



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR WORSHIP  
ON SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024, AT 10:30 A.M.**

Please join us for worship this Sunday, Palm Sunday, at 10:30 a.m. Our Scripture readings will be Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!) and Mark 11:1-11 (Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,). A copy of the bulletin can be found here: <https://fpcofvictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/2024-3-24-Bulletin-Palm-Sunday-PDF.pdf>

***A Special Worship Note***

Rev. Allen Mosiman, retired minister from Parkway Presbyterian Church in Corpus Christi, Texas, will be with us as we begin Holy Week by witnessing Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> and continuing to the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, on Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Please join us in observing this glorious gift from God.

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. – John 3:16*

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Join FPC this Saturday March 23 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM as we host a community Easter Egg Hunt. There will be snacks, crafts, and of course, an awesome egg hunt!

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Submitted by Dawn Neel

## **GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024**

**12 NOON TO 1 PM**

Join with us in observing the day upon which our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified, died, and was buried. We will symbolically nail our sins to the cross as we await the day of resurrection.

*Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.*

*“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”*

*When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.*

*He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.*

*For “you were going astray like sheep,” but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.*

1 Peter 2:21-25

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Submitted by Donald Anderson

***“Faithful Obedience”***

*When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it.*

Mark 11:1-2

Jesus gives instructions to his followers to perform a task. Although confused, their trust in Jesus compels them to obey without question. Following instructions, they find what they need. They bring the colt back to Jesus, just as he told them to do.

How often has the Lord instructed us to go and we didn't fully understand or know what or why? It is during these moments of uncertainty that we must take the next right step. Our trust in the Lord's instructions may lead us along uncertain paths. Our faith in God gives us confidence to follow through toward understanding.

Prayer of the Day

*Lord, I may not understand your way. Strengthen my faith in your wisdom to follow your instruction. Amen.*

These Days, Marsha Lynn Mayes-Burton

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### **City of Victoria Bicentennial Celebration**

The City of Victoria is planning to celebrate 200 years following the creation of Guadalupe Victoria by Martin De Leon in 1824. First Presbyterian Church of Victoria, Texas is the second oldest congregation in the city organized on October 2, 1841, built on lots designated by Martin De Leon for churches and schools. Your Worship, Fellowship, and Mission and Outreach Committees are working on how FPC can participate in this event to relive how our forefathers helped lead the city over the past 200 years.

### **VCAM**

Your food keeps showing up in our food wagon in the hall by the church office and in the Narthex. Please consider bringing an extra item of canned goods or a bag of flour, sugar, rice or beans. We encourage you to volunteer. Contact the church office, Becky Richter, or Jack Klienecke about how you can spend 2-4 hours a week serving our community. It is truly a blessing, and it is actually a lot of fun.

In January, FPC donated \$380 (Poinsettia/VCAM contributions) as well as 40 pounds of food. In February, 38 pounds of food were donated, no monetary donations. VCAM needs canned fruit and vegetables, packaged rice and beans, small cans of tomato sauce, and macaroni and cheese for the food pantry. Also, items for the homeless: easy-open canned meats, nutrition bars, fruit cups, bottled water and small toiletry items.

### **Paw Bites – Meals on Wheels**



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 buy 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.

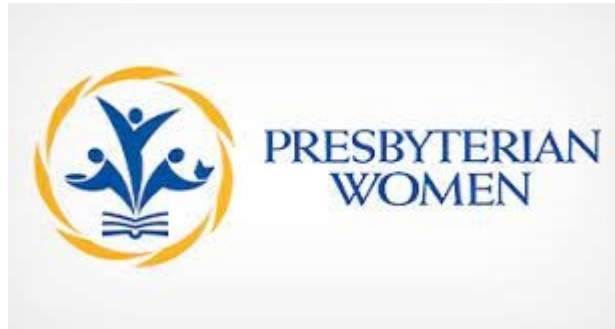
Your support of this important work of God in our community is being felt in the lives of many. We do this in the name of Jesus Christ.

