



FPC ENews

Advent Begins November 29

THE INDESCRIBABLE GIFT

Journey Through Advent

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Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am

11-29 ~ First Sunday of Advent: The Indescribable Gift

12-6 ~ Second Sunday of Advent: The Gift of a Special Birth

12-13 ~ Third Sunday of Advent: The Gift of a King in a Manger

12-20 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent: The Gift of Faith

Christmas Eve Services
5:30 pm and 7 pm

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Partner with The Salvation Army This Year!



In this pandemic year, the Salvation Army needs our help more than ever as they reach out to those in need on Aquidneck Island. Once again FPC is participating in the **Angel Tree Program** brightening Christmas for children and their families.

Soon tags will be available indicating the wished-for gifts and the age and gender of a child who will receive it. More information will be available on how to get a tag in the bulletin and E-News. And once again we'll have the opportunity to make hearts warm by standing in the cold to **ring bells at a Salvation Army red kettle**. If you can say good morning, good afternoon, thank you, and Merry Christmas, and have warm clothing, you're fully qualified. This year we'll be ringing at Walmart on **Saturday, December 12**. But the Salvation Army needs to know if we'll have enough volunteers. If you can help, please let Ralph Thomas know at 848-2718/ thomasesar@aol.com.



IT'S POINSETTIA TIME!

These lovely flowers lend their color and vibrancy to our sanctuary every Advent! This is a beautiful opportunity to dedicate a poinsettia in praise of or in memory of someone you love! The poinsettias will decorate the sanctuary through Sunday, December 27th, and then you are welcome to take them home to enjoy! **Only pre-paid orders will be accepted through November 29th**, and can be mailed or delivered to the church office at 6 Everett St, Newport, RI, 02840. Please make checks payable to FPC.

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____

In Praise Of: _____

In Memory Of: _____

Single Plants: () x \$12 each = _____

Double Plants () x \$24 each = _____

Total Amount of Check Enclosed _____

There's Still Time for Operation Christmas Child



It is the time of the year when we can once again participate in the Operation Christmas Child ministry or as some may call it, the Christmas shoebox outreach. Whatever you may call it, this year 2020 could be the year of "Blessing of Millions of Children in the Middle of a Pandemic". As we think of our difficulty traveling and trying to limit the spread of COVID-19, just imagine the additional precautions the ministry will have to take to safely collect and deliver the shoebox gifts. The boxes mean so much to the children that receive them, but the children also receive materials for The Greatest Journey discipleship lessons. This has not only brought millions of children to faith in Christ, but also to their families, and it has lead to church plantings throughout the world. All of this happens with your gifts and your prayers!

You can still go to samaritanspurse.org/occ where you can build personalized shoeboxes on line for a donation.

If you have any questions please feel free to call Phil or Susan Thow at (401) 849-4407.



COME DECORATE FPC FOR ADVENT

Saturday, November 21, 9 am

Come join in the fun with our church family as we put up the decorations and tree for Advent and the Christmas season.

Because Thanksgiving is November 26 and the first Sunday of Advent is November 29, we wanted to make sure all will be ready. We'd love to have you join us!



God's abundant blessings in Christ to Sadie Catherine Joy Mignogna, who was baptized at FPC on October 25. Please keep Sadie in your prayers as she grows in her relationship with Jesus Christ. Sadie is the daughter of Michael and Sheri Mignogna and the granddaughter of Ray Mignogna.

Pastor Mike is preaching out of the New Testament book of Romans, the most complete book on theology in the New Testament. The author, the apostle Paul, lays out how the Old Testament and New Testament forever tie together through faith in Christ. Pastor Mike has been on fire as he preaches boldly about themes such as justification, reconciliation, peace amidst suffering, and most importantly, salvation through faith alone in Jesus Christ. Here's how you can access his most recent sermons:

The church website: fpcnewport.org



Facebook: facebook.com/fpcnewport



Instagram: [fpcnewport](https://www.instagram.com/fpcnewport/)

