



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR WORSHIP  
ON SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024, AT 10:30 A.M.**

Please join us for worship this Sunday, the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost at 10:30 a.m. Our Scripture readings will be 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12-19 (David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand.) and Mark 6:14-29 (“What should I ask for?” She replied, “The head of John the baptizer.”). A copy of the bulletin can be found here:

<https://fpcofvictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/2024-7-14-Bulletin-PDF.pdf>

***A Special Worship Note***

This Sunday we welcome back Rev. Gary Mathews to the pulpit for worship.



Submitted by Donald Anderson

**“Ears to Hear”**

*“Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people,  
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.”*

Psalm 85:8-13

I enjoy the quiet. Whether I am quiet in my home with no sound in the background, or in my car early in the morning on my way to the gym, there is something about the space of silence. I didn't always feel this way. No, silence used to make me uncomfortable. I had to learn to fight against the urge to fill up space with sound, with noise. But now . . .

I appreciate this Psalm and the writer. It is in the quiet moments when I can invite God to speak, and I listen. In the quiet, I feel closer to myself and closer to God. In the quiet, God's voice speaks from within, mixing with my own, providing clarity, peace, comfort, and understanding. Speak, O Lord.

Prayer of the Day

*God, speak and we will hear. Create a quiet sanctuary for us to hear more clearly  
from you. Amen*

These Days, Mashaun D Simon, Stone Mountain, Georgia



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](http://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 yous” and words from the Meals on Wheels staff when our bags of food are delivered to the Meals on Wheels office.

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's Kitchen**

Christ's 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 is seen as the same whether one is a volunteer or one is hungry for a fresh, hot meal.



### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Nellie Hudson Sunday School will resume our bible studies at 9:30am on September 8<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to join us, please contact Dawn Neel at (361)652-3925 and a study booklet will be provided to you. Our first six-week study will be from the PC(U.S.A.) curriculum, Being Reformed: Faith Seeking Understanding. The subject title is *Christian Living in God's Splendor* by Kendra G. Holtz and Matthew T. Mathews. We hope you will join us. Until then, stay cool in God's blessings!



**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

"Goodness is the gift that shines from within. It's the life we live when we turn from our sin. It reflects God's love in all that we do. And help us to grow in grace, love, and truth." As we continue our journey through the Fruits of the Spirit, we focused on Goodness this Sunday. We matched up Goodness with blueberries. For our craft, we made a pint of blueberries using a craft sticks and dot markers. For snack we had some berry yogurt with fresh blueberries.

Join us on Sunday to learn about Faithfulness.

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

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## CHURCH OFFICE WILL CLOSE

The Church office will be closed Monday July 22 through Friday July 26, I will be out on vacation. In our next newsletter before I head out, I will provide contact information just in case you need to get ahold of anyone. Please get with me before Friday the 19, if you need anything or have any questions.

The office will open Monday July 29 at 9AM.

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