



April 10, 2022

This week at FPC

"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." Hebrews 6:19

"Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." Zechariah 9:9



PALM SUNDAY



Join us Sunday,
April 17, at 10:30
as we rejoice in Jesus
and his resurrection.

Did you know that the very first worship service in our sanctuary was Easter Sunday, April 5, 1896? As reported in the newspaper the following week, "the general public was also given an opportunity to see the beautiful interior of First Presbyterian Church."



Easter Lilies, Given With Love

In Memory of —

Beepa, Love the Grandkids by the Aleicho Family
Our Loved Ones by Pete and Nancy Browne
Our Loved Ones by Larry and Lynn Chase
Mr and Mrs Dennis M Tudor and Mr and Mrs Donald F Fennessey
by Don and Sue Fennessey
Parents Ruth and Joseph Noorthoek by Ellie Green
Betty Mc Eachern, my mother, by Bonnie Haun
In memory and praise of Robert Henry by his wife, children, and grandchildren
In loving memory of CDR William R Lang and Peter James Lang
by Sandra Lang
Bob and Pat Titus by Deb MacDowell
Gordon Stewart by Nanci Stewart
Lynn Tisdall Tenney, her son Jeff Tenney and her grandson Christian MacFarland by the Tenney MacFarland Family
Our Loved Ones who've gone before us by Chip and Cindy Wilson
Deborah Zimmerman by Todd, Bret, Brandi, Austin and Anisa

In Praise of —

Our children, Erin, Andrew and Lauren by Andrew and Kristen Aleicho
God's Grace by the Barnes Family
God's Faithfulness by Pete and Nancy Browne
In praise and memory of Colonel Frank A Clark by Marcia M M Clark
Children and Grandchildren by Nanci Stewart
Our Sons, Sam and Nick, by Chip and Cindy Wilson

There's Joy in Being Involved!

FPC Dinners to Help: The Deacons are reviving a way to bring dinner to those in our congregation who might benefit from pre-prepared meals. Volunteers will gather every three months to prepare a supply of food available for delivery to those experiencing a family illness, incapacity, new baby, or other event where a little help would be welcomed. Our first cooking party will be Saturday, April 23, at 9:00 a.m. in the church kitchen. Please contact deacons@fpcnewport.org if you would like to participate—or if you know of someone who might need this occasional assistance.

Sunday Morning Prayer Gathering: Beginning in May, you are invited to come to church at 10:00 am for a time of prayer before Sunday worship service.

The Missions Committee is looking for people interested in helping to stay in touch with the wonderful missionaries we support. Contact Missions Elder, Deidra Ricci, or the church office at secretary@fpcnewport.org.

Evensong: Every Sunday evening a group meets on Zoom to worship by singing songs and hymns, sharing scripture and enjoying fellowship. If you are interested in participating regularly or occasionally, contact Brian Ross to get the Zoom link.

Join the FPC Choir! If you love to sing, lend your voice in praise and worship of our Lord by joining the choir! Practice is at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. Sundays in the choir loft. Please contact Angel, Director of Music.

Childcare during Worship Service: FPC is hoping to expand the volunteers for childcare during the service. Volunteers would serve on a monthly or bi-monthly schedule (but flexible). If this is an area where you can serve please contact Daryl Kolator. Thanks also to all who volunteer already!



C. Wilson

Our church family

Welcome to our guest pastor, Rev. Dr. Jeff Hutchinson!

Dr. Jeff Hutchinson has been with us for past two weeks, and he will preach again Easter Sunday. Rev. Hutchinson is Assistant Pastor of Living Hope Community Church (ECO) in Old Greenwich, CT, called to be the church planter of House of Mercy, a new ECO Presbyterian church in New Haven, CT. After service as a Surface Warfare Officer in the United States Navy, including training at Naval Station Newport,



Jeff served as a campus minister in Florida and as a Presbyterian pastor in North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Connecticut for more than twenty-five years before his current church planting adventure. Jeff invites you to join his Prayer Support Team for the new church plant.

After worship service the past two Sundays, Rev. Hutchinson visited several families who were unable to attend to offer them communion. He visited Norm and Janet Champagne, Lynn and Larry Chase, Jan and Bruce Jones, Richard and Cindy Price, and Ralph and Alice Thomas. The visits were much appreciated.



