



November 24, 2022

# This week at FPC

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

## Happy Thanksgiving!



### Sunday Worship November 20

*"...The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us." Acts 16:14-15*

Reverend Jeff Hutchinson's sermon focused on Acts 16:9-15, 40, the conversion of Lydia. It was titled, "Our Heart Christ's Home." Don Fennessey was lay leader, and the children's choir sang "For These Blessings" bringing joy to the congregation. We welcomed several Navy Chaplain candidates to our worship service.

Afterwards, Rev. Hutchinson and his wife, Troy, visited the home of Norm and Janet Champagne.



### Advent Devotional



Thanks to many present and former members of our church, this year's booklet is complete. Copies are ready in the back of the sanctuary and on the tables in the Fellowship Hall. Please pick one up and enjoy these reflections on the true meaning of Christmas. If you are not able to pick up a copy, call the office (847-1749) or [secretary@fpcnewport.org](mailto:secretary@fpcnewport.org) to have one mailed to you.

## On the Journey...

*Please pray for our eyes to be open to see the Lord working and follow the Lord's leading during this Advent season.*

**The Vision Framing Process Committee**, headed by Chip Wilson and Tim Schultz, is still seeking members who will work to identify and characterize our specific role as part of God's greater church at this time, in this place. The results of this work will be vital to assist the PNC in finding a permanent pastor. If you are interested in joining this team, please contact the church office.

**Sunday, December 4**, there will be a congregational meeting after worship service to elect new Elders and new Deacons as well as the members of the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).

The nominees are:

For elders: Roger Ward, Mark Barnes.

For deacons: Kristen Aleicho, Nancy Burgess, Jamie Landsman and Judy Sweeney.

For PNC: Elders Greg Bloom and Deidra Ricci, Deacon Nancy Burgess and covenant partners Mark Barnes, Sue Fennessey, Jamie Landsman and Barbara Ross.

Please plan to be at church Sunday, December 4. Your support is important and valued!

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## November is Stewardship Month

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, our operating deficit (YTD) has been greatly reduced, and we are poised to complete 2022 without a deficit! This is especially important because our ability to call a new Pastor depends on our ability to have a balanced budget.

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.

The Finance/Personnel committee thanks you for your generosity with your time and talents in the work of this church. We encourage you to prayerfully consider how you can continue to support the work of Christ in the coming year. Please return the card as soon as possible so we can better plan the everyone's help, financially and personally. YOU are Christ's church.

Blessings in Christ, Finance/Personnel Committee

## Looking ahead...

### **Saturday, November 26**

Help decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas

### **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 7 p.m

### **Friday, December 16**

Potluck/Carol Sing at 5:30 in the dining room



Ladies, plan now to attend our **Women's Christmas Brunch** Saturday, December 3, from 10 to noon in the Fellowship Hall.

To RSVP, speak with Barbara Ross on any Sunday, call 904-742-9626 or email [barb.ross1015@yahoo.com](mailto:barb.ross1015@yahoo.com).



### **POTLUCK SUPPER AND CAROL SINGING**

Don't miss this good old-fashioned caroling party and potluck supper!

We'll enjoy a good dinner with great fellowship, and then joyfully sing your favorite Christmas songs and carols. Mark your calendars now and watch for more details coming soon.

**Friday, December 16**

5:30 in the dining room

## Reaching Out...



**Christmas in Newport**—Share the Gospel! Invite friends and neighbors to our free 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 free event. **Note:** There will be a reception following the concert; and if you would like to bring in some finger food, please contact [deacons@fpcnewport.org](mailto:deacons@fpcnewport.org) or speak to Deb MacDowell or Daryl Kolator.



### Coat Drive—a grand success!

FPC surpassed the goal of 50 and collected 71 men's coats that will be distributed at the Seamen's Institute Thanksgiving meal for those in need. Our Deacons are grateful for this congregation's generosity, and those who receive the coats will be even more grateful! Our donation will be a blessing to those without warm clothing in the cold winter months.



### Shoeboxes dedicated and on their way!

Again, our members and friends have given much of their time and treasure to filling many Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. This annual Samaritan's Purse project brings God's love and joy to children in need around the world. We dedicated and blessed 62 boxes during Sunday worship, and they will soon be on their way around the world where it has been estimated they will touch the lives of some 558 people—the children, their parents, extended families, their friends and more!

## 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.

...with happiness for Rachel and Kevin Nerheim. for the birth of their son, Kaden Carlton, who was born October 27. Dan and Peggy Yates are the proud grandparents and Hailey is the happy big sister.

...with sympathy for the family of Connie Mello, who recently went home to the Lord.

...for comfort and peace for Dan and Mevis Price in the loss of their nephew Carlos from leukemia.

...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	Judy Graves' son
Dick Hanson	Norm Hanson
Bonnie Haun's brother	Bruce and Jan Jones
The Kearns family	Richard and Cindy Price
Ida (Stacie Schultz's mother)	Ken Scigulinsky
Judy Sweeney	Ralph and Alice Thomas

—and for other families among us who are grieving the loss of a loved one or facing other challenges.

*As it says in Psalm 119:76 "May Your unfailing love be my comfort, according to your promise to your servant."*

### A note of thanks for prayers

*Thank you to everyone who lifted my parents (John and Joyce) up in pray these last few years. Especially the last 8 months of Mom's life when she was under hospice care. I am grateful! I appreciate the cards of condolences when she passed, they were of comfort. Thank you!*

*Nadira Ferreira*



# Fun + Pizza + Games + Fellowship + Table Sports + Relaxing = GAME NIGHT!



## Weekly Meetings and Activities

### Thursday, November 24

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

### Friday, November 25

7:00 p.m. Small Group Bible Study

### Saturday, November 26

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

### Sunday, November 27

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 28

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

### Wednesday, November 30

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

\* office hours may vary



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Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.



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