

October 27, 2022



This week at FPC

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

Help create this year's Advent Devotional!

As we journey together through Advent, it is a blessing to have a collection of devotionals created by members of our congregation to reflect God's daily presence and love. We will need a devotion for each day in Advent. Write about your personal Christmas traditions or experiences, scripture, stories or poetry, to fit on a 5½ x 8½ page.

- Begin with a scripture verse or reference.
- Main story or content (one to three paragraphs)
- End with a short prayer.

We will format and assemble the booklets. To be ready for the first Sunday in Advent, **we need your devotional no later than November 13**, the earlier the better. Send it to secretary@fpcnewport.org or Brian Petit, blpetit56@gmail.com.



Sunday Worship, October 23

"And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the Lord has said, even among the survivors whom the Lord calls. Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity." Joel 2:32

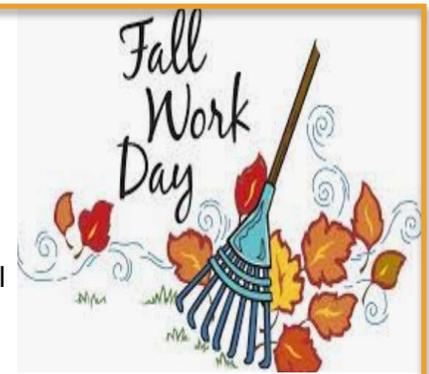
"When God Restores What the Locusts Destroyed" was the theme of the sermon delivered by Reverend Jeff Hutchinson, referring to Joel 2:18-32.



Celebrating the baptism of a new Christian is one of a Pastor's most joyful duties, especially when the new Christian immediately engages in thoughtful discussion with the pastor! Martin Robert Kindzerske, two-year-old son of Matt and Sarah Kindzerske, his proud parents, extended family, and the congregation were blessed by the moment.



As we enjoy some late fall flowers in our sanctuary, we remember that this time of year also signals **Fall Work Day!** At 8:30 on Saturday, November 5, please join us for our fall work day. We'll be raking leave (please bring rakes and gloves), trimming trees, checking for leaks, straightening out storage areas, throwing stuff away, adjusting thermostats, and who knows what else? Come join us in getting our special building ready for winter. Please contact Don Fennessey at fenns@hotmail.com or 401-855-6716.



On the Journey...

Please pray for our Mission funds to be multiplied as we pray and give to support the work of the body of Christ through the world.

A timeline for the Pastor Nominating Committee:

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)—two Elders, one Deacon, and two members-at-large from our congregation—will serve to find our next permanent pastor. Here are the next milestones as we journey toward finding our new pastor.

- **Sunday, November 20:** The names of all members of the PNC will be announced as well as nominees for next year's class of Elders and Deacons. The date of a congregational meeting to formally elect the PNC members and 2023 Elders and Deacons will be determined.
- **Sunday, December 4:** The tentative date for a congregational meeting following worship service for the formal election of PNC members, new Elders and new Deacons.

Also happening soon: Formation of a Vision Framing Process Committee (VFPC), whose purpose will be to identify and characterize our specific role as part of God's greater church at this time, in this place. The information gathered by this committee will be used to assist the PNC in finding a permanent pastor. The concept was introduced last Sunday with a creative skit by Chip Wilson, and Tim and Stacie Schultz.



Poinsettias—The star-shaped leaf pattern is said to symbolize the Star of Bethlehem, and the red color represents the blood sacrifice of Jesus's crucifixion.

These lovely flowers lend their color and vibrancy to our sanctuary every Advent! Please consider dedicating a poinsettia in praise of or in memory of someone you love! Be sure to have your pre-paid order in by November 20. Mail your check (payable to FPC) to First Presbyterian Church, or deliver it to the church office with the following details:

Name _____ Phone _____

In praise of _____ or in memory of _____

___ Single plants @ \$14 each ___ Double plants @ \$27 each

Total amount of enclosed check _____



Ladies, plan to attend our **Women's Christmas Brunch** Saturday, December 3, from 10 to noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please let us know you would like to attend! You may RSVP and sign up to bring a dish to share by speaking with Barbara Ross on any Sunday or reaching out to her via phone at 904-742-9626 or by emailing barb.ross1015@yahoo.com.

Looking ahead...

(A quick "mark your calendar" guide to some of our many seasonal activities)

Saturday, November 5

Fall Work Day at 8:30 Sunday, November 13

Sunday, November 13

Devotionals are due for our Advent booklet.

Monday, November 14

Be sure your Christmas shoebox is back at the church to be dedicated and prepared for shipment.

