



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR WORSHIP
ON SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024, AT 10:30 A.M.**

Please join us for worship this Sunday, Easter Sunday, at 10:30 a.m. Our Scripture readings will be Isaiah 25:6-9 (He will swallow up death forever) and Mark 16:1-8 (He has been raised; he is not here). A copy of the bulletin can be found here: <https://fpcovictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/2024-4-31-Bulletin-Easter-PDF.pdf>

A Special Worship Note

Allen Mosiman recently retired from a call as Pastor of Parkway Presbyterian Church in Corpus Christi, Texas. Allen served churches in Kansas, Ohio, and Tennessee prior to moving to Texas. He attended McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago and was awarded both a Master of Divinity and a Doctor of Ministry degree. He is married to Anne, a Nurse Practitioner, and they have a combined brood of five children and four grandchildren. He will join us again this Sunday for the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, on Easter Sunday, March 31st. 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



Submitted by Leila Galvan

Hippity-hop! Our first annual Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success. Our fellowship hall was filled with laughter and happiness as we hosted about 15 kiddos and a total of over 35 people for our Easter Egg Hunt event. The kids were able to participate in 4 crafting stations: decorate an Easter cookie with frosting and sprinkles, color your own wooden Easter ornament, create a Bunny using paper plates, and create your own rabbit using foam stickers.

We had over 300 Easter eggs for these precious children to find - hidden in our memory garden – and they found every last one of them. Snacks

of popcorn, Easter chocolates and lemonade were also provided. We even had a photo area, with a bunny rabbit, Easter eggs, and a fun backdrop (which is still up, if anyone would like to take an Easter picture on Sunday!). It's safe to say, we have started a new tradition at FPC.

A very special thank you to everyone who made this event successful – Bonnie W., Becky R., Francie B., Erica C. and Camille M. You ladies are amazing! And thank you to FPC, for hosting this event.





Submitted by Donald Anderson
"Speaking Out in Faith"

*Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?"
But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!"*

These last days of Christ's earthly life are dynamic, dramatic, and full of humanity. Pilate, a crucial figure in the condemnation of Christ, is looking for a way out, a reason to justify what he knows is likely to happen next. But the people are beyond reason. The crowds have become overwhelmed by shared feelings of fear and anger. They desperately seek control in a world that feels out of control to them.

Surely we don't participate in mob violence. Yet we, too, can easily lose sight of the truth when we are surrounded by the shouts and cries of culture. Can we find the courage in our daily lives to resist prejudice, violence, and hatred and instead speak and act on what we know in our hearts to be true?

Prayer of the Day

God, you gave us voices to sing and praise and protest and speak out. Help us use our voices in love, according to your will Amen.

These Days, Laurie Lyter Bright



Submitted by Donald Anderson

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, on lots designated by Martin De Leon for churches and schools. A small group met on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, to discuss how we at FPC can share our story with our community. If you have any memorabilia, pictures, documents that you want to share, please contact Martha Tarkington, Kathleen Carey, Roxanna and/or Henry Hauschild or Donald H. Anderson. More information to come next week.

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.

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.



Submitted by Becky Richter

COVERED DISH LUNCHEON!!!

Mark your calendars! We will have a covered dish luncheon on Sunday, April 14, directly after the worship service. Be thinking of what delicious main dish, side dish or dessert you would like to bring. It will be a wonderful time of fellowship as we welcome this beautiful season of spring!



Submitted by Dawn Neel

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Nellie Hudson Sunday School Class

The Nellie Hudson Sunday School class will end its six-week study of the Lord's Prayer on Easter Sunday morning. We have completed the dimensional direction of the petitions of the Lord's Prayer by looking Upward (*Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name*); Inward (*Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven*); Downward (*Give us this day*

our daily bread); and Forward (*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil*). This Easter Sunday we will look Onward: What God Will Do – Resurrection Hope!

In the conclusion of this *Illuminating Lent* study, we will answer the following two questions from *The Study Catechism: Full Version* which was accepted by the 210th General Assembly of the PC(U.S.A.) in 1998.

Question 133. What is meant by the closing doxology, “For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever”?

We give God thanks and praise for the kingdom more powerful than all enemies, for the power perfected in the weakness of love, and for the glory that includes our well-being and that of the whole creation, both now and to all eternity. We give thanks and praise to God as made known through Christ our Lord.

Question 134. What is meant by the word, “Amen”?

“Amen” means “so be it” or “let it be so.” It expresses our complete confidence in the triune God, the God of the covenant with Israel as fulfilled through our Lord Jesus Christ, who makes no promise that will not be kept, and whose steadfast love and mercy endures forever.

We look ahead to the resurrection hope with the fullness of God’s reign in the new world, in which the whole cosmos glorifies God.

Our resurrection hope in God’s future is grounded in Jesus Christ. Paul praises, “*But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ*” (1 Corinthians 15:57) then says: “*Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain*” (15:58).

A blessed image of our resurrection hope is that in the eternal kingdom, God will “*wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away*” (Revelation 21:4)

“Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:55-

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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

Submitted by Leila Galvan

We're back and ready to learn! This past Sunday, we learned about the meaning of Palm Sunday. We created a palm craft, using our very own palms and some paint. For our snack, we made a yummy palm tree using bananas and green grapes. If you are at the church, swing by the conference room and take a peek at the walls – you will see everything we have learned so far this year.

Join us this Sunday as we celebrate Easter!

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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