

July 14, 2022



# This week at FPC

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

## Sunday Worship

*From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God. He said: "In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. From the depths of the grave I called for help, and you listened to my cry." Jonah 2:1*

The sermon for Sunday, July 10, was delivered by Sean Bland, a Navy Chaplain candidate. The sermon was titled, “Crying Out to God In Every Circumstance” and demonstrated God’s grace and compassion for Jonah and all of us, described in Jonah 2:1-10.

We thank Janice Kinder for serving as lay leader, those who served as ushers, the Conwell family who hosted coffee hour—and provided the music—and all who contributed to making our Sunday morning service more meaningful. We are grateful for all who came to worship with us.

If you are unable to attend in person, you can watch online, just visit our web site, [fpcnewport.org](http://fpcnewport.org), and click on Livestream to see this and previous services.



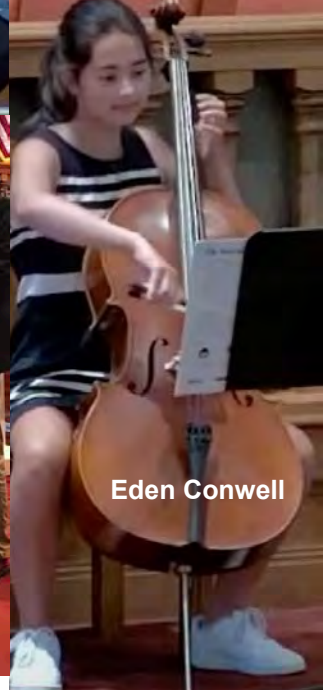
Sean Bland



Janice Kinder



The children’s message was about how, unlike our cell phones, God is always available. We can call on Him, any time, anywhere, and He will hear us.



Eden Conwell

## Sunday School class on Psalms

Come to the Home Time Room at 9:15 Sunday morning to join this class about the Psalms and what they teach us about expressing our hearts and minds to God—Learn how Christian believers across

centuries, continents, and cultures worship God in praise and song and how we can do these things more richly, fully, and powerfully ourselves. This class is led by Rev. Hutchinson and Sean Bland.



## On the Journey...

*Please pray for God's leading of FPC Newport as we move forward in seeking to understand His mission for us as a body of believers.*

**For pastoral concerns,** contact [pastor@fpcnewport.org](mailto:pastor@fpcnewport.org)

**To view Sunday services online,** go to [fpcnewport.org](http://fpcnewport.org) and select FPC Livestream. The service is available live or Monday and days following.

**After Sunday worship service,** everyone is always invited to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and friendly conversation.



Please sign up on the clipboard near the coffee if you are able to help host. It is very easy to do; much of the setup is already in place, and there is always someone around to offer assistance. It is only an hour of your day, but means a lot to many who relish the opportunity to socialize before returning home

**Zoom chats keep us connected** with many of our members and friends who are currently unable to attend church due to health issues. It's a way to bring joy to them—and to you! Mike Ricci sets up an online chat each Sunday during coffee hour. Be sure to stop in the Resource Room adjoining the Fellowship Hall and see who in our church family is waiting to visit with you.

**If you enjoy praising the Lord through song,** this is a good time to try singing in the choir! You are invited to join us in the choir loft to “pick up” a piece of music that we will quickly learn and sing that morning. The “Pick-Up Choir” will sing July 17 and 31; August 7, 21, and 31.

**At Soup Kitchen last Wednesday,** 35 meals were served. Many, many thanks to Alice and John Hand and Robert and Christine Sahms for volunteering to help. The next Soup Kitchen will be Wednesday, August 3. Please contact Coleen Spencer, at [coleenspencer@cox.net](mailto:coleenspencer@cox.net) if you are willing to help even one time with this important and valuable ministry to those in need in our community.

**Help us restock the local food pantry.** There is much need, and all donations are greatly appreciated. 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 in the back of the church. We will deliver the collected items to the food bank the first Sunday of every month. If you'd prefer to make a monetary donation, place your offering in the pew envelope or offering plate, designating it for Deacons.

## Looking ahead

Mark your calendar!

### July 31 Special meeting of the congregation

The congregation is called to meet immediately following Worship Service **July 31** to discuss, vote on and approve a Revised Operating Budget for Calendar Year 2022. Rev. Jeff Hutchinson will moderate this meeting. Copies of the Revised Budget will be available July 17 on the Gold Table in the fellowship hall or by contacting the Church Office.

### August 1 Scholarship applications

If you are planning to begin, or are currently enrolled in, a full-time course of study in a degree program at the University of Rhode Island this September, your application needs to be submitted by August 1. Please contact Brian Ross (CONTACT INFO) for more

### August 7 Annual Church Picnic!

This year we'll be heading to Glen Park in Portsmouth for a good, old-fashioned church picnic full of food, fellowship and fun. So pull out your checkered tablecloths, grab the Frisbee, and bring the dog. More details to follow. Stay tuned!



