



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR WORSHIP
ON SUNDAY, May 5, 2024, AT 10:30 A.M.**

Please join us for worship this Sunday, The Sixth Sunday of Easter, at 10:30 a.m. Our Scripture readings will be Psalm 98 (O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things) and 1 Peter 2:21-25 ("He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."). A copy of the bulletin can be found here: <https://fpcofvictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/2024-5-5-Bulletin-Communion-PDF.pdf>

A Special Worship Note

This Sunday we welcome Gordon Butler to the pulpit. Like other visiting Pastors we asked for a brief bio, enjoy!

I am a native Texan who grew up in Parkway Presbyterian Church in Corpus Christi. A Graduate of the University of Texas-Austin and Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, I have served four churches (Pasadena, Lafayette, LA., Giddings, and Irving). Since 2004, I have been in the mental health field, as a director of Psychosocial Rehab/Supported Employment at Bluebonnet Trails, on the staff of the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Texas Health Science Center - San Antonio, founder of 2 ICCD Psychosocial Clubhouses in the Austin area, and now owner of a company that helps people living with disabilities find competitive employment.

I have been married to my childhood sweetheart for 42 years and we have three children and six grandchildren.



Submitted by Donald Anderson

“Victory through Faith”

Who is it who conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of god?

1 John 5:1-6, NRSV

John's letter focuses on love - loving God, neighbor, and, by influence, ourselves. Faith is a gift from a loving God who calls us to love all. This faith leads us to spread God's good news to conquer the world. This is done not in a militaristic way but with love, knowing we are safe with God no matter what happens. John's words help us live the greatest commandment: to love our

neighbors as ourselves, which is the best form of evangelism.

Life can be hard, yet when we act as a loving presence because of our faith in Jesus, we remember that there is no separating us from God's love. How will you show love this day and each day? Feed people, provide comfort, and be the face of God to all.

Prayer of the Day

Loving God, help us continue to love all whom we meet, seeing you in them, providing care and comfort, and working for your justice. Amen

These Days, Leslee Kirkconnell, Findlay, Ohio



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

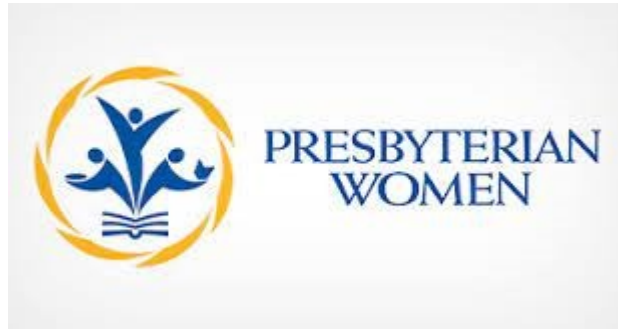


Thank you to all who drop off your cat and dog food. It is always a blessing to hear the “thank you’s” and words from the Meals on Wheels staff when our bags of food are delivered to the Meals on Wheels office. So far in the month of April you have delivered 44 pounds of dog food and 40 pounds of cat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



PW Coordinating Team will meet Tuesday, May 7 at noon in the conference room.



The Finance Committee will meet Thursday, May 9 at 5:00 PM in the conference room.



May 19th – A Day of Celebration – Come!

As we celebrate the remembrance of the day the Spirit of God descended upon us on this day of Pentecost, we will also be celebrating many joyous happenings in the life of our church.

First, may we rejoice in the wonderful gift of the holy spirit in our lives and the remembrance that God is always with us giving us peace, love, joy, hope, encouragement, assurance, relationship with Him and with each other.

Come show your love to the 2024 High School Graduating Class as they begin their journey toward their future place and purpose in God's kingdom. May these young people forever know the love of God in their lives and the assurance of His presence in their hearts.

John Christian
Robbie Christian

Harper Edwards
Xander Monaco

In honor of those who have joined the great cloud of witnesses in the past year, who have gone before us and given so much of their lives to the work of PW and of FPC, Victoria, Presbyterian Women have donated a monetary gift in their memory to PC(USA) to go toward critical leadership training and to support the PW Leadership Development Grant Program. It is truly an honor and a privilege to recognize the work of God's people. With the work of all His people, the kingdom cannot fail. May the lives of these honored angels and the love they exhibited doing the work of the Lord be a witness to us all. We recognize and honor Ruth Ann Barnard, Jessie Dean, Janice Mullins, Billy Ruddock and Bob Zawadzki.

PW will be celebrating another year in the life of its organization and wish for you to join us as our new 2024-2025 class of officers will be installed during worship by Rev. Bette Burris. Help us in recognizing the gifts of these women as they pledge their time and talents to helping do the Lord's work in our church and in our community. One way in which we are blessed to bring about God's kingdom is by giving to the charitable mission projects supported by PC(USA). If you feel so led, may your hearts be gracious in giving to the Annual PW Birthday Offering for which envelopes will be distributed during the offertory time of our worship service.

And finally, JOIN US IN OUR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION POTLUCK LUNCHEON immediately following worship. Bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy PW Birthday cake for dessert. Let us rejoice in the Lord and give Him praise and thanks for the gift of His Spirit with which we know will be ever present in our lives and most definitely at this POTLUCK celebration!

BOOK CLUB



Our book club will be discussing *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick for the month of May. Please join us for a brown bag lunch in the conference room at 12:30 on Wednesday, May 22. We promise wonderful conversation and delightful fellowship. Hope to see you then.



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

The month of May we will be starting a 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.

