

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR WORSHIP
ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 2024, AT 10:30 A.M.**

Please join us for worship this Sunday, for Transfiguration Sunday, at 10:30 a.m. Our Scripture readings will be Psalm 50:1-6 (He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people) and Matthew 5:21-26 (But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment;). A copy of the bulletin can be found here: <https://fpcovictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/2024-2-11-transfiguration-sunday-3-PDF.pdf>

A Special Worship Note

We want to welcome Kathy Neece, who will lead our worship service this Sunday, February 11.



THE SEASON OF LENT

*“May the Spirit of the triune God strengthen and sustain us
all throughout these forty days and into the life that is to come.”*

Luke 4:1-2

“Lent” comes from an old English word springtime, perhaps connected with the lengthening of days in this time of year in the Northern Hemisphere. The season of Lent is a time for growth in faith – through prayer, spiritual discipline, and self-examination in preparation for the commemoration of the dying and rising of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lent is a period of forty days -- like the flood of Genesis, Moses’ sojourn at Sinai, Elijah’s journey to Mount Horeb, Jonah’s call to Nineveh, and Jesus’ testing in the wilderness. The Sundays in Lent are not counted among the forty days, as every Lord’s Day is a celebration of Christ’s resurrection. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and concludes at sunset on Holy Saturday, at the start of the Great Vigil of Easter.

Book of Common Worship, Daily Prayer, pg. 159



SERVICE OF ASHES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH AT 6PM.

In the nineteenth verse of Genesis chapter 3, God told Adam, “By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return”.

Please join us in this Service of Ashes, as we remember our shortcomings and our mortality. We will receive the imposition of ashes by church elders as a traditional sign of mourning and repentance and be reminded that life is short.

While reading a back copy of the Presbyterian Outlook magazine, a message of note emerged.

As found in this article, Pastor Rod MacDonald of The Presbyterian Church of Burlington, Mass., tells his congregation, “When you go home and when you wash this cross off your forehead, remember your baptism in Christ and the good news. Even on Ash Wednesday, mortality isn’t the last word. God still has the last word.”

The logo for "missions and outreach" is located at the bottom of the page. It consists of a dark teal rectangle. Inside this rectangle is a light teal circle. The words "missions" and "and outreach" are written in white, lowercase, sans-serif font, stacked vertically within the circle.

**missions
and outreach**

Your Mission and Outreach Committee met on Thursday, February 1, 2024, at 2:00 P.M., in the church conference room. The committee currently includes Donald H Anderson, Roxanna Hauschild, Billy Leske, Dolly Stokes, and Frances Miller. Your committee has several recommendations to present to Session at its meeting on February 12, 2024. Stay tuned for more information.



The VCAM food wagons, yes wagons, are now located in the Narthex and in the hall by the church office.

We are quick to enjoy our covered dish luncheons and freshly prepared breakfasts while there are those in our community that have limited food sources. Please consider bringing an extra item of canned goods or a bag of flour, sugar, rice or beans and leave them in one of the baskets. We encourage you to volunteer. Contact the church office, Becky Richter, or Jack Kleinecke about how you can spend 2-4 hours a week volunteering at VCAM serving our community. It is truly a blessing and is actually a lot of fun.



Our congregation continues to hear the call. The ladies at Meals on Wheels are excited and grateful for your contributions. We need to keep it up. Our contributions have diminished over the past several months. Please renew your commitment to this important outreach.

We are reminded they take all of the donations and food they receive to

support the over 200-mobility restricted senior citizens they serve that have a pet living with them. The food is partitioned out in bags of 5 lbs. for cats and 10 lbs. for dogs. This is overwhelming.

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.



Christ Kitchen continues the amazing task of feeding over 200 mouths every day except Sunday. The Kitchen, as some call it, also is a wonderful place to share time with other volunteers. It is a fun place to see how our community continues to respond to the needs of those that are less fortunate than we are. They need you to Volunteer. Contact the church office, Billy Leske, or Frances Miller about how you can spend 2-4 hours a week contributing to a community just across the fence. We are all created in the image of God and each person that graces The Kitchen each day is seen as the same whether one is a volunteer or one that is hungry for a fresh, hot meal.



"The Nellie Hudson Sunday School would like to thank everyone who stopped by for breakfast in the Fellowship Hall this past Sunday morning and would especially like to thank all who helped to put together and serve the meal.

Valentine Brunch

Sunday, February 11 ❖ 9-10 a.m. ❖ Fellowship Hall

~ Menu ~

Fruit Medley

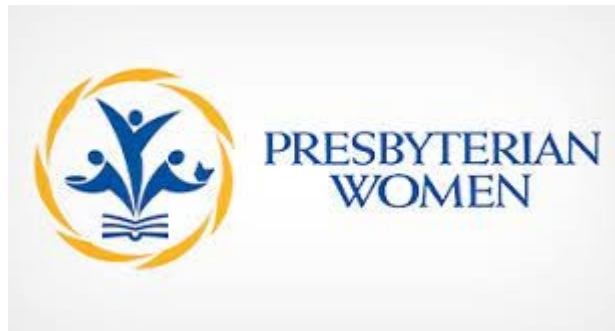
Sausage-Egg Casserole

Cinnamon-Bran Muffins Black Forest Ham and Cheese Scones

Tarkington Vineyard Grape Jelly Paige's Breezy Hill Pure Honey

Orange Juice Coffee

For this coming Sunday, February 11th, we will again be serving Breakfast between 9am and 10am. Items on the menu will be Sausage-Egg Casserole, Cinnamon Bran Muffins, Bill Wilkinson's World-Famous Black Forest Ham and Cheese Scones & Martha Tarkington's World-Famous Jelly from the Vineyard, Paige Horadam's Breezy Hill Pure Honey as well as fruit, coffee and juice. Please come and join us before worship for breakfast and great fellowship!



Presbyterian Women mission focus for **February 2024** is **Christ's Kitchen**.

We can assist Christ's Kitchen by donating:

Foil Pans (Large restaurant casserole size available at Sam's)

Food Storage Bags (NOT snack size)

Post-It Notes ("sticky notes")

Spiral Notebooks

Computer Printer Paper

Masking Tape (that can be written on)

Donations of these items may be left in the church office, and will be collected by Presbyterian Women.



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

KINGDOM KIDS RESUME THEIR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Roar!! We started our lesson on Daniel and the Lion's den this past Sunday. Our stories are always interactive, and this lesson was no different.

We had Daniel, lions, angels, and more objects that accompany each page as we read. We crafted up our very own lion using paint and a fork to create a fierce mane. For snack we made our own lions using crackers, peanut butter and pretzel sticks. We also spent some time singing 'My God is so Big'.

Our lessons are multi-sensory – so we read, craft, sing, dance, and snack during each lesson! We will be back this Sunday to finish up our lesson on Daniel and the Lion's Den. Join us then to see what else we have cooked up.

Contact Leila Galvan at 956-367-2234, or the church office, if you have questions or would like to participate.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- There will be no Sunday School February 4, and February 11, as we are hosting the All Church Breakfast! And then the following week, February 18th - the Sunday School class will be starting a Lenten Study in the Church's Parlor starting at 9:30am. Please contact Dawn Neel at 361-652-3925 if you would like to join the class."
 - Kingdom Kids, Sunday, 9:30 a.m.: Kingdom Kids will take a break this Sunday February 4, but will back in class February 11!
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