### August 28 Testimony Sunday

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 are shaped by that decision. Personal testimonies are a strong witness and they serve to glorify the Lord in ways large and small. If you would like to share your story (five minutes or less) with our congregation during worship service Sunday, August 28, please contact Deidra Ricci, [pamperedee@cox.net](mailto:pamperedee@cox.net), or [secretary@fpcnewport.org](mailto:secretary@fpcnewport.org).





## Help wanted:

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 post!

*In Christ, Stacie Schultz, FPC Secretary*



## When we reach out to our neighbors...

Does Soup Kitchen make a difference? Here is a true story. Not too long ago, an FPC member was in the church kitchen one evening preparing for the next day's soup kitchen meals.

She heard a knock at the door, and a young man was standing there. He said, "Is Soup

Kitchen tonight?

"No, I'm sorry," she said. "Come back tomorrow night."

"Well," he said, "I just want to help with Soup Kitchen. You may not remember me. A few years ago I was really down and out—no job, no home, and this church fed me and gave me hope. Now I have a job and I'm fine, and I just wanted to help others."

*"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16*

## 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.

...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, 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	Lynn and Larry Chase
Marcia Clark	Jan and Bruce Jones
Dave and Daryl Kolator	Lilia Svizzero Merrill
Richard and Cindy Price	Coleen and Jerry Spencer

...and those families in our midst who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones.

....and for ongoing needs of many, such as Ralph and Alice Thomas who will welcome a new caregiver starting July 14. "We ask for prayers that this will be God's chosen long term caregiver so Ralph can really move forward." Please pray for God to continue to heal Ralph's body and to be close to Ralph and Alice providing His strength, peace and comfort each and every day.

Please continue to pray for Richard Price; he is still weaning off the steroids and requiring oxygen. Please pray for wisdom and discernment for his medical team, May Richard and Cindy feel God's presence with them and have His peace!



*"But I trust in you O Lord; I say, 'You are my God.' My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors! Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love!"*

*Psalm 31:14-16*

## Our cherubs and a caring pastor

When the church was built in the 1880s, sculptor Henrick Anderson created several cherub faces in plaster and gave them to the church in memory of his mother. By 1950 they had become clouded by many years of accumulated dust. Rev. William J. Clark, the pastor at that time, loved to get his hands on a hammer or paintbrush. One of his fondest memories was the time he “washed the faces of angels.” He took great joy in personally mounting a scaffold (assisted by George Davis) to restore their original “glow.” As he described it:

*“I am certain that few men of the cloth, while still in the flesh, have ever had the joy of washing the ‘Faces of Angels.’ That marvelous doing became my pleasure in this manner.... Through the fifty years of their inspiring warm fleshlike faces, set in sky blue haze and topped with a golden curl cap, and accumulated a covering of dust destroying their beauty. Believing it would be possible to cleanse and brighten them, I asked the church officers if I could undertake the work of washing their faces to help make them shine. I was given the responsibility and I set about borrowing a sectional scaffolding with which I could reach them, their being more than twenty feet above the rostrum floor.*

*“Realizing that the cleansing would need some detergent quality, and knowing that any soap solution would destroy their natural beauty, I mixed a solution of half turpentine and half boiled linseed oil. This I applied with a soft paint brush, the turpentine removing the dust stain and the linseed oil restoring a glow, just like they were when first placed in their hallowed up front station. Not all ministers enjoy the blessing of tangible cherubic faces down on him while he conducts worship!”*

Rev. Clark’s cherub cleaning lasted 50 years, until 2000, when the congregation approved a major restoration of the sanctuary. Special attention was given to the proscenium arch and the precious ring of cherubs. They were painted with enamel and glazed to bring out the three-dimensional properties; and some parts were highlighted with 23-karat gold leaf.



### Weekly Meetings and Activities

#### Thursday, July 14

9:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m. Church office open\*

2:00 p.m. Women’s Bible Study on Psalms (Zoom)

#### Saturday, July 16

7:00 a.m. Promise Keepers breakfast at Chelsea’s restaurant Sunday, July 3

#### Sunday, July 17

9:15 a.m. Sunday School (Psalms)

9:45 a.m. Pick-up Choir practice

10:00 a.m. Prayer gathering

10:30 a.m. Worship service

11:30 a.m. Fellowship time

6:00 p.m. Evensong (Zoom)

#### Monday, July 18

9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. office open\*

6:30 p.m. Sarah Circle Bible Study (Zoom)

7:00 p.m. Finance and Personnel

7:00 p.m. 20s & 30s Small Group

#### Tuesday, July 19

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

\* office hours may vary

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Sunday Worship Service 10:30.

