

December 8, 2022



# This week at FPC

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



## Second Sunday in Advent— The Bethlehem Candle

Rev. Jeff Hutchinson's sermon from Luke 1:68-79 "Life in the Liminal Space" addressed the feeling of hope and happiness in this time of anticipation for the Savior's birth. We thank Phil Haun, lay leader, Jacquie Schulz and Judy Graves, who lighted the Advent candle, the ushers, choir and all who make our worship service meaningful. The sanctuary was beautifully decorated with the Chrismon tree and many memorial poinsettias.

*"...because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death to guide our feet into the path of peace." Luke 1:78-79*

### Deacons, Elders, and PNC members elected

After worship Sunday, the congregation met and formally elected new Elders and new Deacons as well as members of the Pastor Nominating Committee.

**Elders:** Roger Ward, Mark Barnes.

**Deacons:** Kristen Aleicho, Nancy Burgess, Jamie Landsman and Judy Sweeney.

**Pastor Nominating Committee:** Elders Greg Bloom and Deidra Ricci, Deacon Nancy Burgess and members Mark Barnes, Sue Fennessey, Jamie Landsman and Barbara Ross.

We thank these faithful servants for giving their time and talents to lead our church through challenges and opportunities in 2023.



### Advent Devotional now online

This year, in addition to the printed copies available at FPC, the Devotional is available at <https://fpcnewport.org/2022-advent-devotional-book/> or Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/fpcnewport/> and find the devotional for each day. If you are on our email list, you are also receiving a daily devotion each morning, thanks to Stacie Schultz, our church secretary. If you are not on the list, but would like to be, contact [secretary@fpcNewport.org](mailto:secretary@fpcNewport.org).



### Celebrate the season with song this Sunday evening!

This is our annual gift to the community—a free evening of "Music for the Christmas Season" featuring our choir, instrumentalists, and Scripture readers. Come listen to our offerings, and join in singing some favorite carols. There will be a reception in the fellowship hall afterward. Bring friends and neighbors!

## On the Journey...

*Please pray for our newly elected Deacons, Elders and PNC that they will call on the Lord, seeking His will and listening to the Holy Spirit's leading as they serve the Lord at FPC Newport.*

The Vision Framing Process Committee, headed by Chip Wilson and Tim Schultz, is still seeking members who will work to identify our specific role as part of God's greater church at this time, in this place. The committee will be working with a representative from ECO who will serve as a guide. 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.

## Women's Christmas Brunch

FPC ladies took a break from Christmas preparations Saturday to enjoy fun and Christian fellowship at the Christmas Brunch. The event was a combination of great food, much laughter, creativity, and Christian love that according to all who attended, made it a memorable celebration.



## Looking ahead...

**Sunday, December 11**

Christmas in Newport concert 7 p.m.

**Friday, December 16**

Potluck/Carol Sing at 5:30, dining room

**Saturday, December 24**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday, December 25**

Christmas morning worship 10:30 a.m.



### POTLUCK SUPPER AND CAROL SING

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. Inner life will provide a ham for the main course. Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert.

**Friday, December 16**

5:30 in the dining room



Darien tested everyone's powers of observation with this amazing apron outfitted with a plethora of assorted items, later challenging attendees to remember them all. A highlight of the morning was an 8-minute team challenge to create innovative Christmas fashions.



## Reaching Out...

*Celebrate the Christmas Season with us!*



### Music for our neighbors—and us!

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! **Note:** There will be a reception following the concert; 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.

### Food for our neighbors

You can increase our contribution by picking up a few extra items next time you're at the store! 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 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.

### Sending God's love

The 62 shoeboxes our congregation filled for Operation Christmas Child are on their way to South Africa, where they will delight many children and families, and remind them of God and many people love them.



## 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 thanks and praise to God for the Kearns family. The baby is out of the hospital and expected to make a full recovery. And for Jan Jones, who reports that her procedure went well.

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

...with happiness for Dan and Peggy Yates-Burg who added three grandchildren to their tribe this fall, including a sister to Hailey, who often visits our nursery.

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

...with caring concern for Ralph and Alice Thomas as they seek a new caregiver.

...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  
Graciela Emerick  
Alice Hand  
Norm Hanson  
Bruce and Jan Jones  
Ida (Stacie Schultz's mother)  
Judy Sweeney

Rich and Karen Dagrosa  
Judy Graves' son Daniel  
Alma and Dick Hanson  
Bonnie Haun's brother Mike  
Richard and Cindy Price  
Ken Scigulinsky  
Ralph and Alice Thomas

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

*"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves received from God."* 2 Corinthians 1:3





## *Poinsettias—Given with Love*

### ***In Memory of:***

Charm and Bud MacDowell,—by Deb MacDowell  
 Colonel Frank A Clark—by Marcia Clark  
 Deborah Zimmerman—by Todd, Bret, Brandi, Austin  
 and Anisa Zimmerman  
 Gordon Stewart—by Nanci Stewart  
 Robert Henry—by Carolyn Henry  
 Ruth Barnes—by the Barnes family  
 Dennis and Phyllis Tudor, Donald and Louise “Pat”  
 Fennessey —by Don and Sue Fennessey  
 Our Loved Ones who have gone before us—by Chip and  
 Cindy Wilson  
 George and Jessie Davis—by William Davis  
 Irene and Dorothy and Henry—by Regina and Wayne Skudera  
 Case and Mary Hoogendoorn—by Frank and Carolyn Sisson,  
 Sarah Manley, and Anna Bulk by Dixon and Judy  
 Hoogendoorn  
 My Mother, Betty—by Bonnie Haun  
 Beepa, love you and miss you—by Kristen and Andrew Aleicho  
 Alex Gair—by Beverly Gair  
 Phyllis Bloom—by the Bloom, Wallace, and Williams families  
 Loved Ones—by Larry and Lynn Chase  
 Peter James Lang and Commander William R. Lang  
 —by Sandra Lang  
 David and Lynn Tenney— by NancyDee MacFarland  
 Roy Smith—by Carol Smith

### ***In Praise of:***

God’s love and mercy in Jesus Christ  
 Loved Ones—by Roger and Julie Ward  
 Our sons, Sam and Nick—by Chip and Cindy Wilson  
 Our children—by Kristen and Andrew Aleicho  
 To honor our forefathers who raised their families with the body  
 of believers at FPC—the Thompsons, Forbes, Hummels,  
 Tisdalls, and Tenneys by the Tenney family

## Weekly Meetings and Activities

### **Thursday, December 8**

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

### **Saturday, December 10**

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

### **Sunday, December 11**

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)  
 Congregational Meeting  
 11:30 a.m. Fellowship time  
 7:00 p.m. CHRISTMAS IN NEWPORT

### **Monday, December 12**

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

### **Wednesday, December 14**

5:00 EFC Soup Kitchen  
 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.



For a lively and informative discussion,  
 come to Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.

