

August 25, 2022



# This week at FPC

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

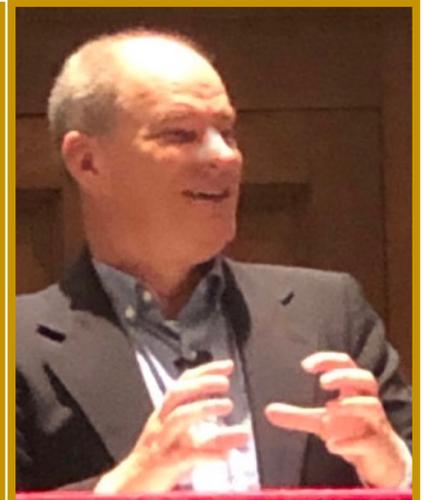
## Sunday Worship

*Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.*

*Ephesians 4:1-14*

We welcomed Rev. Dr. Jeff Hutchinson's return to our pulpit. His sermon was titled, "What Does 'He Ascended' Mean for First Presbyterian Church?" He introduced the topic with a children's message relating ascending and descending stairs here on earth to Jesus's descending from Heaven to Earth and then ascending from Earth to Heaven. We appreciate his pastoral care as we seek a new pastor.

We and our Casavant organ also welcomed back an old friend as David Warfield, our previous choir director, played and directed the choir for Angel, who was vacationing in New York with her family. He also provided music for Phyllis Bloom's memorial service in the afternoon. We are grateful for his help.



## On the Journey...

*Please pray for the congregation as they seek the Lord's leading to nominate members of the pastoral search committee.*

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

**Pastor Search Process**—Nominations are due next Thursday, September 1, to elect 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, or want to recommend someone, a form to submit your nomination is available on the Gold Table in the Fellowship Hall or by emailing [secretary@fpcnewport.org](mailto:secretary@fpcnewport.org).

**After Sunday worship service**, all are invited to the Fellowship Hall 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 only a matter of keeping the coffee pot filled, providing some simple refreshments, and about an hour of your time, but it means a lot to all who relish the opportunity to socialize before returning home.

**Keep in touch** with Coffee Hour ZOOM conversations. For the past six months, we have been blessed by being able to talk via Zoom with those unable to attend the Sunday worship service. It is a blessing that many of these people have been able to return, and now we look forward to expanding this opportunity. If you or someone you know would like to visit with fellow church members this way, please let the Deacons know: [deacons@fpcnewport.org](mailto:deacons@fpcnewport.org) or call Daryl at 401-339-7625.

**If you enjoy praising the Lord** through song, join us in the choir loft at 9:45 this Sunday for our last "Pick-Up Choir" for the summer! Don't tell anyone, but the choir loft is air-conditioned! In September we will resume our Wednesday evening rehearsals and we always welcome more voices!

**You are welcome to join 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.

**Help our neighbors:** FPC regularly helps restock the shelves at a local food pantry. You can increase what we're able to donate simply by picking up a few extra items next time you're at the store! Frequently requested items include canned, boxed or jarred items such as tuna, cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, beans, rice, canned vegetables, soup, baby food, shampoo, toothbrushes, diapers and personal care items. Baskets for your donations can be found all month in the back of the Sanctuary or in Fellowship Hall. If you'd prefer to make a monetary donation for the Deacons to buy more items, you can place your offering in the pew envelope or offering plate designating it for Deacons. The Deacons collect and deliver the donated items the first Sunday of every month (Next collection will be September 4).



*"...there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil— this is God's gift to man."  
from Ecclesiastes 3:12-13*



# 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 our missionaries, and this month we are highlighting Outreach Foundation, an FPC and ECO supported missionary support foundation. From Ukraine to Lebanon, from Honduras to Zambia, This organization works with Christians around the world to bring spiritual and practical help. Find more information at [theoutreachfoundation.org](http://theoutreachfoundation.org).

...for the spoken and unspoken needs of those in our church family who will have or are recovering from surgery, are ill or enduring hard-ships or loss and in need of God's healing and grace.