Saturday, November 18

Game night (with pizza) for all ages at 5:30 in the dining room.

Sunday, November 20

Poinsettia orders are due. Coat Drive ends. Important PNC announcements

Saturday, December 3

Women's Christmas Brunch from 10 to noon in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, December 4

Election of PNC members, Elders and Deacons

Sunday, December 11

Christmas in Newport concert at 7:00 p.m. Plan to come and bring a friend.

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GAME NIGHT

You're invited to join us for quarterly game night!

Location.....FPC Dining Room

Date.....November 18

Time.....5:30

Pizza will be provided

Please consider bringing your favorite game and a salad or dessert to share.

For more information, or to reserve your pizza slices, please call Barbara 904-742-9626.

Reaching Out...

—In Newport

One way to share the Gospel with our neighbors is for every member to invite friends and neighbors to our Christmas in Newport concert, *Music for the Christmas Season!* There will be carol singing, choral anthems, Scripture and more! Join the choir to be part of this special event!

On Halloween evening, Mark Barnes and his sons Lucas and Nic will hand out Trick or Treat bags at the corner of Broadway and Everett St. The bags will contain candy, a children's version of the Ten Commandments, and a church business card. If you can help with this thoughtful outreach, please contact markdbarnes01@gmail.com.

Men's Coat Drive



FPC is partnering with Seaman's Church Institute to collect men's coats to distribute during their annual Thanksgiving dinner. We will collect men's large and extra-large coats until **Sunday, November 20**. If you don't have a coat you can part with, you may donate to *Deacons Coat Drive*. We will also purchase coats from Savers or other discount stores. Our goal is 50 coats! This will be a blessing to those without warm enough clothing as the cold winter months are upon us.

—Throughout the world



Of the nearly 7.9 billion people alive today, more than two billion have never heard of Jesus.

Frontier Fellowship works to establish local churches to

proclaim the Good News of God's Kingdom from Afghanistan to Africa and South Asia. Their goal is to see people from every distinct group on earth encounter the grace of God and become thriving expressions of the Body of Christ.

Your contribution to FPC's mission fund will help this important work to go forward.



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:

Norm and Janet Champagne	Rich and Karen Dagrosa
Graciela Emerick	Bruce and Jan Jones
Richard and Cindy Price	Ida (Stacie Schultz's mother)
Judy Sweeney	Ralph and Alice Thomas

Families who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

Jeremiah 30:17 reminds us, "For I will restore health to you, and your wounds I will heal, declares the Lord."



Operation Christmas Child brings God's love and joy to children in need around the world. Every year, we fill shoe boxes with small gifts. Please take one home next Sunday. Inside each box is a flyer with suggestions for suitable items. Return the filled shoe box (unsealed) by **Monday, November 14**, when they will be dedicated and prepared for shipment. To donate online, visit samaritanspurse.org.



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Remembering...



Our library, the Ralph and Clara Emerson Memorial Library, was established in 1963 by Clara Emerson as a memorial to her husband. She catalogued all the books and painstakingly hand wrote many checkout cards. The collection was kept in an antique bookcase and

contained non-fiction, biographies and fiction (arranged according to the Dewey Decimal system).

Today, our library is a collection of more than 3,000 books, periodicals, CDs, DVDs, and videos and for children, teens and adults. It serves those who seek comfort and direction in times of crisis, those who desire to grow in their faith, those who work to be more effective witnesses for Jesus Christ, and those who simply want to enjoy a good book! The catalog has been digitized.

Take some time to browse our shelves and discover a world of inspiration, information and Christian entertainment. The reading room houses our own historical documents, and a large collection of Bible editions.

The children's library was established by Dorothy Smiley in 1973 in memory of her husband, Dan Lee Smiley. In 2009 it was relocated and refurbished by Phyllis Bloom and Jacob Ricci, and rededicated to honor Bill Lang, a retired Naval helicopter pilot who spent many hours in the last years of his life creating the wooden figures for the Children's Worship program.



Join this Sunday School Class at 9:15 every Sunday.

Weekly Meetings and Activities

Thursday, October 27

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

Friday, October 28

7:00 p.m. Small Group Bible Study

Saturday, October 29

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

Sunday, October 30

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 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, October 31

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

Tuesday, November 1

10:00 a.m. Naomi Circle
7:00 p.m. Inner Life Committee

Wednesday, November 2

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

* office hours may vary



The Naomi Circle women will meet November 1 at the home of Ellie Green at 10:00 a.m. Contact Ellie at 246-1399 for more information.



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Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

