



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

Please join us for worship this Sunday, Christ the King Sunday, at 10:30 a.m. Our Scripture readings will be 1 Samuel 8:1-18 (These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: . . .) and John 18:33-38 ("Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"). A copy of the bulletin can be found here:

<https://fpcovictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/2024-11-24-Bulletin-PDF.pdf>

A Special Worship Note

This Sunday we welcome back Rev. Dan Fultz!



Submitted by Dawn Neel

Stewardship Campaign 2025

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” (1 Peter 4:10)

In the many ways in which we are called to be stewards of God’s creation, may we continue on and grow further into our journey toward the Kingdom of God, on earth as it is in heaven. We are the body of Christ and the deliverers of the Gospel, working together for the good of creation. Thank you, Jesus, the rock of our salvation.

The 2025 stewardship campaign resulted in the return of twenty-six pledge cards in the amount of \$184,580. Pledge cards are always available in the church office and a pledge can be made at any time throughout the year. Copies of our financial statements are also available for review in the church office.



A BIG THANK YOU FOR ALL THE HELP

The PW sponsored all-church Dessert Sale fundraiser has been a labor of love to the church we love. By the distribution of this newsletter, all desserts have either been picked-up or delivered to those who purchased them. From the day Leila Galvan put forth the project idea, it has been a whirlwind of activity that has culminated in \$640 added to our church operating budget to help support our many expenses and missions. Thank you to the bakers and donors for your commitment to our church! Francie Byrne, Erica Colding, Leila Galvan, Camille Miller, Dawn Neel, Becky Richter, Martha Tarkington, Gayla Whitaker, Bonnie Wilkinson, and Helen Williams – with God all things are possible! All Glory, Honor, and Praise to our Lord, Jesus Christ!



HANGING OF THE GREENS

Please plan to stay after church this Sunday, Nov. 24 to participate in this yearly tradition of decorating our sanctuary for the Advent Season.

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder. And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Isaiah 9:6-7



"Remembering the Future"

Revelation 1:4-8

Signs of God's Presence

"Look! He is coming with the clouds . . . So it is to be."

Revelation 1:7

Throughout the Bible, God appears in the clouds. God led Israel through the wilderness with a cloud. When God gave the Ten Commandments, Sinai was draped in clouds. At the transfiguration, God spoke from a cloud. Jesus ascended into heaven in a cloud. When Jesus comes again, he will come on a cloud.

But sometimes, God is nowhere to be seen, It is as if there is not a cloud in the sky. This is what it was like for the churches to whom John wrote of his revelation. Rome was persecuting them. Signs of the emperor were all around.

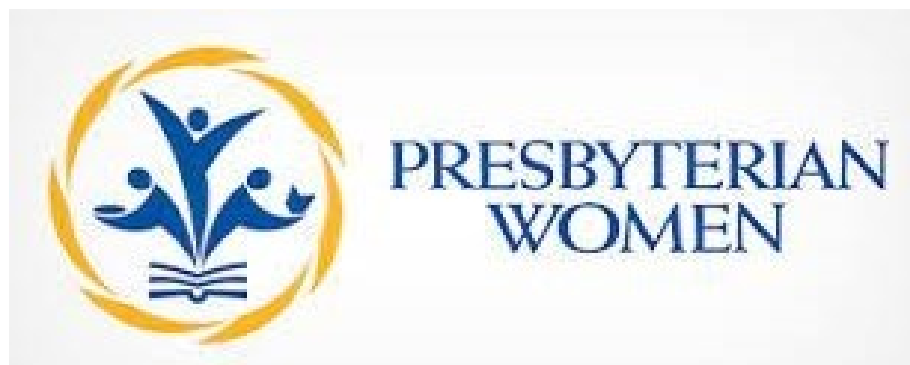
If Christians didn't worship him, they suffered.

God placed the church to bear witness that Christ is coming again. Until he appears on a cloud for all to see, his church - you and I - is proof that he reigns. .

Daily Prayer

God of heaven and earth, may my life give hope to the world, proclaiming your coming in glory to reign in Love. Amen.

Steve Lytch, Lancaster, Pennsylvania





Ladies, mark your calendars for our annual PW Christmas Luncheon.

Saturday, December 14 at 11:30 am

Joe's Pizza & Pasta

601 E. Mockingbird Ln

Please R.S.V.P. by calling or texting Dawn at (361) 652-3925



ANGEL TREE

Presbyterian Women will once again sponsor an Angel Tree project to bring Christian Christmas joy to area children. We have partnered with Perpetual Help Home and The Salvation Army to provide Christmas gifts for 26 children, ages 8 months to 16 years old. We have 6 angels left, please grab one and help these kiddos have a Merry Christmas.

Opportunities to participate in the Angel Tree project are available to all interested Church members. The Angel Tree display is located at the front of the Church. Members can select a child's personalized name tag from the Angel Tree, and indicate your name on the sign-up sheet. The Angel Tree name tag includes the child's age, clothing sizes, "Christmas Wish List" and any helpful information that was provided to us. Reusable shopping bags are placed by the Angel Tree for storage of your gifts. The Angel Tree name tag should be attached to the reusable gift bag and returned to the church when you have finished shopping. If you do not wish to select a name from the Angel Tree, you can participate in the Angel Tree project by donating money for toys, clothing, bath towels, toothbrushes, or gift cards. Gift-wrapping materials are also welcome.

