

August 4, 2022



# This week at FPC

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

## Sunday Worship

*“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.”*

Mark 11: 24-26

Rev. Dr. Jeff Hutchinson’s message, “The Heart of Prayer,” focused on the story of Jesus and the fig tree and problems at the temple (Mark 11:12-26). He also served communion.

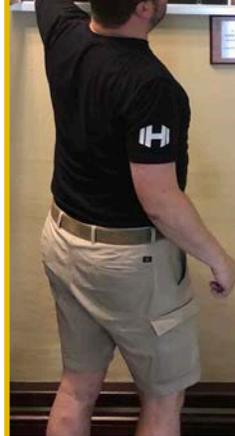
This Sunday, August 7, will be Sean Bland's final Sunday with us. He will finish his sermon series on the book of Jonah, highlighting Chapter 4. Please join us at the picnic to wish him well as he continues his education to become a Navy Chaplain.

We thank Ken Hoffman for serving as lay leader, the choir, the Fennessey family for hosting coffee hour, our ushers, sound crew, caretakers and all who contributed to our Sunday morning worship experience. We are grateful for all who came to worship with us and we invite them to return often.



## Church Work Day—getting it done!

In no particular order, here's who was there to help: Angel, Eden and Zelda Conwell, Cindy Wilson, Deb Macdowell, Mark and Lucas Barnes and Mark's nephew Jeff, Bill Aseltine, Roger Ward, Alice Hand, Sean Bland, Tom Dugan, Phil Thow and Brian and Don Fennessey.



Painting, pruning, power washing, planting handicap parking signs, and many more important tasks kept these faithful servants busy and enjoying good fellowship last Saturday.

## On the Journey...

*Please pray for the Lord's leading as we move forward as a congregation and work to form a Pastoral Search Committee.*

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

**Budget:** The congregation met following Worship Service on July 31 where they discussed and approved a Revised Operating Budget for the remainder of 2022. Rev. Jeff Hutchinson moderated this meeting. Ken Hoffman and Susan Thow explained the changes. Copies of the revised budget are available on the Gold Table in the Fellowship Hall, or by emailing [secretary@fpcnewport.org](mailto:secretary@fpcnewport.org).

**Pastor Search Process:** This process begins with nominating two members of the congregation to serve with two Elders and one Deacon who will form the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). If you are interested in serving on this committee, or have someone in mind to recommend for consideration, such nominations are due in the church office by September 1. A form to submit your name, along with information on a timeline, qualifications and requirements is available on the Gold Table in the Fellowship Hall or by emailing [secretary@fpcnewport.org](mailto:secretary@fpcnewport.org).

**After Sunday worship service,** the Fellowship Hall is the place for refreshments and friendly conversation. If you are able to help host some Sunday, please sign up on the clipboard near the coffee urn. It is easy; much of the setup is already in place and there is always someone around to offer assistance. It is only a matter of providing some refreshments and about an hour of your time, but it means a lot to many who relish the opportunity to socialize before returning home

**If you enjoy praising the Lord through song,** this is a good time to try singing in the choir. 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 August 7, 21, and 28. Added benefit— the choir loft is air-conditioned!

**You are welcome at Evensong,** a group that meets every Sunday evening at 6 p.m. on Zoom to worship with songs, hymns, and scripture, and fellowship. If you are interested in participating email Brian Ross, [mm9616b@gmail.com](mailto:mm9616b@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

**Garden Flowers!** Is your garden in full bloom? If you would like to share some of that beauty for our Sunday worship service, text or call Alice Hand at 401-439-4663.

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This Sunday is



Grab the Frisbee, your favorite outdoor games, your dog, the family, a few friends and let's get together! Right after worship, (no coffee hour) we'll head to Glen Park for some good, old-fashioned picnic fellowship and fun. (Picnic clothes are acceptable attire for worship this Sunday!) The church will provide sub sandwiches and drinks, but potluck dishes or desserts are welcome. Glen Park is easy to find. From the church, head north on East Main. Turn right on Glen Park Road. Turn right on Barker Lane into the park, follow the sign and look for the green T-shirt, See you there!



Share your story on

### **Testimony Sunday**

This is an opportunity to share the story of how you were called to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior and how your life and relationships with others have been shaped by that decision. If you would like to participate 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).