### **Christ Kitchen**

Christ Kitchen continues the amazing task of feeding over 200 mouths every day except Sunday. The Kitchen, as some call it, is also 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 helping a community just across our fence. We are all created in the image of God and each person that graces The Kitchen each day are seen as the same whether one is a volunteer or one is hungry for a fresh, hot meal.

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Submitted by Dawn Neel

Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team Meeting

Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> @ 12 noon  
Conference Room

Evening Circle

Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm  
Church Parlor  
*Sacred Encounters*  
Lessons 6 and 7

Women of Faith

Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm  
Church Parlor  
*Sacred Encounters*  
Lesson 7

**The Salvation Army** is the Presbyterian Women mission focus for March 2024. This worthy organization has requested donations of:

Individually wrapped snacks  
**Stick** Deodorant  
Disposable razors  
Shaving Cream  
**Spray** Foot Deodorant  
Baby Powder  
Men's Boxers size **Large**

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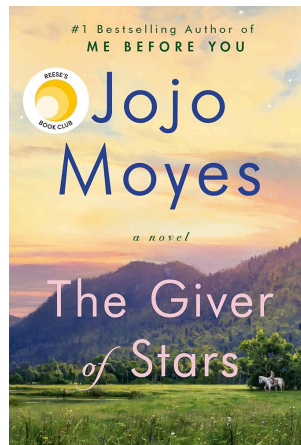


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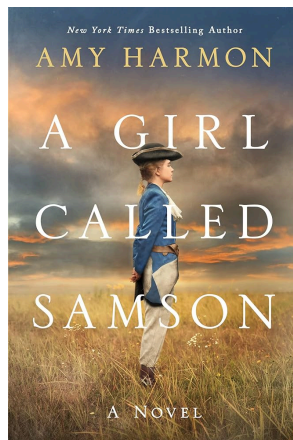
March Book Discussion

Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30

Brown Bag Lunch



Our book for April will be, A Girl Called Samson by Amy Harmon, and we will meet on April 24, 2024 at 12:30 PM



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### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Nellie Hudson Sunday School Class -As we continue the Being Reformed *Illuminating Lent* study by Donald K. McKim, we will delve into Session 5 Forward: Where God Leads Us – Discipleship. This study has resulted in a deepening of our faith and has certainly enhanced our knowledge of the theological understanding of the Lord's Prayer. Through the providential provisions of God; the forgiveness and hope of Jesus Christ; and the gifts of love and peace from the Holy Spirit, we have experienced a multitude of meaningful discussions on the Lord's Prayer and what it means for Reformed Christians. If you would like to join us for our last two sessions of this study, we would love to have you. Hope to see you Sunday morning at 9:30 in the church parlor.



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

Submitted by Leila Galvan

Kingdom Kids will be back this Sunday March 24, and we will be learning about Palm Sunday!

Our lessons are multi-sensory – so we read, craft, sing, dance, and snack during each lesson! If you know a child between the ages of 5-12, invite them to join us for some fun!

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



Submitted by Dawn Neel

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF VICTORIA ANNUAL RUMMAGE  
SALE**

**FRIDAY, JULY 19 AND SATURDAY, JULY 20**

**FPC FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**8AM TO 2PM**

If you would like to contribute items for the rummage sale, now is the time to start bringing your donations to the church. All earnings from the sale will help FPC of Victoria support its greatest mission, Presbyterian Day School. Please also consider donating your time to this fundraising project by helping to organize, to price items and by assisting the public during the sale. This is a lofty, yet worthy, undertaking which can be less labor intensive with many hands helping. May we feel so led in supporting the children of Presbyterian Day School.

*And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward. –*

Matthew 10:42

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Submitted by Dawn Neel

Jim and Dolly Stokes want everyone to know how thankful they have been for all the prayers that have been lifted up to them. Jim has been diagnosed with an aggressive Stage 4 cancer and has begun treatment. He will be on a regiment of multiple rounds of chemotherapy and welcomes our continued prayers.

*"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you: I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." - Isaiah 41:10*

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