Suggested price for gifts is \$25.00 +. Please provide batteries for toys or electronic devices that are battery operated. Gifts should **not** be wrapped. Unwrapped gifts should be labeled with the child's name and assigned number. Gift bags with unwrapped gifts may be brought to Church on Sundays, or to the Church office during the week. Gifts may also be delivered to the home of Wesley and Frances Miller. All Angel Tree gifts must be received by Sunday, December 8.

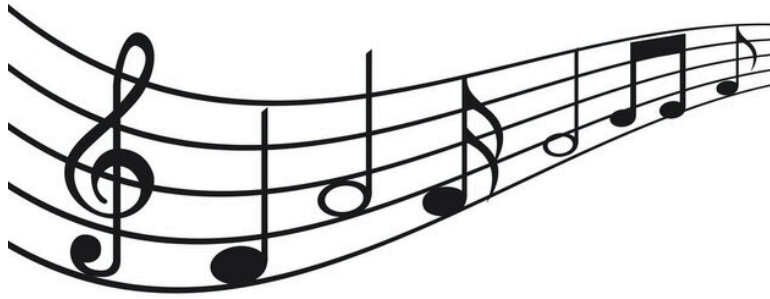
For further information, please contact the Church office, or Frances Miller.



Christ's Kitchen

Christ Kitchen continues the amazing task of feeding over 200 mouths every day except Sunday. The Kitchen, as some call it, also is 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 serving a community just across the 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 that is hungry for a fresh, hot meal.



Wednesday Worship & Fellowship!
November 20th at 6:00 pm
Fellowship Hall / Brown Bag
To the Glory of God!

*The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God.
May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who long for your
saving help always say, "The Lord is great!"*
Psalm 40:3a, 16



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Nellie Hudson Sunday School Class

Our adult Sunday School class will resume on Sunday, December 1st when we begin a new study. Our study is titled *Calling All Angels: An Advent Study of Fearlessness and Strength* by Erin Wathen.

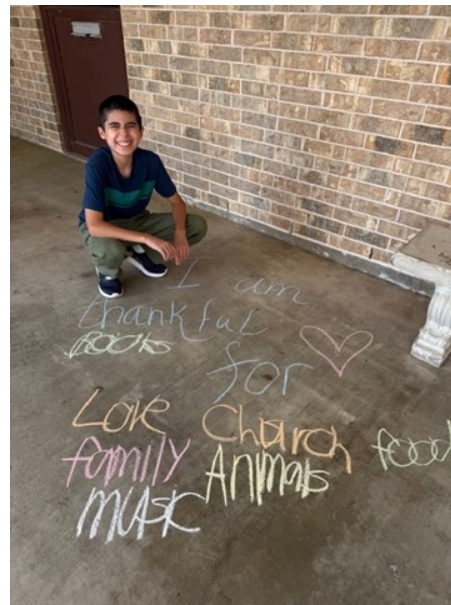


Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these". Matt 19:14

"For here is the secret, if you've not already guessed it....the heart that gives thanks is a happy one, for we cannot feel thankful and unhappy at the same time. The more we say thanks, the more we find to be thankful for. And the more we find to be thankful for, the happier we become. We don't give thanks because we're happy. We are happy because we give thanks." We finished our series on Thankfulness this past Sunday! This week we used chalk to write all we are thankful for on the sidewalk to the back church entrance. We also made a fall trail mix for snack. Each item represented something we are thankful for. We used pretzels (which look like hugs) to represent love, popcorn (which looks like clouds) to represent heaven, small chocolate chips ("kisses") to represent Mom and Dad and animal cookies to represent animals.

We will be taking a break n 11/24, but will be back on 12/1.

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



First Presbyterian Church of Victoria
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**2ND ANNUAL
GINGERBREAD HOUSE
DECORATING EVENT**

Saturday, Dec 7th from 10am - 12pm
RSVP by calling the church office
(361-575-2441) or via Facebook Page
<https://www.facebook.com/fpcfofvictoria/>

LET'S GET IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!

**JOIN US TO DECORATE YOUR OWN
GINGERBREAD HOUSE AND ENJOY
HOT CHOCOLATE AND COOKIES.**

**COME DRESSED IN YOUR FAVORITE PJS OR
CHRISTMAS ATTIRE!**

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

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**Christmas Photos
in the
Sanctuary**

Nov 25th - Dec 16th

Come and take your Christmas photos in a historic church fully decorated with beautiful Christmas decor and in front of a backdrop of some of the most magical stained-glass windows!

BRING YOUR PHOTOGRAPHER OR USE YOUR OWN CAMERA
Make reservation with the church office
(361-575-2441) or via our
Facebook Page ([facebook.com/fpcfofvictoria/](https://www.facebook.com/fpcfofvictoria/))
Reservations are \$25 for 45 minutes



THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

The church office will be closed, Thursday November 28, and Friday
November 29 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

From all of us here at First Presbyterian Church we wish you and your family a
joyous holiday, with lots of love.

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