*Psalm 54:6-7 reminds us, "With a free will offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good. For He has delivered me from every trouble."*

And as you pray, please remember these and many others in our church family and beyond, who need our prayers at this time.

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| Mark Barnes' mother      | Norm and Jane Champagne |
| Marcia Clark             | Graciela Emerick        |
| Nadira Ferreira          | Alice Hand              |
| Jan and Bruce Jones      | Lilia Svizzero Merrill  |
| Brian Petit's sister     | Richard and Cindy Price |
| Coleen and Jerry Spencer |                         |

...with love and sympathy for the family of Phyllis Bloom. A memorial service was held last Sunday here at FPC. Phyllis was a dear friend to many, active in the library, Deacons, Dinner Club, Women's Bible Study, Vacation Bible School, Sunday School and much more—and a blessing to all who knew her.



...for Stacie Schultz's mother, Ida. She has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer. Stacie is in Colorado to be with her mother through surgery and any additional treatment. Please pray for God's peace as they navigate the medical care needed.

## Looking ahead...

**Join Us for Testimony Sunday, August 28!**  
Volunteers from our congregation will fill the worship service with beautiful testimonies about how God has worked in and through them. Join the celebration of God's extraordinary majesty in the lives of your brothers and sisters in Christ right here at FPC! 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. They serve to glorify Him in ways both large and small!

Richard Price will give the message September 4 and Pastor Hutchinson will return September 11 to preach, serve communion and perform a baptism.

## Soup Kitchen

Several members of our congregation prepare and distribute meals the first Wednesday of every month. Our next Soup kitchen will be September 7. This food is very much 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](mailto:coleenspencer@cox.net) or call 401-339-7625 (Daryl Kolator).



## “For all the saints, who from their labors rest...”



Will Marcley was blessed with a heritage rich with values; faith in God, hard work, taking care of family, perseverance, and charity, passed on to him by his parents, farmers in upstate New York. Like many of his “Greatest Generation,” military service enabled a college education thanks to the GI bill. His Electrical Engineering degree from RPI brought him to Raytheon, where he eventually was appointed Vice President and General Manager of the Submarine Signal Division in Portsmouth, RI in 1981.

He and his wife Nancy joined First Presbyterian Church and became active members. Nancy was a Deacon and shared God’s love in many ways. Will was an Elder, church Treasurer, and served in many other capacities. When he retired in 1981, Will poured his energy into church projects, undertaking a major sanctuary restoration project. When Nan died in 1998 he continued to stay involved in the lives of family and church friends, being a constant encouragement and sharing his calm wisdom.

In his later years he wrote essays about his faith in God, and in one he stated that “We will never have 100 percent proof of what we believe—God never intended it to be like that. He wants us to have faith in the sufficiency of the evidence. And when you do this —when you can put your trust in Him—this is the point when God can start to use you for His purposes.” Will accepted the sufficiency of the evidence, and God did use Will’s life for His purposes. He gave generously of his time, talent and treasure.

Will died one year ago, August 30, 2021, at the age of 93, finally together again with his beloved wife Nancy and all his forbearers that carried that torch of faith and love before him.

*In our church’s long history, many people have carried out God’s plan for our church—building, sustaining and nurturing it in many ways. If you know of others we should mention here, please let us know.*



**Nursery Workers Needed!** We have a lovely nursery and playroom to provide childcare for young children so their parents can worship without distractions. As our young population

grows, we need new volunteers to help during worship service. If you can help temporarily or on an ongoing basis, please contact Cindy Wilson at 704-904-6990 or

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## Church Secretary

While Stacie is away, Alice Hand and Daryl Kolator have generously offered to help with things that require a physical presence in the church office such as looking after phone messages, printing the bulletins and announcements and sending the E-News to shut-ins and non-computer folks, and comforting Koni and Dell (our copier and computer). Stacie will handle



many tasks remotely, including responding to emails, and sending out the E-News and E-Blasts electronically.

## Weekly Meetings and Activities

### Thursday, August 25

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, August 27

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

### Sunday, August 28

9:45 Pick-up choir rehearsal  
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 29

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

### Thursday, September 1 **PNC nominations due.**

\* office hours may vary

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Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am

