

June 23, 2022



This week at FPC

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

Sunday Worship



"Praise the Lord, my soul, all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's." Psalm 103: 1-8

During the June 19 service, Sam Browne delivered a message exploring seven principles of serving, loving and believing in a relational God. The related scripture was Psalm 103. 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. We thank him for sharing this message with the congregation.

Angel was away Sunday last Sunday, 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 and Janice Kinder helped to lead the hymns during Sunday's service, along with recorded music from Angel.

New Sunday School class begins in July

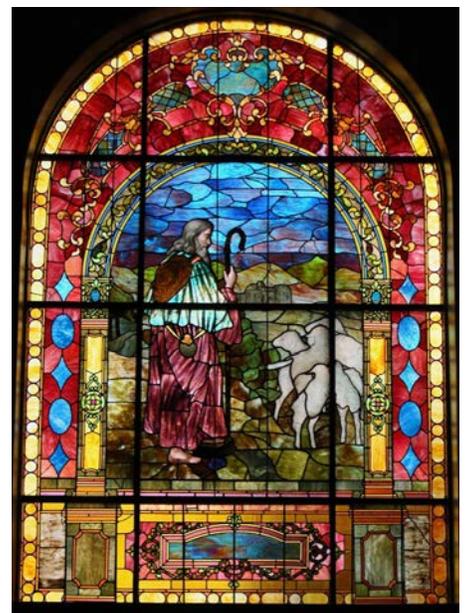


Rev. Dr. Jeff Hutchinson will return June 26 to preach and serve communion. He will be with us for several weeks, accompanied by Sean Bland, who is doing an internship with him. They will also offer a new summer Sunday-School opportunity beginning July 3. Join them to learn more about the Psalms and their different

genres, and what these different kinds of Psalms each teach us about expressing our hearts and minds to God. They will explore several areas:

How do Christians express their thoughts and feelings to and about God? How have believers from across centuries, continents, and cultures worshipped God in praise and song? The Psalms are one of our treasures that teaches about these things. In the Psalms we not only read the prayers and praises of those who came before us, but we learn how to do these things more richly, fully, and powerfully ourselves. In the Psalms we see every kind of human emotion, from lament to gratitude and more, all given in prayer, praise, and song to God in a way that no other book provides.

We hope to see you at as many of these classes as possible!



On the Journey...

Please pray for the Lord to direct our path forward and bring us together as a congregation seeking His will for the church.

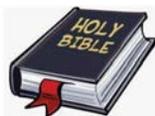
For pastoral care contact Deidra Ricci by emailing pastor@fpcnewport.org. For other visitation needs, contact Daryl Kolator at deacons@fpcnewport.org or 401-339-7625.

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, Tim Schultz, 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. A special thanks to Alice Hand for providing flowers from her garden. If you would like to share flowers from your garden to beautify the sanctuary, please contact Alice or secretary@fpcnewport.org.

Looking ahead—

Testimony Sunday, August 28—a unique opportunity.

Each of us has a unique story of how we were called to accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Our lives and the lives of those around us continue to be shaped by that decision. Personal testimonies are a strong witness for the Lord, and they serve to glorify Him in ways both large and small. We'd love to hear your testimony or a story of how God has worked in your life! Will you share your story with our congregation during worship service Sunday, August 28? Presentations will be limited to five minutes. If you are interested, please contact Deidra Ricci, pamperedee@cox.net or secretary@fpcnewport.org.



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)

Sing with our summer "pick-up" choir This is a good time to try singing in the choir. You are invited to join us in the choir loft this Sunday, June 26, at 9:45 to "pick up" a piece of music that we will quickly learn and sing that morning. Check with Angel Conwell for more information.

We welcome Meg and Dan Smith, former choir members, who will be here this Sunday, June 26, to contribute to the music during worship service.

Meetings and Activities

Thursday, June 23

9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Church office open*
2:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Zoom)
6:30 p.m. Deacons

Saturday, June 25

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

Sunday, June 26

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 27

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

* 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:

Director of Music: Angel Conwell
Secretary: Stacie Schultz
Caretakers Tom and Cheri Dugan



Note from the Secretary

At the end of August, Stacie 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

...**for David Kolator's smooth recovery** as Daryl reports "Thank you to everyone for their faithful prayers. David is home! His heart rate is in rhythm and he is healing after the surgery. Although he still has a long recovery ahead, we are so grateful that he can be home." May God continue to strengthen his body, mind and spirit as he moves into this next phase of recovery. We pray also for Daryl, that she may have God's peace and discernment and know that God is with them always!

...**with thanks** as Ralph Thomas reports it is great to be home!!! Praise God for the progress Ralph has made and ask for God to continue to give Ralph the fortitude to continue to regain additional mobility and function. Please pray for Alice, the God would strengthen her ankles and keep her safe as she cares for Ralph.

Praise God for Richard's trip to Boston going well. Please pray for healing for Richard as he had a small procedure, as well as continued healing and improvement for his lungs. His steroids have been reduced and God willing, he can continue to decrease them over the summer. Many thanks to the Lord for Cindy's day of rest and for Don Fennessey's servant heart doing the driving.

...**with happiness** as long-time member Marge Silvia just celebrated her 90th birthday!

"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



Window sill repairs progresses to Cranston Street side.

Weather and age take their toll and these repairs are preserving the beauty of our stained glass windows, widely recognized as an architectural treasure since the late 1800s. We have received a grant for this work but it is not enough to cover the cost. If you are willing to contribute to this project, please make your check payable to FPC, with a notation on the memo line that it is for window repair.

Below, a memory from 2002-2005, when major repairs were made to the windows. The lead material binding the pieces of colored glass was sagging dangerously, and many windows were carefully disassembled and rebuilt. Our stewardship of this building, built by the determination of Scottish immigrants after working on Newport's famed mansions, continues.



Restoration of the Rose Window in 2007

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 it all to the food bank the first Sunday of the month.



Soup Kitchen, the first Wednesday of every month, is another important outreach to our neighbors in need. If you would like to help, contact Coleen Spencer for preparing and serving or Nancy Burgess for purchasing the food.



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.



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