

June 16, 2022

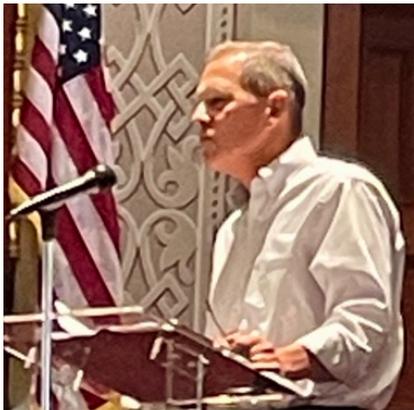


This week at FPC

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

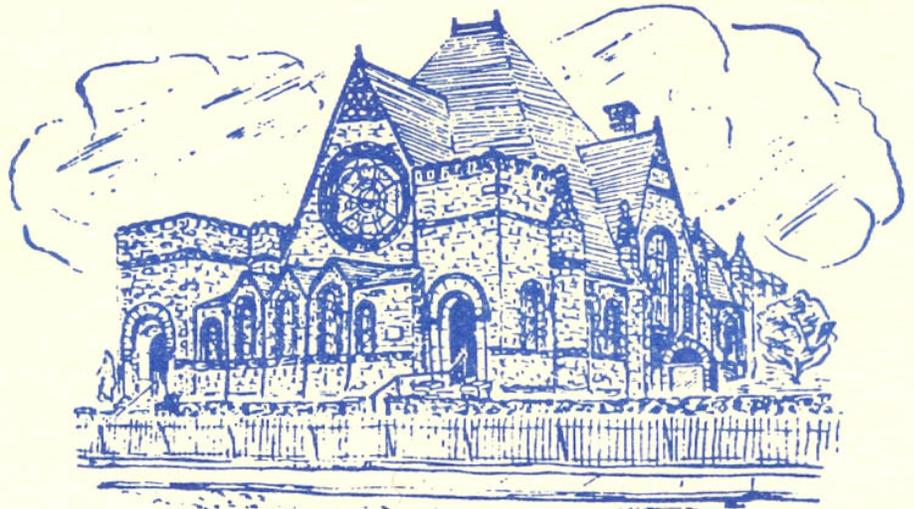
June 12 Worship Service

“... If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?”
Romans 8:31-32



Guest pastor Rick Koconis completed his sermon series with a message titled, “The Gospel—It’s All About God’s Love in Christ,” based on Romans 8:21-29. Rick also led a Bible study, “What Is the Gospel and How Does It Inform Our Church and Its Mission,” and an informal discussion about the sermon after worship service.

We thank Rick for his content-rich messages from the pulpit, as well as the many other pastoral duties he performed in the past six weeks. Rick was a longtime member of FPC, has recently graduated with a Master of Divinity at Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando, and currently lives in South Daytona, Florida.



Happy 134th Anniversary to First Presbyterian Church!

Daniel B. Fitts, one of the leaders of a small group who had parted from the Congregational Church in Newport, provided the funds necessary to purchase a small building and property, and this cleared the way to approach the Boston Presbytery for admission to the Presbyterian Church. This legality was accomplished very quickly, and on **June 19, 1888**, the First Presbyterian Church of Newport was officially organized. Forty-seven members joined on that day.

Happy
Father's
Day

The righteous
man walks in
his integrity;
**His children
are blessed
after him.**

PROVERBS 20:7

On the Journey...

.Please pray for God's financial provision for the church as the session and congregation revisit our budget for the rest of 2022. Praise God for His faithfulness to this church throughout its history.

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.

To view Sunday services online, go to fpcnewport.org and select FPC Livestream, or copy and paste this link into your browser: <https://youtu.be/p2gAi-yD3rs>. The service is available live or Monday and days following. Thank you, Phil Haun, for serving as lay leader last Sunday, and thank you to those who served as ushers, hosted coffee hour, and otherwise contributed to making our Sunday morning service more meaningful.

