



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR WORSHIP
ON SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024, AT 10:30 A.M.**

Please join us for worship this Sunday, The Fifth Sunday of Easter, at 10:30 a.m. Our Scripture readings will be Psalm 23 (The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.) and John 10:11-18 (I am the good shepherd.). A copy of the bulletin can be found here:

<https://fpcofvictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/2024-4-28-Bulletin-PDF.pdf>

A Special Worship Note

This Sunday we welcome back Gary Mathews into the pulpit. Gary Mathews grew up in the Austin area where he and his family were charter members of Hope Presbyterian Church. He attended Austin Seminary but ultimately pursued a career in the non-profit sector. Years later he returned to work at the seminary and is currently Alumni Relations Director. When not at a UT baseball game, Gary enjoys photography and collecting record albums (even though his turntable runneth over). His daughter and son-in-law live in Houston.

On Sunday, April 14, 2024 First Presbyterian Church, spent some time after Sunday service reliving some amazing history in our great church!



'Emails of Love and Affection Received from Former Pastors and Seminarians'.

Submitted by Henry Hauschild

Paul DeMotte Thu, Apr 11 at 9:12 AM

Unfortunately, I can't attend, but please convey my warmest regards. I am now living in the Nashville TN area to be near grandchildren. I don't know if

many are aware of this but Liz, my wife at the time I was in Victoria, died in Guatemala. I remained there a few more years and eventually married Pati, a Mayan Princess. Once again, please pass on my warmest regards to all.

"Many folks born on third base go through life thinking they've hit a triple."

Laura Mendenhall Thu, Apr 11 at 9:22 AM

What a grand celebration! We are thrilled you are celebrating and sorry we cannot attend. We will be having our Washington DC family here just briefly. Please keep us on your invite list and send photos. Blessings on you all and on FPC Victoria.

Laura and Chuck Mendenhall

Zeigler John Sun, Apr 14 at 4:15 PM

Hi, Henry:

It was good to talk with you yesterday. Thanks for spending the time with me and catching me up on things going on at First Pres, Victoria. I, like you, hope for better days ahead for the congregation, and am sorry that I could not attend. My profs at Austin Seminary emphasized the primacy of God's grace, citing passages reflecting the same, such as, "A bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench."

Be Well, John Zeigler

Buddy Summers Thu, Apr 11 at 12:20 PM

Hello Henry.

Thanks for thinking of me. I have fond memories of childhood and youth in FPC. I experienced a gentle Christian formation thanks to my Sunday School teachers, youth leaders, pastors and staff.

My mother, my sisters and I frequently occupied the third pew on the right in the old sanctuary.

I am happily retired after 35 years of (mostly ;-) enjoyable ministry in the PCUSA. My last service was 13 years in Kailua, Hawaii with Christ Church Uniting Disciples and Presbyterians.

All the best to you and the family of FPC as you prepare to call a new pastor and continue moving onward representing Christ to the neighbor --- all who hunger and thirst.

Buddy Summers

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6 KJV

Members of our church family who have attended Seminary to Become Pastors

Rev Kathy Anderson
El Divino Salvador, Corpus Christi, Tx

Rev Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche
Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Bedford, Tx

Rev Brian Brown
Formerly Parkway Church, Victoria, Tx (now?)

Rev Kris Crawford
Mission Presbytery, Gonzales, Tx

Rev Kathy Neece
Victoria, Tx

Rev Carroll L Pickett
Church Triumphant

Rev Buddy Summers
Honorably Retired, Port Townsend, Washington

Rev Grady Yarbrough
Licensed Professional Counselor, Boerne, Tx

Rev John Zeigler
Honorably Retired, Georgetown, Tx

Kyle Woodruff
Graduated, but Never Ordained, Nursery, Tx

Did we miss someone? Please let Henry know at I would prefer email at HenryJHaus@aol.com or phone at 361-570-2605 so that we may update the

list! Thanks!



Submitted by Francie Byrne, chair, and Bonnie Wilkinson, Personnel Committee

On this special day—*and every day*—we celebrate our church office administrator, Erica Colding. Thank you, Erica, for the many lives you touch as you support the ministry of our beloved church. You are amazing, and much appreciated!



Submitted by Donald Anderson

“Knowing and Loving”

So we have known and believe the love

That God has for us

1 John 4:16a, NRSV

We don't have to look hard to find people who are angry, resentful, fearful, and blistering with hate for people they don't know or understand. Those who believe in a wrathful, angry, judging, punishing God need to question whether they truly know the love of God.

"Whoever does not love does not know God" (v.8). The spirit that God gives is one of love, service, compassion, and justice. Those who abide in God, and God in Them, live these fruits of the spirit. How are these fruits evident in our lives?

Our confession that Jesus is the Son of God is not on our lips but in our hands and feet as we love those whom he commands us to love.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, lover of my soul, may my knowledge of you be found in service of those whom you love. Amen.

These Days, David Carheart, Port Coquitlam, British Columbia



Submitted by Donald Anderson

VCAM



VCAM needs staple items: canned fruit & vegetables, packaged rice & beans, small canned tomato sauce for our pantry. Items for the homeless such as: easy-open canned meats, nutrition bars, bottled waters, fruit cups.

Other items needed: small toiletry items, washcloths, towels & blankets.

Visit the website at: www.vcamvictoria.org or Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/vcam.org/> for VCAM services or news.

When you bring a bag of cat or dog food for our Paw Bites program please also bring an equal amount of the items listed above for our humans in need of our help.

Paw Bites – Meals on Wheels



Thank you to all who drop off your cat and dog food. It is always a blessing to hear the “thank you’ s” and words from the Meals on Wheels staff when our bags of food are delivered to the Meals on Wheels office. So far in the month of April you have delivered 44 pounds of dog food and 40 pounds of cat food to those that depend on their cat or dog for their only companionship.

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 Dawn Neel

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Nellie Hudson Sunday School Class

The Nellie Hudson Sunday School class will not be meeting for the next several weeks. We hope to resume in late May dependent upon family health issues. Please be watching the newsletter for its return and upcoming course of study. We will greatly miss gathering together and look forward to anyone who would like to join us when we resume.



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've wrapped up our 2 week lesson on Rahab and the spies.

For our craft, we made a window with a red rope using construction paper and yarn. Keeping with the window/rope theme, our snack consisted of a graham cracker window and a Twizzler candy rope.

We will be taking a break this Sunday, 4/28, but will be returning on 5/5 to start our 9 week series on the Fruit of the Spirit. It's sure to be an interesting....and delicious....experience. Hope you can join us!

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

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