

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR WORSHIP  
ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 2024, AT 10:30 A.M.**

Please join us for worship this Sunday, the Second Sunday of Advent, at 10:30 a.m. Our Scripture readings will be Malachi 3:1-4 (See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple.) and Luke 3:1-6 ("The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, . . .'). A copy of the bulletin can be found here: <https://fpcofvictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/2024-12-8-Bulletin-PDF.pdf>

## ***A Special Worship Note***

This Sunday we welcome back Rev. Allen Mossiman!

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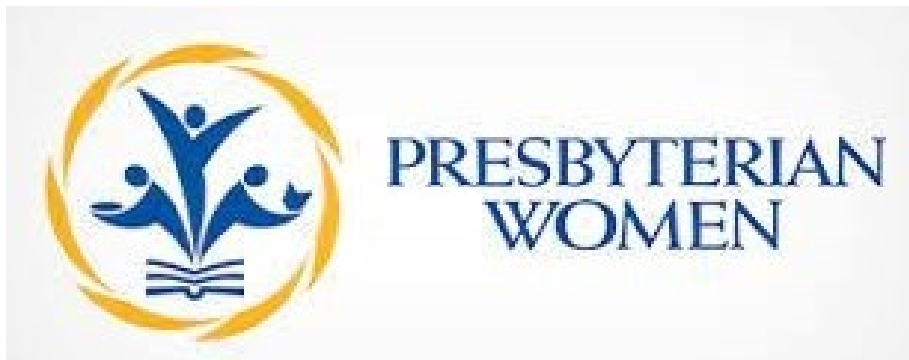


*Submitted by Donald Anderson*

### Unclutter Soul

*“Consider the difference between piloting a motorboat or a sailboat. We can run a motorboat all by ourselves. We can fill the tank and start the engine. We are in control. But a sailboat is a different story. We can hoist the sails and steer the rudder, but we are utterly dependent on the wind. The wind does the work. If the wind doesn’t blow, and sometimes it doesn’t, we sit still in the water no matter how frantic we act. Our task is to do whatever enables us to catch the wind. The Holy Spirit is the wind that fills our sails.”*

*The Beauty of an Uncluttered Soul, by Carla Gasser*





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

### **Presbyterian Women Annual Thank Offering**

A huge hug of appreciation to everyone who donated to the Thank Offering, which was collected on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Your gift, totaling \$486, will brighten the lives of many people who will benefit from the combined generosity of Presbyterians from all over the world. May the abundance of all of God's creation continue to bring the kingdom to all God's children. All glory and honor to His name.



**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 30 children, ages 8 months to 16 years old.

Angel Tree gifts need to be at the church by this Sunday, December 8, 2024. If you are available Monday December 9 at 9:00 AM consider stopping by and helping, organize, wrap, and pack the gifts for delivery.



**PSALM 16:11** YOU MAKE KNOWN TO ME THE PATH OF LIFE;  
YOU WILL FILL ME WITH JOY IN YOUR PRESENCE

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SPRING  
GATHERING**

**MARCH 7-9, 2025  
MORANCH, HUNT, TX**

**JOIN WOMEN FROM ALL OVER MISSION  
PRESBYTERY FOR A WEEKEND OF RENEWAL,  
COMMUNITY AND JOY!**

**HOST CHURCH: SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS  
KEYNOTE: REV. AMY MYHAND  
MUSIC LEADER: BETH MUELLER**

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## missions and outreach

### **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.

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### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

#### **Nellie Hudson Sunday School Class**

Our adult Sunday School class will meet on Sunday, December 8 to continue our study, titled *Calling All Angels: An Advent Study of Fearlessness and Strength* by Erin Wathen.



Kingdom Kids  
AT  
FPC Victoria

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

It's that season again - and we are celebrating the birth of our Lord! This week, we focused on the star that lead the wise men to Jesus. We made a star ornament using craft sticks and glue, and for snack, we decorated star shaped sugar cookies

Join us this Sunday as we learn about the animals that surrounded Jesus the night he was born.

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

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- ✓ Gingerbread Houses
- ✓ Cookies
- ✓ Hot Chocolate
- ✓ Christmas PJs
- ✓ Photo backdrop

**JOIN US FOR OUR 2ND ANNUAL  
GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING EVENT**

Saturday, Dec 7th from 10am - 12pm

First Presbyterian Church of Victoria  
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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*



*Submitted by Robert Wyatt*

Loving Father, help us remember the birth of  
Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the  
gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door  
of love all over the world,

Let kindness come with every gift  
and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings  
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children,  
and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts,  
forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen!

Robert Louis Stevenson

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