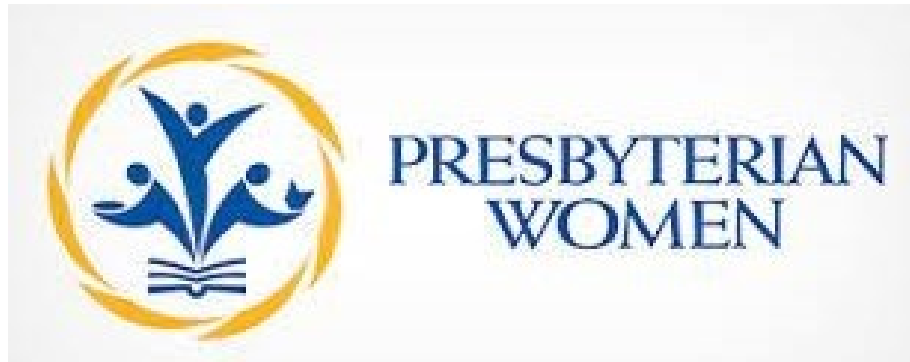
### **WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?**

Well, if you were like our PDS young disciples, maybe you wanted to be a firefighter! The Victoria Fire Department made its annual visit to PDS on Wednesday, October 11, 2023. In addition to providing age-appropriate safety

lessons, VFD personnel showed off their big fire trucks and other equipment--all to the delight of their young audiences.

It is right and proper that we teach our children to respect those who serve and protect our community, whether they are members of the police force, the fire department, the EMS, or the many other public organizations devoted to our welfare. As we ask for God's blessings on these dedicated public servants, we pray for the safety of all those who place themselves in harm's way.





Great news for anyone who is unable to attend monthly circle meetings at FPC, Victoria, but who would still like to participate in the Horizon Bible Study.

This year Presbyterian Women of Mission Presbytery is once again hosting the Horizons Bible Study on Zoom. We will be meeting in online sessions on the first Thursday of each month, September - May at 7:00 PM. We hope you will join us as we consider Jesus and Jesus' disciples who shared the Good News through sacred encounters with everyday people.

If you would like to be added to our Zoom bible study invite, please email



us at [pwpmpct@gmail.com](mailto:pwpmpct@gmail.com).

**A SACRED  
ENCOUNTER  
BY THE SEA**

**Fall Presbyterian Women's Gathering**

**1st Presbyterian Church of Palacios**  
501 3rd Street Palacios, TX 77465

**October 14, 2023**

9:30am-10:00am Registration  
10am-10:45am Icebreakers  
10:45am-11:00am Break  
11:00am-11:45am Worship  
11:45am-12:00pm Break  
12:00pm-12:30pm Bible Study Overview  
with Liz Anzaldua  
12:30pm-2:00pm Lunch, Crafts, Door Prizes

**Please RSVP to Emily Fagan-Baker**  
at [emilynfagan@hotmail.com](mailto:emilynfagan@hotmail.com)  
or 361-646-5670

Make a Weekend of it With Friends  
or Family! There are many beautiful  
places to stay in Palacios.  
<https://cityofpalacios.org/places-to-stay/>

Our PW Victoria Cluster Fall Gathering will be hosted this year by the women of First Presbyterian Church of Palacios on Saturday, October 14th. In addition to the information contained in the publicity flyer shown above, Ellen Gray, cluster leader and daughter of our own Mardy Ratliff, will be sending us more information in the following weeks. Be sure and mark your calendars for this wonderful fellowship event!



**Perpetual Help Home** is the Presbyterian Women mission focus for **October**. Perpetual Help Home needs are:

- \* Body Wash
- \* Deodorant (solid)
- \* Shampoo
- \* Conditioner
- \* Loofah Bath & Shower Poofs



- \* Dish Soap (Large bottles; Dawn preferred)
- \* Laundry Detergent (Powder, Liquid, or Pods)
- \* Tall Kitchen garbage bags
- \* Spray Disinfectant (for Kitchen or Bath)
- \* Toilet Paper
- \* Paper Towels
- \* Condiments (salt & pepper, garlic powder, chili powder)
- \* Plastic cereal bowls (found at various dollar stores)
- \* Plastic food storage containers (sizes: 2, 3, or 5 cup)
- \* HEB & Walmart gift cards

Please assist Presbyterian Women by donating any of the above items. Donations may be left in the Church office.

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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 added to our 10 commandment tablets this past Sunday with #7, honor marriage. We talked about what it meant to honor marriage and how a wedding ring means two people have promised to be faithful to each other. Keeping with the wedding ring idea, we crafted up our own wedding ring and used lots (and I mean lots!) of jewels to make it shine. For snack, we made apple rings and added some sprinkles to represent jewels. As with every lesson, we went through all the commandments by singing the 10 Commandments song and reading our book.

We will take a break this Sunday, 10/15, but looking forward to learning about commandment #8, do not steal, on 10/22. Hope you can join us then.

Contact Leila Galvan at 956-367-2234 if you have questions or would like to participate. All are welcome!



## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

- There will be no meeting of the *Nellie Hudson Adult Sunday School Class* this Sunday, October 15th, as the class takes a break after concluding their six-week study of "Being Reformed - Faith Seeking Understanding: Faith and Science."

The class will resume its studies next week (October 22nd) as it takes up the topic of "Christian Living in God's Splendor," again as presented in the same familiar series, "Being Reformed - Faith Seeking Understanding." As always, Dawn Neel will have copies of the study material for all who wish to participate.

- *Kid's Kingdom, Sunday, 9:45 a.m.*: We will take a break this Sunday, October 15, 2023, but come join us next week, as we continue learning about the 10 commandments and making yummy snacks.



The family of our longtime member, Kathleen McCameron who joined the Church Triumphant on April 26, 2023, has informed the church office that her ashes will be interred in the Cheapside Cemetery (Gonzales County, Texas) on Saturday, October 14, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. It will be an intimate affair, and your pastor has not been asked to officiate. Nevertheless, Kathleen's family understands that Kathleen's many friends (over many decades) will want to know this news and, if they wish, to be present at the interment as Kathleen is laid to her eternal rest.

Peace, grace, and mercy,

Pastor Jim

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