



September 15, 2022

This week at FPC

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

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 1 Peter 3-5

Reverend Jeff Hutchinson returned to FPC to lead us on a busy Sunday that featured baptisms, communion, and a sermon on the Trinity, "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." The scripture text was 1 Peter 1: 1-19. If you were unable to attend, you can experience the worship service at fpcnewport.org, livestream.



New Sunday School Class

Please join Rev. Hutchinson and other teachers in an adult Sunday School class on "Essential Tenets of our Presbyterian Faith" The class offers a greater insight into the essential tenets of the Reformed tradition, which are tied to the teaching of the great themes of Scripture and the historic Reformed confessions.

The class is held in the Hometime Room at 9:15 Sunday mornings.

Our Elementary Sunday School class, taught by Cindy Wilson, uses the Hands On Curriculum focusing on Joshua and Esther stories. This class is also at 9:15 Sunday mornings.



We recently mourned with Carol Smith over the loss of her beloved husband Roy.

This Sunday we rejoiced with her at the baptism of three great-grandchildren.



"...a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance..." Ecclesiastes 3:4

On the Journey...

*Please pray that we would have one new family
come and worship with us regularly*

For pastoral concerns contact pastor@fpcnewport.org

Pastor Search Process moves forward. Nominations to elect two members of the congregation to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) have been submitted, and the congregation will vote on the nominees, who will serve with two Elders and one Deacon to complete the PNC.

Coffee/Fellowship hour needs hosts. After Sunday worship service, all are invited to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and friendly conversation. If you are able to help host one 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.

ZOOM conversations keep us in touch. 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. Happily, many of these people have been able to return to worship with us, and now we look forward to reaching out to others. If you or someone you know would like to visit with fellow church members this way, please let the Deacons know: deacons@fpcnewport.org or call Daryl at 401-339-7625.

Praise the Lord through song. Join us in the choir loft at 6:30 Wednesday evenings! You will be warmly welcomed. We have many empty chairs and need more singers to fill them! No auditions required, no prerequisites, just a desire to praise the Lord through song!

You are welcome to join Evensong. This group 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.

Help our neighbors. FPC regularly helps restock the shelves at a local food pantry. You can increase what we're able to donate by picking up a few extra items next time you're at the store! Frequently requested items include 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, place your offering in the pew envelope or offering plate designating it for Deacons.



Looking ahead...

Saturday, October 8

The Broadway Street Fair is back!

In 2019 FPC members enjoyed a beautiful autumn day along with thousands of neighbors and visitors. We handed out flyers, pens, and New Testaments, and we enjoyed chatting with passers-by about our church. About three dozen people, many of them local residents, came into our sanctuary and were amazed at its beauty, asking many questions about the organ and stained glass windows. A frequent quote was, "I've lived here all my life and never been inside this church. It's amazing."

Since then, the fair has been canceled because of COVID, but it will be back in a few weeks. The fair begins at Equality Park, our front yard, and goes all the way to Farewell Street. If you would like to take part in greeting our neighbors out on the street in front of the church, or acting as guides to show visitors our sanctuary, Please contact Tim Schultz. We will do this from 11:00 to 3:00 and volunteers are asked to do one-hour or two-hour shifts. Contact Tim Schultz (timschultz316@hotmail.com). This is an exciting outreach opportunity.





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, Mark Incze, and others related to our church members.

...for the spoken and unspoken needs of those in 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.

Mark Barnes' mother
Graciela Emerick
The Kinder family
Richard and Cindy Price
Ralph and Alice Thomas

Norm and Jane Champagne
Judy Hoogendoorn
The Ricci Family
Stacie Schultz's mother

...with praise that Jan Jones has been able to wean off the steroid medications and hoping to get out more and more.

...for our missionaries, especially for Boston Project. Their mission is to engage and equip neighbors, volunteers, and congregations to build strong communities characterized by God's shalom (wholeness, peace, well-being, righteousness, and justice), in Dorchester, MA. Sixty percent of their work is with youth. They had a busy summer including outreach in the park for elementary, junior and senior high youth. They also work to provide for the physical needs of the community, addressing food insecurity and covid education. FPC has supported this important ministry since it was conceived in 1995. Find out more at <https://www.tbpm.org/about/>.