Looking ahead, Sam Browne will deliver the message Sunday, June 19. Sam is the son of Nancy and Peter Browne. He grew up in FPC and received a Sarah Beck Hill scholarship to support his education at URI. A process engineer for Teknor Apex Co. in Pawtucket, He also serves in the leadership at Generation Church in South County, RI.

Rev. Dr. Jeff Hutchinson will return June 26 to preach and serve communion. He will be with us for several weeks, accompanied by Sean Bland, an intern. Dr. Hutchinson will also offer a Sunday School class on the Psalms while he is here.

Angel will not be here Sunday, June 19, as she will be accompanying her daughter Juno to New York City. Juno was selected to take part in the Middle School Honors Performance Series, where selected young performers come together for several days of rehearsals with renowned conductors leading to a performance at Carnegie Hall's Stern Auditorium/Perelman Stage. In Angel's absence, Brian Ross has volunteered to accompany one or more hymns on the guitar during Sunday's service.

New women's Bible study All women are invited to a new study on Psalms beginning Thursday, June 23, at 2 p.m. on Zoom. Contact Deidra Ricci for the Zoom information. (pamperedee@cox.net or 401-447-3833)



The women in Naomi Circle met for lunch Tuesday, June 14 at the Atlantic Grille with Carol Smith as host.

Celebrate an early Father's Day All men of the church are invited to join the Promise Keepers at their Saturday morning at 7 a.m. breakfast at Chelsea's restaurant for a time of fellowship.

Meetings and Activities

Thursday, June 16

9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Church office open*
2:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Zoom)

Saturday, June 18

7:00 a.m. Promise Keepers breakfast at Chelsea's restaurant

Sunday, June 19

9:15 a.m. New Member Class
10:00 a.m. Prayer gathering
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
11:30 a.m. Fellowship hour
6:00 p.m. Evensong (Zoom)

Monday, June 20

9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Church office open*
6:30 p.m. Sarah Circle Bible Study (Zoom)
7:00 p.m. 20s & 30s Small Group
7:00 p.m. Finance and Personnel meeting

Tuesday, June 21

7:00 p.m. Session meeting

* office hours may vary

We thank our Elders and Deacons for their leadership and service

Worship Committee

Deidra Ricci and Janice Kinder

Missions Committee

Deidra Ricci

Finance and Personnel Committee

Ken Hoffman and Greg Bloom

Buildings and Grounds Committee

Don Fennessey and Phil Thow

Christian Education Committee

Janice Kinder and Chip Wilson

Inner Life Committee

Tim Schultz and Brian Petit

Board of Deacons

Co-chairs: Daryl Kolator and Darien Petit

Jen Bloom, Nancy Browne, Nancy Burgess, Deb Hoffman, Jamie Landsman, Deb Mac Dowell, Cindy Wilson

And special thanks to these:

Director of Music: Angel Conwell

Secretary: Stacie Schultz

Caretakers Tom and Cheri Dugan



Who will fill this chair?

Note from the Secretary

At the end of August, I will be transitioning out of the secretarial position at FPC. I have enjoyed being the secretary these last three years, but at this time I need to address key roles in other areas of my life. While I still hold the secretarial position, I welcome the opportunity to train the next secretary.

The job requires a mix of organizational, communication, office, and people skills, as well as an overall knowledge of how FPC is organized and operates. The person to take up this post needs to have the qualities of kindness, patience, diligence, and a high degree of consistency. This is a part-time, hourly position that allows for flexibility, as some of the work can be done from home, although regular in-person office hours need to be maintained. I am grateful for having had the opportunity to serve as the FPC secretary and am eager to see who the Lord will bring for FPC for this key post!

In Christ,
Stacie Schultz, FPC Secretary

If you are interested, please email secretary@fpcnewport.org.

Pray...



...**for our church**, as we renew our faith in God's plan for all of us and reach out to those around us. Join Deidra Ricci in the Fellowship Hall Sunday at 10 a.m. to pray together before worship. Pray for the Session members as they meet June 21 to seek God's guidance as they plan for the many challenges and opportunities facing FPC during the coming months.

