



November 10, 2022

This week at FPC

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

Sunday Worship

"But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body." Philippians 3:20-21

Elder Deidra Ricci delivered a message based on Philippians 3:17-21, titled "Citizenship in Heaven."



During coffee hour, Tim and Stacie Schultz were honored for the many ways they serve the Lord and our congregation. Currently Tim is an Elder and Stacie is the church secretary.



Well done, faithful servants!



An intrepid crew (Bill Aseltine, Greg Bloom, Ed Burgess, Sue and Don Fennessey, Ken Hoffman, Emily Holley, Janice Kinder, Deb MacDowell, Brian Petit, Deidra and Mike Ricci, and Roger Ward) accomplished an amazing number of tasks to prepare our church for the winter season:

- Closed the attic vent and replace insulation
- Brought shovels and ice melt up from the cellar
- Removed leaves from around all outside drains
- Raked under the hedges
- Raked/swept the parking lot
- Installed seal and peel in sanctuary windows
- Sorted miscellaneous books and bibles
- Replaced ceiling tiles in the basement
- Reattached secretary sign to signpost
- Pruned big bushes by the parking lot
- Painted the wooden platform for the cellar stairs
- Cleaned out crawl spaces
- Set thermostats and replaced batteries



On the Journey...

*Please pray for our financial future, may we praise God for
His continued faithfulness to FPC*

A timeline for the Pastor Nominating Committee:

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)—two Elders, one Deacon, and four 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: Formation of a Vision Framing Process Committee 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 assist the PNC in finding a permanent pastor. Moving forward, we will be seeking volunteers to help shape our renewed vision for FPC. If you would like to nominate a member to serve on this committee, or if you would enjoy serving yourself, please notify the church office at secretary@fpcnewport.org.

We have good news!

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, our operating deficit (YTD) has been reduced to -\$8,278.25 as of the end of October, and we are poised to complete 2022 without a deficit! Earlier, we had anticipated an annual operating deficit of -\$47,351. This is especially important at this time because our ability to call a new Pastor is dependent on our ability to have a balanced budget.

November is Stewardship Month at FPC

FPC has been blessed by your continued financial support. Your tithes, donations, and offerings enable us to pay a pastor and staff, maintain our beautiful building, feed the hungry, support several missionaries, teach the Gospel to children and adults, make beautiful music to the Lord in worship, and so much more.

You have also been generous with your time and talents in the work of this church. The Finance/Personnel Committee thanks all of you for your past generosity and encourages you to prayerfully consider how you can continue to support the work of Christ in the coming year.

Pledge cards are being mailed to you to fill out so we can better plan our financial year ahead. We ask you to continue to be generous in giving to God's work at First Presbyterian Church. We cannot do what we do without your help, financially and personally. YOU are Christ's church.

Blessings in Christ, Finance/Personnel Committee

Looking ahead...

A quick "mark your calendar" guide

Sunday, November 13

Devotionals are due for our Advent booklet.

Friday, 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
Christmas shoeboxes due

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

First Presbyterian Church
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.

To play some real Monopoly and many other games, be sure you don't miss this fun evening. Call Barbara Ross (904-742-9626) and let her know you are coming. And it's not just for kids, there's something for everyone, even if you just want to eat the pizza, watch, and enjoy the company.

Reaching Out...

—In Newport—

Christmas 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!* December 11 at 7:00 p.m. There will be carol singing, choral anthems, Scripture and more! Join the choir to be part of this special event.

Men's Coat Drive update

FPC is collecting men's large and extra large coats to be distributed at the Seamans Institute's Thanksgiving meal for those in need. We have received 29 coats so far! That means we have just 21 (or more) to go to meet our goal of at least 50 men's winter coats, jackets or vests. There are collection boxes in the back of the Sanctuary and in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for any help you can give to this project. We can collect the coats until **Sunday, November 20**. Also, if you have no coats to donate, you can write a check (mark Deacons on the memo line) so we can also purchase coats from Savers or other discount stores. Your donation will be a blessing to those without warm clothing in the cold winter months.



—And Beyond—

New date: Return filled shoe boxes by Sunday, November 20!

Operation Christmas Child brings God's love and joy to children in need around the world. Every year, we join this effort and fill as many shoe boxes as possible with small gifts. Please take one home. 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. If you are not able to pick up and fill a shoebox, you can also donate online through the samaritanspurse.org website.



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 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:

...for **Dick and Alma Hanson**. Many of you know, remember and love, the Hansons, who worshipped with us for many years before moving west. Dick has suffered a serious heart attack and prayers are needed for wisdom for his doctors. Also, we just heard that his brother Norm, who also is facing heart procedures.

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

Families among us who are grieving the loss of a loved one or facing other challenges.



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

For our safety and well-being

the Building and Grounds committee has installed two emergency service devices, one in the sound booth and one in the nursery. They have also installed moisture and temperature monitors to warn of leaks or heating concerns. One of these safety devices allows you to pull a tab to notify the police of an emergency, while the other helps control the temperature and humidity.





Coffee hosts are needed!

This time of fellowship after worship is important to many in our congregation. Please help keep the tradition alive by volunteering to help keep the pot filled, some cookies on the table, and a

welcoming atmosphere in our fellowship hall. Sign up at the coffee urn. Someone is always available to help if you need it.

The Sunday children's message is always engaging. This Sunday Deidra Ricci demonstrated our brief time on earth compared to eternity.



Advent Devotional!



If you have a personal story, family Christmas tradition or other evidence of God's love to share favorite scripture, song or poetry to share in our Advent devotional booklet, email Brian Petit, blpetit56@gmail.com, or email secretary@fpcnewport.org by this **Sunday, November 13.**



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. To RSVP and sign up to bring a dish to share, speak with Barbara Ross on any Sunday, call 904-742-9626 or email barb.ross1015@yahoo.com.



Poinsettias—

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 _____

Weekly Meetings and Activities

Thursday, November 10

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

Friday, November 11

7:00 p.m. Small Group Bible Study

Saturday, November 12

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

Sunday, November 13

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, November 14

9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. office open*
10:00 a.m. Building & Grounds
7:00 p.m. 20s & 30s Small Group

Wednesday, November 16

5:00 p.m. EFC Soup Kitchen
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

* office hours may vary



This weekend we honor the many veterans in our midst. They are worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon

to serve and protect their country. We pray the Lord will bless them for their unselfish service in the struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us.



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Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

