

the chimes

Sundays

Church School (on Zoom as arranged by classes) | view Online Worship at www.fpcbryan.org

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN SING SET FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

There's still time to request your favorite hymn to be sung at our hymn sing during worship on **SUN, JAN 31**. The deadline has been extended to 5:00pm, FRI, JAN 22. Email your favorite hymn to Director of Music Ministries David Kipp at music@fpcbryan.org or call the church office at 979.823.8073. As many hymns as possible will be incorporated into worship that morning. If we don't sing your suggested hymn on the 31st, it will be saved for a future worship time. **Now's your chance!**



First Presbyterian Friends,

Every one of us is tired of saying, "This (or that) is because of COVID-19," but ten months after the shut-down which began on March 20, 2020, we are adapting and adapting again differently still.

Back to worshipping remotely for the second time, given the post-Christmas surge, our worship team is finding its way along with pre-recording in mid-week and having the **WORSHIP SERVICE** available for viewing on YouTube as early as late Saturday night. This second shutdown, however, the sanctuary is open from 10:40 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., each Sunday morning for prayer, meditation, and the Lord's Supper, for those who desire.

The Session Elders' organization orientation and first meeting of the new year – originally scheduled for Jan. 9th – was postponed until Feb. 20th, due to COVID-19 related issues. For this reason, the **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION** has been re-scheduled for March 7th.



The **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** offering for local, regional, and national hunger relief – normally collected on "NFL Super Bowl Sunday" – this year, FEB 7, will still be collected on that day and the Sunday following, FEB 14. Checks may be made to First Presbyterian-Bryan, with "Souper Bowl of Caring" – or SBC – written on the memo line. Coins and currency can also be contributed, bringing these by the church office during the week. If your name is on an offering envelope containing the gift, you certainly can receive church giving credit.

Finally, periodically, one or more persons in the church may receive a **"QUESTIONABLE" EMAIL** purporting to be from me. These are scams if they request money, a gift card, or an email reply. **Please do not open.** Delete if you suspect the sending email address does not look correct. My church email is tfoote@fpcbryan.org, my personal email is my initials with an AOL system address. No other email is mine. Plus, I will never ask from any of you a favor of this nature without calling you to visit directly. Our staff email addresses are available for outsiders at locations within the FPC website, due to the system we utilize. We could move to a more secure type of system, but it would not be as accessible for most attempting to be in contact. And accessibility for members and fellow community citizens is part of "what we are about." I suspect we could and would change if necessary, but the current system is more open for the right reasons of serving one another.

It continues to be a privilege to serve God in the way of Jesus Christ with you.

Pastor Ted Foote 918-520-7820 (cell); tfoote@fpcbryan.org

Please notify the church office at 979.823.8073, when you have news to share in the newsletter, or if you or someone you know is in the hospital, is scheduled for admission, or was recently hospitalized. When admitted, list First Presbyterian Church, as your church affiliation. To be contacted by one of our pastors, please agree to be included on the Pastoral Care List. Your church family wants to minister to you whenever you are ill, especially when you are in the hospital, and they can only do this if you inform them.

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YOUTH Haps



Co-coordinators of Youth Ministries

(Julie Futch/Aaron Seay, youth@fpcbryan.org)

YOUTH SUNDAY (FEB 7)



WORSHIP THEME: ELEVATOR SPEECH.

Imagine you enter an elevator and a stranger notices you are wearing a Christian symbol and asks you: "Why do you believe in God?" You have 2 minutes to answer their question before you both exit the elevator. What do you say? Youth participation in worship can be onsite OR virtual and pre-recorded. To participate, contact Pastor Emily, ebeghin@fpcbryan.org or 979.823.8073, between JAN 25 and FEB 6. **FILM SAFETY NOTE:** Worship participants recording in sanctuary will be filmed individually with appropriate safety measures.

All **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** donations received will benefit Brazos Church Pantry. (see front page article)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU! 🎵

01/28 Mary Nan Linnstaedter	02/06 Caroline Wertz
01/28 Rebecca Von Gonten	02/07 Julia Young
01/29 Pat Reed	02/08 Laikyn Luther
01/30 Jane Voelkel	02/10 Lana Wesp
01/31 David Fattig	02/11 Peggy Telg
02/01 David Kipp	02/12 Angela Criaco
02/03 Barry Burdett	02/12 George Klett
02/03 Jasen Petersen	02/12 Lael O'Brien
02/03 Ashley Wesp	02/13 Mary Graddy
02/04 Pam Hayenga	02/13 David Sahm
02/05 Scott Shafer	02/14 Clarissa Kennedy
02/05 Julie Truax	02/13 Susan McGrail
02/06 Emma McGlasson	



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COVID-19 Church Office Hours
M-F, 9:00am to 3:00pm

THANK YOU, FPC!

Dear Friends in Christ, I, along with the volunteers at **Mobility Worldwide Brazos Valley**, wish to thank you for your generous donation of \$10,000. MW Brazos Valley seeks to reflect the love of God by giving the gift of mobility and dignity to leg disabled individuals in developing countries. Please be assured that your gift is valued and appreciated. Best wishes and blessings,
Ken Graalum, Board Chairman

CARING AND SHARING

Congratulations to **ADAM HARTMAN** on the birth of his granddaughter Charlotte "Lottie" Naomi, to Abby & Andrew Hartman in Houston on January 8. Proud big brothers are Walker and Dalton.

"I am fearfully and wonderfully made..." -Psalm 139:14

The prayerful support and sympathy of the congregation are extended to:

- the family of **ESTER HUBACEK** following her death on January 12. Expressions of love and sympathy may be mailed to her daughter Barbara Harrington at 3001 Tanglewood Park West, Ft Worth TX 76109.
- **KATHY & DON SUSTAIRE** and their family following the death of Don's mother, Ruby Jewel Sustaire, of College Station on January 5. Expressions of love, and sympathy may be mailed to Kathy & Don at 13121 Hopes Creek Rd, College Station TX 77845.

"I am the life and the resurrection," saith the Lord. – John 11:25

Pray without ceasing

- ♥ Dave Burdett
- ♥ Velma Burnett
- ♥ Madison Hodges
(granddaughter of Peggy & Ken Telg)

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

The deadline for the next issue of the newsletter, **The Chimes**, is **NOON, SUN, FEB 7**.

This newsletter will be distributed **WED, FEB 10**, and cover news from **FEB 18 thru MAR 4**.

Submit content to: office@fpcbryan.org.

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

- ★ Josh Kipp
- ★ Christian McKinley
- ★ Ryan Ratcliffe



ABOUT SUNDAY WORSHIP

JAN 31 HYMN SING

FEB 7 YOUTH SUNDAY: "ELEVATOR SPEECH"