



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR WORSHIP
ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023, AT 10:30 A.M.**

Please join us for worship this Sunday, the Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost, October 22, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. Our Scripture readings will be Psalm 96:1-9 ("O Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth") and Matthew 22:15-22 ("Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor

the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's"). The title of the sermon is "Whose Image Do We Follow?" and a copy of the bulletin can be found here: <https://fpcofvictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/2023-10-22-bulletin-PDF-2.pdf>

A Special Musical Note

Joyfully, we welcome David Faskas back to our Sanctuary to participate in our music ministry this Sunday. David will play several pieces for us on his guitar as we enjoy his talent and the inspiration of his musical selections. Although we are not sure, we hope that David's family will join us-- his lovely wife, Rachael and their son, Noah, who is a happy young disciple in our Presbyterian Day School.

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



**SESSION APPROVES THREE NEW
COMMUNITY OUTREACH INITIATIVES,
BEGINING WITH THE
CITY OF VICTORIA QUEEN CITY CLEANUP,
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 ,2023, 9;00 TO 11:00 A.M.**

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 - Saturday, come join Team 5, the FPC, Victoria team, and participate in the City of Victoria Queen City Cleanup from 9:00 to

11:00 a.m. Just show up around 8:45 a.m. for a safety meeting. Wear comfortable walking shoes. It is recommended you wear a pair of gloves. The City of Victoria will provide safety vests and pickup tools. It will be a fun time and a good time to meet others in our community who are working to make our world a better place.

October 29 – November 19, 2023 – First Presbyterian Church has been a faithful supporter of VCAM's ongoing efforts to sustain the hungry, poor, and homeless in our community. With Thanksgiving rapidly approaching, it would be helpful to provide additional assistance through our food donations. We will have a "Food Scavenger Hunt", beginning on Sunday, October 29, and ending on Sunday, November 19. The Mission and Outreach Committee will provide large brown bags and a weekly list of food items to "scavenge." Each week, a brown bag and new list of canned foods and non-perishable items will be provided for members to pick up at church. The empty bags can be picked up in the Narthex or on the table in the back hallway. Filled bags can be deposited weekly on Sunday or dropped off during the week. The VCAM shopping cart near the Fellowship Hall will be the drop off point. Your support of this outreach will make a difference in the lives of many in our community.

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, bottles water, tea, and coffee.

Get Support

PAW Pet Care Assistance

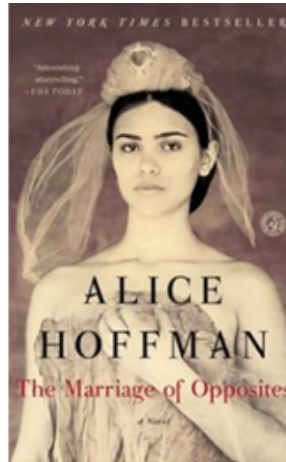


Our congregation has responded again in a huge way helping those in our community that cannot afford to buy cat and dog food for their loving animal companions. In September we donated 136 pounds of dog food and 60 pounds of cat food to the Meals on Wheels Paw Bites program. This was about one-third 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.

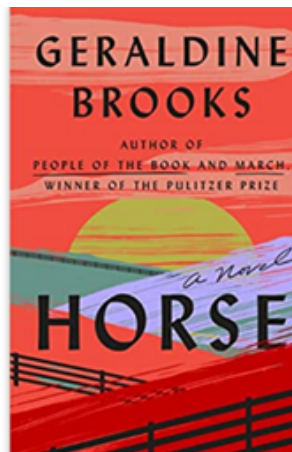
Your support of this important work of God in our community is being felt in the lives of many. We do this in the name of Jesus Christ.



BOOK CLUB CONTINUES ITS FALL GATHERINGS

The Book Club will have its next meeting this month (always the fourth Tuesday of each month) on October 24, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. in the church parlor. This month, we will be discussing, *The Marriage of Opposites* by Alice Hoffman.

Looking out ahead, these are the books we will be reading and discussing in the coming months:

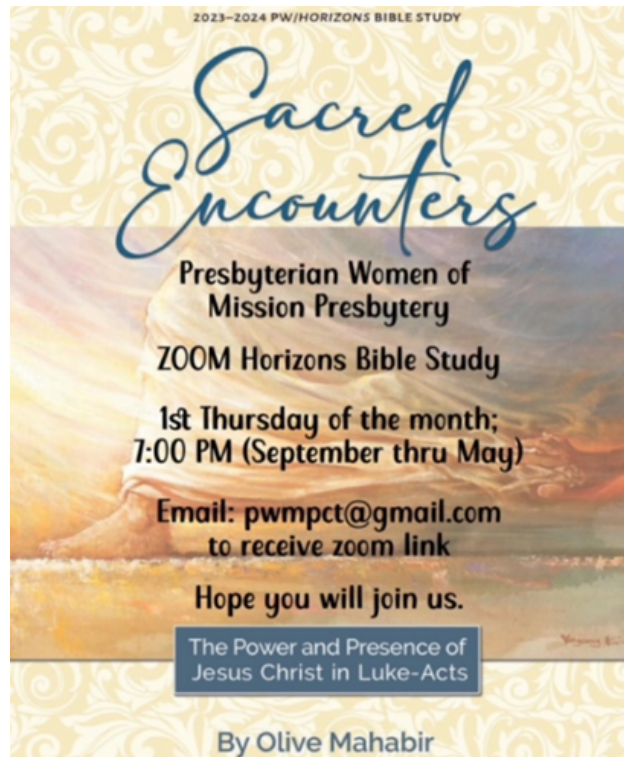
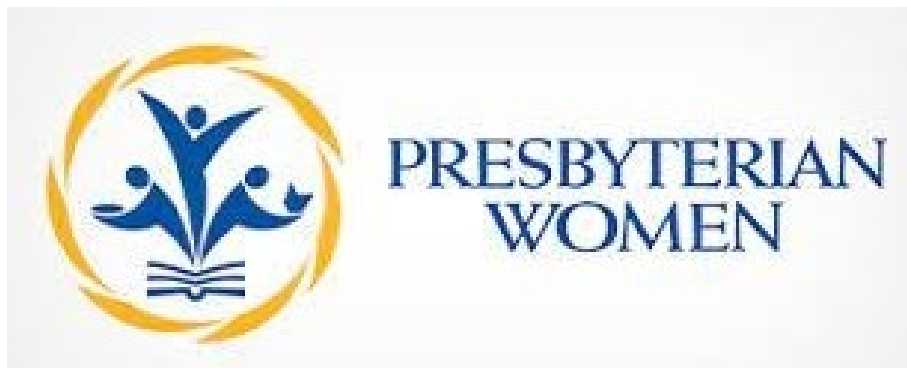


November 28, 2023
Horse, by Geraldine Brooks



[to be determined]
Comfort and Joy, by Kristin Hannah

Please plan to join us this Fall for some great books to read and a promise of warm fellowship (and why not invite a friend?!).



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 pwmpct@gmail.com.



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.



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

Join us this Sunday October 22 at 9:45 am., as we continue learning our 10 commandments. This Sunday we will learn about commandment #8, do not steal, and of course have a yummy snack. Hope you can joins us

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



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- This Sunday, October 22nd, the *Nellie Hudson Adult Sunday School Class* begins a new six-week study of “Being Reformed - Faith Seeking Understanding: Christian Living in God’s Splendor.” 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 are back this Sunday, October 22, learning about the 10 commandments and making tasty snacks.

Peace, grace, and mercy,

Pastor Jim

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