

August 10, 2022



This week at FPC

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

Sunday Worship

“...I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity...” Jonah 4:2



Since the beginning of July we have had the privilege of getting to know Sean Bland and worship with him. Sean has brought rich biblical messages from the pulpit, co-led a Sunday-School class on the Psalms, and

engaged in fellowship and pastoral care with our congregation throughout his internship, alongside Rev. Dr. Jeff Hutchinson. His sermon last Sunday was from Jonah 4:1-11 and titles “A Pitying Prophet and a Protective Plant.”

Sean is returning to the Reformed Theological Seminary to complete his Master of Divinity Degree. Born to a Navy family, he is a Lieutenant Junior Grade and Chaplain Candidate in the US Navy. We pray God’s hand will continue to be upon Sean as he moves forward in ministry, and are thankful for the caring impact Sean has had on FPC.



The FPC Picnic at Glen Park was a “sub-sandwich-surfeiting, paper-plate-packing, splendiferous-cake-slicing event punctuated with breezes to cool, balls to catch, dogs to pet, and conversation to spread smiles and laughter for young and old alike!” Many thanks to the Inner Life Committee and all the helping hands and hearts that made it happen!



On the Journey...

Please pray for the Lord to continue to lead us and guide for His name's sake as we look forward at FPC and praise His holy name.

For pastoral concerns, contact pastor@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.

Last Sunday, we said goodbye and thanks to Sean Bland for his service and friendship this summer,

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 21, and 28. Added benefit— the choir loft is air-conditioned! Angel and family will be camping August 21. David Warfield will substitute.

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 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.

Note: If you have trouble receiving or viewing this newsletter on your phone or through your email go to the web site, fpcnewport.org, and click on News and Events. This issue and many previous issues are posted there.

Looking ahead...

August 14

We are happy to welcome David Alvarez back to our pulpit. His sermon topic will be “A Heavenly Dwelling.” The Scripture is Exodus 26; 1-7, 30-35. David received his Masters of Divinity from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. He and his wife are expecting and will welcome a new little life into the world in November. We are grateful for the message the Lord will bring through him.

August 19—

Come to the church dining room at 5:30 p.m. to enjoy



your favorite games with your FPC family. Pizza will be provided. Please consider bringing a side or dessert to share, and join the fun!

August 21

Rev. Dr. Jeff Hutchinson will preach and we will celebrate communion.

August 28—Share Your Story

Testimony Sunday provides 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, or secretary@fpcnewport.org.

Church secretary update!

Stacie will be staying on as secretary. Koni (the copier) and Dell (the computer) talked her into



it!

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
Graciela Emerick
Alice Hand
Jan and Bruce Jones
Lilia Svizzero Merrill
Mike Ricci

Mark Barnes
Marcia Clark
Nadira Ferreira
Ray Janssen
Dave and Daryl Kolator
Richard and Cindy Price



...with love for Dave Tenney's family and gratitude for his membership at FPC



...for Richard Price, with thanks that they were able to come to the picnic. May he and Cindy continue to feel God's presence and peace!



...for Ralph Thomas and Alice, may the Lord continue to provide strength and healing to them.

"Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights."

Thank you and farewell to the Colon family!

What a blessing it has been to have Mario, Collie, and little Kitty Colon as a part of our church family while they have been stationed in Newport. They are moving on to their new assignment soon. While here, they jumped right into many church activities. They made breakfast pizza for coffee hour, joined dinner club, and cared for the children in the nursery on Sunday mornings, just to name a few. Mario and Collie, we will miss you, and are so grateful God sent you to FPC! We wish you fair winds and following seas.

Our Pastor in Residence will be back

We are blessed that Rev. Dr. Jeff Hutchinson will continue to be with us on many Sundays helping to fill the role while we are without a permanent pastor. Rev. Jeff is the Assistant Pastor of Living Hope Community Church in Old Greenwich, CT, and called to be the church planter of House of Mercy, a new ECO Presbyterian church in New Haven, CT. Jeff served as a Surface Warfare Officer in the US Navy, a campus minister in Florida, and Presbyterian pastor in NC, PA, and CT for more than twenty-five years. Jeff invites you to join his Prayer Support Team for the new church plant. jdhutch64@gmail.com 860-817-8149.



Our Soup Kitchen volunteers served 36 meals August 3. Many thanks to Barbara, Frank, and Lillian Ross for purchasing and preparing the food and thanks to Robert and Christine Sahms, Linda Conheeny, Regina Skudera, and Daryl Kolator for helping package and

serve the delicious sandwiches and treats. This food is so appreciated by our Soup Kitchen guests, and it makes a difference in their lives. If you would like to be involved in this important ministry, please contact Coleen Spencer at coleenspencer@cox.net or call 401-339-7625 (Daryl Kolator).



Our children have enjoyed Sean's Sunday morning messages.

Weekly Meetings and Activities

Thursday, August 11

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

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

Saturday, August 13

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

Sunday, August 14

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 15

9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. office open*

7:00 p.m. Finance and personnel

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

Tuesday, August 16

7:00 p.m. Session meeting

* office hours may vary

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Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am



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. If you can help, temporarily or on an ongoing basis, please contact Cindy Wilson at 704-904-6990 or cindysmithwilson@gmail.com.