...**for our nation and its leaders**, for our first responders and for all those who serve our nation in dangerous parts of the world, including Jacob Ricci and others related to our church members.

...**for the spoken and unspoken needs** of members of our church family who will have or are recovering from surgery, who are ill or enduring hardships or loss and in need of God's healing and grace. And as you pray, please remember...

Les and Phyllis Bloom
Pete and Nancy Browne
Lynn and Larry Chase
Jan and Bruce Jones

Richard and Cindy Price
Ken Scigulinsky and family
Carol Smith and family
Judy Sweeney and family
The Tenney family

...**with patience** as Dave Kolator waits for permission to return home after his heart surgery, that the doctors find a way to manage his AFib

...**with thanks** that Ralph Thomas is finally at home and that God will take care of the details of this transition, continue to restore Ralph's body and strengthen him, and provide His peace, wisdom, and comfort to both Ralph and Alice.

...**with thanks** for members like Don Fennessey who drove Richard Price to a Boston appointment so Cindy could have a restful day at home.

...**with praise** as Bunny Miller's new twin great-grandsons, who were born prematurely June 5, are gaining weight and doing well. They will remain at the hospital another five weeks, but so far continue to develop normally.

"Our soul waits for the Lord, He is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you." Psalm 33:20-22

First Presbyterian Church established June 19, 1888

This was an editorial in the July 8 issue of a Newport newspaper. It's interesting to see the enthusiasm of the City of Newport for our new church.



The steady advance of the Presbyterian movement in New England has reached Newport, and a self-supporting and vigorous church of our order is now in existence at this important center of influence. The church was formally organized June 19, under the approval of a commission sent down by the Presbytery of Boston.

It takes the name of the First Presbyterian Church of Newport, has an earnest pastor in the person of Rev. R. Gordon Mackay, and begins life with a membership of fifty-four—thirty-six by letter and eighteen on the confession of their faith. This new church is a natural and entirely peaceful outgrowth from a chapel congregation, originally established by Congregationalists, from whom the chapel building was bought, and with whose Godspeed the new enterprise began. Many Newporters have long anxiously scanned the horizon for this finally completed work, but they were conservative and left to the moulding hand of a kindly Providence the control of the future.

Newport was felt to be the key to the new Presbyterian position in New England. This great summer resort is full of Presbyterians and people of Presbyterian sympathies.

Many prominent New Yorkers who have their summer homes have already shown their interest, not only in sympathy, but also in a more substantial way. Thus begins a work which, by God's grace, has every promise of a rapid growth.



Join our summer "pick-up" choir

This is a good time to try singing in the choir. On the Sundays listed here, we will meet in the choir loft at 9:45 to "pick up" a piece of music that we will quickly learn and sing that morning. No robes, no rehearsals, no auditions, just a time to enjoy singing from the choir loft and enriching our worship service. The pick-up choir will sing June 26; July 3, 17, and 31; August 7, 21, and 31. Check with Angel Conwell for more information.

Soup Kitchen, the first Wednesday of every month, is an important outreach to our neighbors in need. At our most recent Soup Kitchen, Darien Petit purchased the food and made the sandwiches at home. Regina Skudera, Robert and Christine Sahms and Jerry and Coleen Spencer packaged and served meals to 19 guests. If you would like to help, contact Coleen Spencer for packing and serving or Nancy Burgess for purchasing and preparing.

Love Thy Neighbor

These are difficult times for many, and food items are more needed than ever. Please consider picking up a few extra items next time you go grocery shopping and adding them to the collection baskets in the Fellowship Hall and the back of the church—or make a monetary donation. We deliver it all to the food bank the first Sunday of the month.





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Sunday Worship Service 10:30.





A New Member Class for those wishing to join FPC or glean more information about doing so will be held before service at 9:15 am for a total of two sessions on Sunday, June 19 and 26. For details, please contact Deidra Ricci at pamperedee@cox.net.