"With my voice I cry out to the Lord; with my voice I plead for mercy to the Lord. I pour out my complaint before Him and I tell my trouble before Him." Psalm 142:1-2



Soup Kitchen

Many thanks to Alice Hand for supplying the food and thanks to Robert and Christine Sahm, Regina Skudera, Linda Conheeny, and Jerry and Coleen Spencer for putting the meals together for the Soup Kitchen bags his month. This is a very important ministry, and we thank these people for their faithfulness month after month. On September 7, 31 meals were prepared and bags were given to 24 guests.

If you would like to be part of this worthwhile activity, and enjoy the warm fellowship that comes with the work, please contact Coleen Spencer at coleenspencer@cox.net or speak to any of our Deacons.



It's time to sign up for *FPC Dinner Club!*

If you love to eat and enjoy lively conversation with Christian friends, this is for you. It's informal, always fun, and open to all adults, young or old, single or attached, new to FPC or lifetime members.

We're forming new dinner groups to begin in October. One person or couple acts as host, providing a main dish. Others, if able, bring an appetizer, salad or dessert. Fill out this form and place it on the Gold table in the Fellowship Hall, or contact Nancy Burgess (text 401-835-0183 or email nancykayaks@cox.net).

Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

Able to host a dinner group Yes____ No____

Special diet/transportation needs or other comments :

Snapshots from our church's long history

Observations from a sermon by Rev. Harry Fulton Cost in 1939, in a ceremony commemorating Newport's 300th anniversary

"I am wondering whether there is, among members of the Presbyterian church, a real knowledge and appreciation of the Presbyterian church in the United States. And may I say that the falling away, in these days, from the principles of the Reformed faith is in large measure the cause for the rise of force and fear.



Rev. Harry F. Cost

"In the British Parliament the American Revolution was called a "Presbyterian Rebellion." Sir George Otto Trevelyan in his history, *The American Revolution*, tells of the part played by the Congregational and Presbyterian churches. Many facts point clearly to the truth that both the Revolutionary and the Civil War were decided by the determination of Calvinistic Presbyterian leaders and soldiers that this nation should become and remain a free people. The decisive turning point battles of both wars were fought in the mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee where there lived a strong, virile Gaelic people. The battles of Cowpens, King's Mountain and the severe skirmish of Huck's defeat are celebrated as a turning point the Revolution

"A friend of mine once wrote, 'At the outbreak of the American Revolution the Congregationalists and the Presbyterians controlled the church life of America. Upon their joint action the destiny of America depended.'

"The presbyterianism that entered into the struggle was a serious, tolerant, broad and progressive church which more than any other church on the continent, was animated with the true American spirit, illustrating in its unity amidst diversity, the character of the American Republic which was about to be born.

"A great deal may also be said concerning the organization of the Presbyterian church with its representative form of government being the pattern for the American institutions of government. In matters of public spirit, free education, and political freedom, the Presbyterian expression has left its indelible imprint on the American nation."

Newport Historical Society, January 1940

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Weekly Meetings and Activities

Thursday, September 15

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

Saturday, September 17

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

Sunday, September 18

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Choir Practice
10:00 a.m. Pre-worship prayer time
10:30 a.m. Worship service (nursery care available)
11:30 a.m. Fellowship time
6:00 p.m. Evensong (Zoom)

Monday, September 19

9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. office open*
6:30 p.m. Sarah Circle (Zoom)
7:00 p.m. Finance and Personnel
7:00 p.m. 20s & 30s Small Group

Tuesday, September 20

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Wednesday, September 21

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

* office hours may vary

We thank our Elders and Deacons for their leadership and service

Worship Committee

Deidra Ricci and Janice Kinder

Missions Committee

Deidra Ricci

Finance and Personnel Committee

Ken Hoffman and Greg Bloom

Buildings and Grounds Committee

Don Fennessey and Phil Thow

Christian Education Committee

Chip Wilson and Janice Kinder

Inner Life Committee

Tim Schultz and Brian Petit

Board of Deacons

Co-chairs Daryl Kolator and Darien Petit—Jen Bloom, Nancy Browne, Nancy Burgess, Deb Hoffman, Jamie Landsman, Deb MacDowell, Cindy Wilson

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