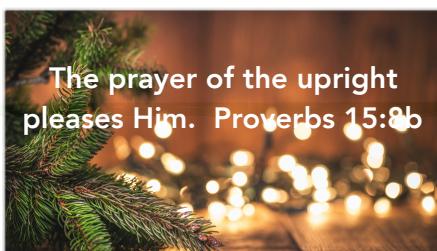


YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hRsZk0Ncjjc&t=8s>

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praises that we are able to worship in person!
- Diane, Brian Petit's sister, who has cancer
- Lori (Alice and Ralph Thomas' daughter) doing Hospice at COVID Specialty Nursing Home
- Heather (Nancy and Ed Burgess' daughter) taking care of patients on the COVID Ward at Mass General
- Danielle (Dick and Cindy Price's daughter) working with COVID patients
- That people would turn to Jesus Christ in this time of crisis
- For our military, serving at home and overseas
- For our civil, state and federal government leaders
- Charis and Joshua (daughter and son-in law of missionaries Larry and Linda Jones) are safely returned from Bangladesh and living in Washington State awaiting the Lord's call to their next mission



Office Hours are flexible. If you can't reach the office by phone, please e-mail @ secretary@fpcnewport.org
6 Everett Street, Newport RI 02840

WE'RE OPEN SUNDAYS FOR WORSHIP!



Many thanks to everyone who participated in the Church Work Day on

November 14! It was a great effort with most tasks accomplished.

Thank you to Don Fennessey for organizing and to Alice Hand for providing goodies to the workers.



CHURCH WORK DAY A SUCCESS!

- Sunday School begins at 9:15 am.
- Service begins at 10:30 am.
- All who enter the church must wear a face mask during the service.
- Pew Bibles will not be available so you will need to bring your own Bible.
- Hymnals will not be available so we will have printed music sheets in the bulletins.
- We will practice social distancing in sanctuary seating.
- Offering plates will be placed in the front and rear of the sanctuary for your convenience and will be collected during the designated offering time.
- There will be no children's sermon.
- No activity bags will be provided, so children may want to bring similar items of their own.

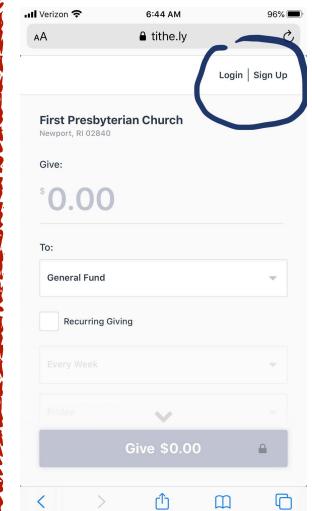
These guidelines/restrictions allow us to continue to worship together. Even with the restrictions, we have enjoyed meeting together to worship and hear preaching and encouragement through the Word of God.

Finally, remember there is hand sanitizer placed throughout the church for your use. We encourage you to bring your own as well. Also, if you are sick or running a fever, please remain at home. We can't wait to see you!



You can now give online!

Go to the church website fpcnewport.org and click on the far right GIVE tab on the main menu bar. You can then create an account by clicking on "Sign Up" in the top right corner.



The FPC Staff wish all of you a safe, peaceful and, yes, **thankful** Thanksgiving, as we rejoice in all of God's blessings.

November is Stewardship Month

FPC has been blessed by the continued financial support of our congregation. In 2020, we received a grant of \$100,000 from the Alletta Morris McBean Charitable Trust for the refurbishment and update of our organ and to defray the cost of repairs to our Sanctuary Walls. We are also waiting for the results of our grant request to the Champlin Foundation which we should receive later this month.

As with any building that is over 100 years old, our historic church is in need of constant refurbishment. Later this year we will be repairing the floor in our dining room that was flooded in July. Our exterior Sanctuary doors are also in need of refurbishment and this will be accomplished in the Spring of 2021.

Later this month you will receive in the mail a letter from the Pastor and two pledge cards, the first is for General giving and Missions and the second is for our Capital Improvement Fund.

Your faithful giving has been greatly appreciated and we appreciate your continued financial support!



FPC is seeking to hire a Child Caregiver for Sunday mornings. This is a paid position. The Caregiver would be at least 18 years of age, able to provide references, pass a background check and undergo the Child Protection Training available through the church. Responsibilities include being a primary Caregiver for babies and pre-school children from 9:00 AM to 11:45 AM (Sunday School and Worship hours), tracking children's information weekly including any allergies, giving snack and drink provided by church, and following all appropriate COVID regulations including sanitizing any toys, tables, chairs before leaving. Additional responsibilities could include reading a story and overseeing crafts provided by the church. If interested, please contact Daryl Kolator at dg.kolator@cox.net or the Church Office at 401-847-1749.