



December 9, 2020



FPC ENews



Join Us as We Celebrate the Birth of Jesus



THE INDESCRIBABLE GIFT Journey Through Advent

*Thanks be to
God
for His
incredible
gift.*

Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am

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

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

**2 Corinthians
9:15**



Christmas Eve Services

5:30 pm and 7 pm



WE'RE OPEN SUNDAYS FOR WORSHIP!



- **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!

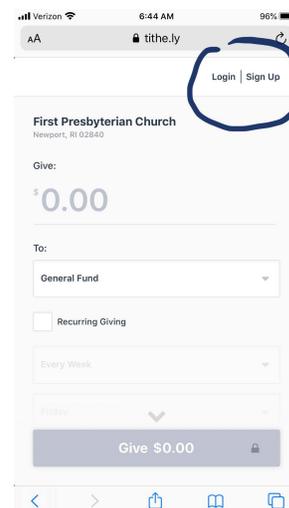
College Care Package Update: Many Thanks!

Many thanks to Mikyong Kim, whose kind attention to the needs of her students, who are having a very difficult year, resulted in the sending of Christmas care packages to college students. On November 12, the Inner Life Committee sent 13 packages to family and friends of the FPC congregation. We included a Christmas card, the FPC Christmas Advent devotional, a copy of "My Heart-Christ's Home," and a package of popcorn and hot chocolate. Many thanks to Mikyong for the suggestion, to Kati Machtley who purchased the items and mailed the packages, to Don Estes who provided the devotional, and to Stacie Schultz, Ralph Thomas and Irene Herring for student information, printing and publicity.



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 and joyous Christmas Season as we rejoice in the birth of Jesus!



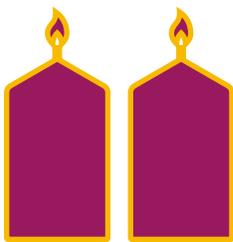
Advent 2020 at FPC

Beautiful decorations adorn our sanctuary. Families gather to worship and to anticipate the birth of Jesus.

November 29



Tim and Stacie Schultz lit the candle of Hope (or Prophecy) on the first Sunday of Advent. The Ross family lit the candle of Hope and the candle of Love (or Bethlehem) on the second Sunday of Advent. Both families shared stories of meaningful gifts.



December 6



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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO JOIN THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM:

"For where two or three gather in My name, there am I among them." Matthew 18:20

Each month we come together as the body of Christ and unite in prayer as we ask for the Holy Spirit to dwell with us and guide us as we seek God's will for FPC Newport. If you'd like to join us, please email Charlotte Ricci at charlottekinder3@gmail.com for more information. Meetings are currently virtual.

JOIN THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY ON ELIJAH, COMING IN JANUARY:

A weekly Bible study on Elijah will begin at the end of January. The newest study from Priscilla Shirer, *Elijah: Faith and Fire* will be a renewing, convicting and inspiring study to live freshly through our relationship with God and the Holy Spirit. Contact Irene Herring at aiherring@aol.com for more info.



HEAR THE WORD OF GOD: Pastor Mike is preaching an Advent Series. In January, he will complete the series from the New Testament book of Romans. He is preaching on 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](https://www.facebook.com/fpcnewport)

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

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



JOIN IN PRAYER:

- Praises that we are able to worship in person!
- Pray for the family of Myrle Dean (Janice Kinder's mother). Myrle is now with her Savior. We extend our most heartfelt prayers and sympathy to all of her family and friends.
- Diane, Brian Petit's sister, who has cancer
- Pray for Dick and Cindy Price's 3 year old grandson Glenn V, who is sick and waiting on a Covid test.
- 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



Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. ~ Mark 11:24



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