

July 21, 2022



# This week at FPC

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

## Sunday Worship

*As for me, I call to God, and the Lord saves me.  
Evening, morning and noon I cry out in distress,  
and he hears my voice. He rescues me unharmed from the battle waged  
against me, even though many oppose me. Psalm 55: 16-18*

Sunday, July 17, we welcomed back Rev. Dr. Jeff Hutchinson. His sermon was titled, "For the Wings of a Dove," a quote from Psalm 55, in which David works through the pain of betrayal, cries out to God, prays and finds comfort and peace as God hears his cries.

We thank Darien Petit, serving as lay leader, our ushers, choir, sound crew, coffee hour hosts,— and all who contributed to making our Sunday morning 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.



## 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. This past Sunday many of us had the pleasure of chatting with Bruce and Jan Jones.

**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 31, and August 7, 21, and 31. Added benefit—the choir loft is air-conditioned!

**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 when you go grocery shopping and adding them to the collection baskets in Fellowship Hall and the back of the sanctuary. We will deliver the collected items to the food bank the first Sunday of every month. You can also make a monetary donation, place your offering in the pew envelope or offering plate, designating it for Deacons.

**When you notice a visitor** with small children, tell them about our excellent nursery facilities and volunteers. Just ask Nancy Burgess's visiting granddaughter how many toys are available!



## Looking ahead

Mark your calendar!

### July 31 Special meeting of the congregation

will immediately follow 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 are available 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

Would you like to share the story of how you were called to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior—how your life and relationships with others have been shaped by that decision? 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).

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# 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 many others in our church family and beyond, who need our prayers at this time.

...for the family of **Vera Allen**, 94, who passed peacefully on July 13 in the John Clarke Nursing Home. A graveside service will be Saturday, July 23, at 10:00 a.m. Middletown Cemetery, Turner and Wyatt Rd, In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in her name to First Presbyterian Church.



...with praise and thanks that Ralph Thomas and Alice have found the right caregiver, Isaac, and were able to attend church for the first time in more than a year! May the Lord continue to provide strength and healing to them.

...for **Richard Price**, who 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!

...for **Carol Greene**, a long time FPC member who has moved to a rehab facility in Virginia. Her son, Tom (who lives in FL) is concerned she is not getting proper care. Please pray for God's protection and provision for Carol, that she would have His peace, and for the extended family and for Tom who is having health issues of his own. She sent cards for the deacons of FPC for many years; if you would like to send one to her, the address, contact [secretary@fpcnewport.org](mailto:secretary@fpcnewport.org).

*"But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, 'Great is the Lord!' As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!" Psalm 40:16-17*

**Bringing God's love** from our church family to those who are temporarily unable to attend worship service, Rev. Hutchinson, our summer pastor in residence, and Navy Chaplain candidate Sean Bland visited Janet and Norm Champagne, Jan and Bruce Jones and Alice and Ralph Thomas last weekend.



Blest be the tie that binds our heart in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.



## First Presbyterian's enduring relationship with those in our country's service grew steadily after World War II



First Presbyterian was an exciting and dynamic place during the post-World War II years. Many young families joined, and there was a new influx of military personnel as the Navy transitioned to peacetime. Many of the warships left Newport, and the manufacture of torpedoes

on Goat Island was discontinued, but the establishment of more Navy schools made up for this loss.

Families from the Naval War College, the Officer Candidate School, the Naval Justice School, and the Naval Chaplains School were among the many who chose worship and fellowship at First Presbyterian.

Often, it was a certain young woman from the church who encouraged a newcomer's first visit. Her name was Mary Elizabeth Ulrich, but she was known as Betsy. Betsy had grown up in Philadelphia and thought she might go into foreign missionary work when an opportunity emerged for her to come to Newport. She was part of a program called the Parish Visitor Program, supported by the Presbyterian Board of National Missions. She had an office at the church, although she was not officially on the church staff. Among other things, she worked closely with Navy Chaplains to coordinate assistance to needy families, where the husband may have been away for months on sea duty, and encourage many in the Navy to worship with us. During those years, through her efforts and those of Rev. Clark and other congregation members, many lasting bonds of friendship were forged with military families.

The Navy Chaplains School became especially important to First Presbyterian. Chaplains of all faiths were represented, but most years there was at least one Presbyterian chaplain who attended First Presbyterian Church with his family; one year there were six. The chaplains enriched the Sunday school classes and were willing to preach when the pastor was away.

## Weekly Meetings and Activities

### Thursday, July 21

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

### Saturday, July 23

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

### Sunday, July 24

9:15 a.m. Sunday School (Psalms)  
10:00 a.m. Pre-worship prayer time  
10:30 a.m. Worship service (nursery available)  
11:30 a.m. Fellowship time  
6:00 p.m. Evensong (Zoom)

### Monday, July 25

9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. office open\*  
7:00 p.m. 20s & 30s Small Group

\* office hours may vary

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Sunday Worship Service 10:30.



## It's Koni again, your FPC Church Copier!

I'm so excited because Stacie, our current secretary, had the Konica Minolta service technician here this week to replace one of my drums. I'm now printing without those embarrassing streaks and lines. I'm so glad she makes my service appointments and orders my supplies so that I can be in tip-top shape for all of the printing I do for our church family.

But, at the end of August, Stacie will be stepping down from the secretarial role, and I'll need a new secretary to keep me company and give me all sorts of fun things to print, copy, staple, and fold! Could you be that someone? Or do you know of someone for this part-time, flexible position? If so, please email [secretary@fpcnewport.org](mailto:secretary@fpcnewport.org).