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

Les and Phyllis Bloom	Lynn and Larry Chase
Marcia Clark	Graciela Emerick
Nadira Ferreira	Alice Hand
Ray Janssen	Jan and Bruce Jones
Dave and Daryl Kolator	Lilia Svizzero Merrill
Richard and Cindy Price	

...with praise and thanks that Ralph Thomas and Alice have found the right caregiver, Isaac, and are able to attend church! May the Lord continue to provide strength and healing to them.

...for Troy Hutchinson, Rev. Jeff Hutchinson's wife, as she is having some lingering difficulties with her lungs following Covid.

...for Dave Tenney's family as they gather to celebrate his life on Friday at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's cemetery in Portsmouth, followed by a reception at FPC. Remember all those who are grieving as we have moved on with our lives while they are still processing the loss.

...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!

...with praise and thanks that Anne Pitts is responding to treatment for a medical condition, and Lee is bringing their other six children to the states so they will all be together.

...with praise and thanks that Jerry Spencer's surgical procedure to replace his pacemaker, went well! Please continue prayers for Coleen with her current health challenges.

...with praise and thanks that Charlotte, Elena and Ben have only had mild symptoms of Covid. Please continue to pray for their recovery and for protection for the baby Charlotte is carrying.

...for God to comfort and strengthen Nadira Ferreira and her family, as her Mom passed away Tuesday night.

*"For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, fear not, I am the one who helps you." Isaiah 41:13*



## More scenes from last Sunday



## Mission giving through the years



For many years our church's missionary work consisted of simply disbursing available funds through the Presbytery and General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. However, in 1991, the Outreach Committee adopted new guidelines that led to more local outreach and more church members personally involved. Since then the congregation has provided more than 1.25 million dollars for this important work.

This shift of emphasis meant more resources were available for programs such as InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Campus Crusade, Salvation Army Food Bank, Prison Fellowship Ministries, Lucy's Hearth, the Young Life program, and Aquidneck Island Christian Academy. Church Youth Groups traveled to rural areas of Pennsylvania and New York and went to New Orleans to offer assistance in the aftermath of hurricane Katrina.

Overseas missions were also active, including relationships with missionaries such as the Wycliffe Bible Translators, Arab World Ministries, missions in Japan, and many others. Members of the congregation have traveled to China to teach the English language, and during one four-year period, several went to the Island of Helene in Honduras to serve in a short-term mission project.

Our volunteers worked as tutors in Cranston/Calvert School, and others were called to short-term missions from YoungLives camp in New York to rural India, Dominican Republic, Haiti, and Alaska. We hosted the Watoto Children's Choir from Africa and support an inner-city ministry in Dorchester, Massachusetts, known as the Boston Project, which has touched thousands of lives.

### FPC Missions Today

We continue to support our Mission activities through an independent Missions fund. Lee and Anne Pitts whose health and family needs we are currently for, are one example of the dedicated missionaries we have supported for many years. At FPC, the Mission fund is completely dependent on donations. It is not an endowed fund; all monies given to it are dispersed directly to the various missionaries we help support. The fund has been greatly lessened during the last few years. We look forward to sharing with you some Mission highlights as we approach Missions month in October.

### Nursery Workers Needed!

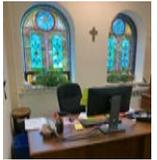


We provide childcare for young children during the worship service so their parents can worship without distractions. We currently need new volunteers to help on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. If you can help, temporarily or on an ongoing basis, please reach out to Cindy Wilson at

704-904-6990 or [cindysmithwilson@gmail.com](mailto:cindysmithwilson@gmail.com).

### Church Secretary Position Open

We need someone to be our church secretary after this month. Stacie Schultz will leave the position to focus on key roles in other areas of her life. She has been an outstanding secretary for the past three years and will be missed in that capacity. She would like to train the next secretary as soon as possible to ease the transition. 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 also need to be maintained. If you are interested, please email [secretary@fpcnewport.org](mailto:secretary@fpcnewport.org).



### Weekly Meetings and Activities

#### Thursday, August 4

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

#### Saturday, August 6

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

#### Sunday, August 7

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, August 8

9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. office open\*  
6:00 p.m. Building and Grounds  
7:00 p.m. 20s & 30s Small Group

#### Wednesday, August 10

5:00 p.m. EFC Soup Kitchen

\* office hours may vary

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Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am

