



# FPC This Week

*This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. 1 John 1:5*

## Sermon Connect

Pastor Mike created Sermon Connect in a simple format so that it could be used for discussion between friends, in a small group, or over coffee. It can be a wonderful tool to engage people who have questions about God!

Sunday, January 26, Pastor Mike preached on **"How the True Light Shines"** from 1 John 2:7-14. In these verses, Pastor Mike illuminated the followings truths about how the True Light, Jesus Christ, shines:

- 1) vs. 7-8: **The True Light shines in God's Law.**
- 2) vs. 9-11: **The True Light shines in Christ's love and how we exemplify that love to others, especially fellow believers!**
- 3) vs. 12-14: **The True Light shines in Christian conviction.**

## Read and talk about the following statements and additional verses:

*John 13:35: We are His disciples if we love one another.* How does the light of Christ shine when we love one another?

What does John mean when he said he was shining a new light on an old law? *Read Leviticus 9:9-18*

How does reading the Word of God, the Bible, help us be ready to live in today's society with Christian conviction?

*"If you're not into the Word of God, it's hard to fight the battle because you're not dressed for it."* Read Ephesians 6:10-18.

## Missionaries Joe and Averyl Morris Visit FPC

FPC welcomed Joe & Averyl Morris, Missionaries to Africa this past Sunday, January 26. The Morrises' ministry is called Jesus to the Needy. You can find their ministry on the web at: <http://jesustothenedy.com/>

They serve the Lord by serving others in feeding, clothing, and teaching hundreds of students, orphans, abandoned children, and adults each week. Joe and Averyl gave an inspiring presentation in the Home Time Room after the worship service, sharing about what God is doing through them in Africa. Please keep them, their family, and the people they disciple and minister to in South Africa in prayer.



Would you like to listen to recent sermons? Find them on the FPC website at: [fpcnewport.org/listen-online/](http://fpcnewport.org/listen-online/)

# Kids and Family Ministries

## Preparing Our Kids for Membership and Communion: Communicant Class to Begin February 9

The word “communicant” is a very old word that simply means “to share with”. Basically, this class helps our young people get ready to take The Lord’s Supper and to become “*communing members*” of First Presbyterian Church, which means they will be able to share in the life of the church as professing members. But so much more than that, it helps to confirm their profession of faith, give them assurance of their standing in God’s grace, and give their church family opportunity to rejoice with them in God’s work in their lives.

Beginning Sunday, February 9, 2020 through Palm Sunday, from 9:30 am to 10:15 am, instead of a regular Sunday School class, Pastor Herring and Rosanne Franco will be preparing our fourth through ninth graders for this by studying the Westminster Shorter Catechism. On Palm Sunday, those students who would like to join the First Presbyterian Church as members will meet with the Elders. Following this time, they will join the church during the worship service. Joining the church is not required to participate, but we believe this class will benefit all those who take part. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Herring or the Christian Education Elders Mikyong Kim and Daryl Kolator.

**Barbara Ross** is hosting a reading challenge beginning now and running through the third Friday in February! If your kids read 5 books from the church library, they will be awarded a small prize.

If you have any questions or want to share your kids progress, Barbara would love to hear from you:

[barb.ross1015@yahoo.com](mailto:barb.ross1015@yahoo.com) or 904-742-9626.

Let’s make this a fun event! We look forward to hearing about it in February!



**All children’s Sunday School classes** are in the CE building. For more detailed information, check out our website [fpcnewport.org/sunday-school/](http://fpcnewport.org/sunday-school/)

## TWO NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN FEBRUARY 2!

A discussion-based Bible study of 1 John, to parallel Pastor Mike’s sermon series will be facilitated by John Wicks.

Where: The Lynch Room, 2nd floor above the Fellowship Hall (look for the sign on the stairs)

A Bible study on the book of Philippians, followed by a study of Ephesians, will be led by Don Estes.