Food Pantry Donations

Thanks to your generosity, FPC is donating over 100 pounds of food to local food pantry this month. This food will go a long way toward helping those who are in need. For the next Food Pantry collection Sunday, May 1, we are collecting tuna, cereal, pasta, spaghetti sauce, shampoo, toothbrushes, canned vegetables, rice, baby food, and diapers, as requested by the Food Pantry. There will be baskets in the Fellowship Hall and in the back of the church. Thank you again!



Pray...

...for the unspoken needs of members of our church family who are recovering from surgery, who will have surgery this week, who are ill or enduring hardships.

...for our nation and its leaders, and for those who serve our nation in dangerous parts of the world. You may call the church office with specific names that we will list for prayer.

...for our church, as we rejoice in the Resurrection, renew our faith in God's plan for all of us, and reach out to those around us.

...and give thanks for all the faithful servants who care for our church building and all who worship within it.

On the Journey...

(from a recent letter from Session to the congregation)

We continue to seek God's guidance as we look to what the future hold for this body of believers. Until a pastoral search committee is established, we need to pray and work together for the good of the church and the Kingdom.

The Worship Committee is led by Elders Deidra Ricci and Janice Kinder. Ordained ministers and seminary graduates have been scheduled most Sundays through June. We will welcome Rev. Jeff Hutchinson through the end of April, then Rev. Dale Green will preach and serve communion May 1. Rick Koconis will preach through late June, when Rev. Hutchinson will return for a week.

The James House has been prepared for rental, and it is listed for possible rental to military families.

For pastoral care, contact Deidra Ricci by emailing pastor@fpcnewport.org. For other visitation needs, contact Daryl Kolator at deacons@fpcnewport.org or 401-339-7625.

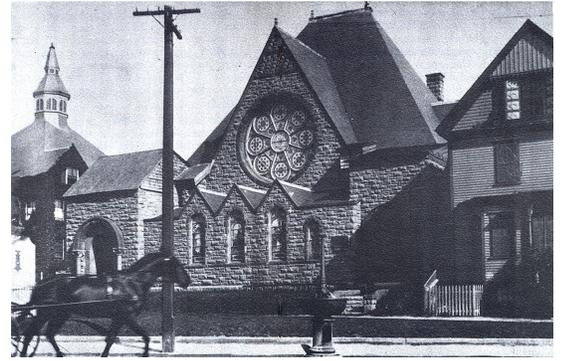
If you can't attend services, watch online live or later by going to fpcnewport.org and click on "FPC live streaming."

What you can do to help in this journey. Participate in a committee: Worship, Inner Life, Christian Education, Buildings and Grounds, Finance and Personnel, and Missions. Join a small-group study, join the choir, commit, or recommit financially to help sustain and improve FPC's vital mission to serve God. Pray!

To contact an Elder with questions, concerns, suggestions:

Greg Bloom, Clerk of Session; Don Fennessey, Building and Grounds, Ken Hoffman, Personnel and Finance; Janice Kinder, Worship; Deidra Ricci, Worship and Missions; Tim Schultz, Inner Life; Phil Thow, Building and Grounds, Chip Wilson, Christian Education.

Our deacons are: Nancy Browne, Nancy Shaw Burgess, Daryl Kolator, Jamie Landsman, Deb MacDowell, Darien Petit, and Cindy Wilson.



More about the first FPC worship service

From 1893 to 1895, finding money to pay for construction materials was becoming more and more difficult. The congregation had already mortgaged the land and some of the Trustees had made personal loans or even mortgaged their own homes. Since 1893, the economic depression had become worse and there were some bank failures. This effectively marked the end of the Gilded Age in Newport, and it became almost impossible to raise new money. But still the construction proceeded, even though it would take decades to dig their way out of debt.

On Easter Sunday, April 5, 1896, the first Service of Worship was held in the new sanctuary. The church was still not really finished at that point, and it was recorded that, "Willing hands worked hard to a late hour on Saturday evening to complete the church interior."

The event was reported the next morning in the Newport Herald, a local newspaper. It must have been a glorious scene! The church was decorated extravagantly with flowers, sunlight streamed through the stained-glass windows, the choir sang and the organ played for the first time. There must have been an overwhelming sense of thanks and wonderment for all that God had already been able to accomplish through the little congregation. Every seat was occupied and "it was found necessary to provide camp stools, so great was the demand."



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