Where: The Hometime Room, main level off of the Fellowship Hall

When: Sunday School begins at 9:15 am!



## Adult Bible Studies

### For FPC men:

Men’s Bible Study is studying Hebrews. They meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 6:30pm in the Hometime Room.

**Promise Keepers** meet for optional breakfast at Chelsea’s, 1015 Aquidneck Ave at 7:00 Saturday mornings, followed by a time of Bible study, discussion and prayer in the Hometime room at 8:00am Contact Don Fennessey at [fenns@hotmail.com](mailto:fenns@hotmail.com)

### For Women:

**Christ in You: A Study on Colossians** Mondays 6pm at the Kolator home Daryl Kolator ([dg.kolator@cox.net](mailto:dg.kolator@cox.net)) [dgkolator@cox.net](mailto:dgkolator@cox.net) for more details.

**For all:** The Friday night group meets the second and fourth Friday of the month, rotating at members’ homes. We are studying Genesis. Contact Daryl Kolator.

**SHARE YOUR HEART  
IN FEBRUARY:  
SIGN UP  
FOR FELLOWSHIP TIME!**

Have you noticed the creative and delicious options at Fellowship Time lately? February is one of the best months of the year to share your recipes and celebrate the love of God. Pair up with a friend or better yet, someone you'd like to get to know better! You can sign up in the Fellowship Hall, where there are more detailed instructions on how to serve during this important time to connect with new and familiar faces on Sunday morning. Questions? Contact Tim Schultz at 919-699-7576.



## Please Pray:

- For Pastor Mike as he takes time off to help his youngest daughter move from Indianapolis to the Kansas City area. Please pray for travel mercies for both him and Molly.
- For our young people, as they begin the communicant class, and for our new Sunday School classes, that God's Word would be understood with clarity and applied in truth.
- Praise that Charlotte Ricci's ankle is healing!
- **For our military and their families, stateside and deployed overseas.**
- For our pastor, elders, deacons, staff, musicians and volunteers.
- **For Dick and Cindy Price** as Dick continues to recover from his 2nd stem cell transplant. For updates, contact Deidra Ricci at [pamperdee@cox.net](mailto:pamperdee@cox.net)

If you have a prayer request that you would like to be added to the ENews, please send it to [irene@fpcnewport.org](mailto:irene@fpcnewport.org). Your prayer care and needs are of the highest importance!

One of the ways we can show love for each other at FPC is to pray for one another. Prayer is truly a labor of love!



### THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

#### This Sunday, February 2:

**Sexton**-Don Fennessey

**Coffee Hour**-Inner Life

**Nursery**-Deidra Ricci and Deb MacDowell

**Young Children's Worship**-Kris Aleicho  
Hospitality-Ross Family, Brian and Darien Petit, Robert and Christine Sahms, John Wicks

### Sarah Beck Hill Scholarship News

Ralph Hill's 1989 will bequeathed a generous sum of money in honor of his mother to the church in trust as a scholarship fund to be used for students attending the University of Rhode Island (URI). By the terms of the will, each scholarship is for four years. Established in 1991, the trust is overseen by a Board of Trustees, composed of two elders and five members of the congregation. Now in its twenty-ninth year, the Sarah Beck Hill Memorial Scholarship Trust has provided \$437,750 in scholarship grants since its establishment. The Board of Trustees met recently and approved 2020 Spring term grants for Lauren Aleicho, Abbey Bloom, Katie Connolly, Phoebe McCaffrey, and Christopher Straka. Congratulations to each of them!

The Board is now receiving applications from new students for the upcoming school year. Contact Ralph Thomas (401-848-2719/[thomasesar@aol.com](mailto:thomasesar@aol.com)) for information on the application process.



### Social Media

Our Facebook page ([facebook.com/fpcnewport](https://facebook.com/fpcnewport)) is updated several times a week with current information and spiritual encouragement.



Find us through Instagram at [fpcnewport](https://www.instagram.com/fpcnewport).



Church Office Hours  
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