

January 5, 2023



# This week at FPC

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

A new year's resolution for 2023

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6*

## Worship Service January 1

Philip Haun delivered a sermon on "The Kingdom on Earth," based on Romans 14:7.

*"For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone."*

The Scripture reading was from Matthew, verses 32-33.

*"Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. 33 But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven."*

The worship service was also enriched by Don Fennessey, lay leader, and to Angel and Juno Conwell who provided the music, Deidra Ricci's message for the children, the ushers, and the Petits who provided coffee hour refreshments.



**Join us this Sunday, January 8, when Reverend Jeff Hutchinson will be here and serve communion.**



## On the Journey...

*Let us thank the Lord for the great things  
He has done at FPC in 2022 and exalt  
Him as we anticipate the great things He  
has planned for FPC in 2023.*

**Balanced Budget:** Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, at the end of November, we showed a budget surplus. Our church has been blessed by your continued financial support. As the Finance and Personnel Committee prepares our 2023 Operating Budget, we ask that you submit pledge cards to aid us in our deliberations. Please prayerfully consider your tithing. Your pledge cards can be placed in the Sunday Offering Plate or forwarded to the church office.

**Offering Envelopes:** As we did in 2022, we are using generic Designated Giving Envelopes. If you would like to have some for your personal use, contact Dave Kolator at [finsec@fpcnewport.org](mailto:finsec@fpcnewport.org), or leave a message at 401-225-1544 with the number of envelopes you would like and if you would like your envelope number on them. Thank you for your prayers and continued financial support.

**Evensong** Every Sunday evening a group meets on Zoom at 6:00 p.m. to worship by singing songs and hymns, sharing scripture, and enjoying fellowship. If you are interested in participating regularly or occasionally, you will be warmly welcomed! E-mail Brian Ross at [mm9616b@gmail.com](mailto:mm9616b@gmail.com) to get the link.



### Help us *undecorate* the sanctuary!

Come and help as we untrim and take down our beautiful new tree and other seasonal decorations, then pack and store them for next Christmas.

**Saturday, January 7, at 9 a.m.**

## Remembering a faithful servant

A service will be held January 14 at 11 a.m.

for Norman Champagne, who passed peacefully December 20, 2022.

Norman and his beloved wife, Janet, were married for 67 years and had three children, George, David, and Lauree. Norman was a member of First Presbyterian Church for 65



years, serving as member, Sunday School teacher, youth leader, elder, deacon, trustee and Clam Bake Master. A talented woodworker, his many gifts to the church included hand-carved mahogany crosses and a hand-carved etching of the church. He documented extensive research about our stained glass banner windows.

Norm was a middle school science teacher for 26 years. Fascinated by local history and geology, he volunteered as a Wildlife Educator and lecturer at the Norman Bird Sanctuary and Sachuest National Wildlife Refuge, local libraries and non-profits. He and Janet travelled the world together, and shared a love of animals, adopting many dogs and cats from Potter Animal League. Donations may be made in his name to the First Presbyterian Church in Newport or Potter Animal League in Middletown.



*The Deacons will host a reception after the service January 14. If you would like to bring food, please email Nancy Burgess at [nancykayaks@cox.net](mailto:nancykayaks@cox.net) or call/text her at 401-835-0183 by Wednesday, January 11.*

## Reaching Out...

### Serving food to our neighbors

The Deacons have decided to resume seated dining in the Church Dining Room for Soup Kitchen. If you would like to be part of the team that provides this important and rewarding ministry the first Wednesday of each month, please contact Coleen Spencer at coleenspencer@cox.net or text/call Daryl Kolator at 401-339-7625.



### Filling the Food Pantry Shelves

Thanks to our generous congregation, we are able to send substantial amounts of food each month to help fill the shelves at St. John's Lodge Food Bank on Sprague Street in Portsmouth (the Mason Lodge). This food bank reaches out across Rhode Island and at this time the need is great. Our donations are truly appreciated. You can help by picking up a few extra non-perishable items when you go grocery shopping. Collection baskets are available all month in the fellowship hall to receive your items.

### Supporting our missionaries

Matthew 28:19. *"Therefore go and make disciples of all the nations..."*

Here at FPC we are committed to making disciples of all the nations! Throughout our history we have partnered with missionaries both locally and around the globe. Your support is important in fulfilling this important aspect of our church's ability to share God's love at home and in far away areas of the earth.

## 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 love and sympathy for Alma and all of the Hanson family, as Dick Hanson, an active FPC member for many years, joined the heavenly celebrations on Christmas Day. May they find comfort in their many years of memories.



... for many in our church who have or have been exposed to COVID.

...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.

Lynn and Larry Chase's  
son-in-law Mark

Bonnie Haun's brother Mike  
Bruce and Jan Jones  
Ida (Stacie Schultz's mother)  
Lilia Svizzero Merrill

Graciela Emerick  
Judy Graves' son Daniel  
Bonnie Haun  
Richard and Cindy Price  
Ken Scigulinsky  
Ralph and Alice Thomas

...for Cindy Wilson and her family, as her father has passed away. May they feel the Lord's presence with them as He comforts them. May they find joy in their memories.

*John 14:27 reminds us that Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."*





## Learn and grow!

**Sunday School classes for all  
at 9:15**

**Adults:** Join Rev. Hutchinson and other teachers in the Hometown Room for "Essential Tenets of our Presbyterian Faith." This class offers insights into the essential tenets of the Reformed tradition, the great themes of Scripture and the historic Reformed confessions.

**Junior and Senior High:** Join Dave Kolator in the Samuel Room to view and discuss the Pastor Louie Goglio video, "I am not OK but Jesus is."

**Elementary students:** Join Cindy Wilson in the Sanctuary at 9:15 a.m. to sing and then go to the pre-school room for a Bible lesson.

**As the new year begins, we thank  
these faithful servants for their devotion to  
serving and sustaining our church.**

### Elders-Session Members

Deidra Ricci and Janice Kinder—Worship  
Deidra Ricci—Missions  
Ken Hoffman and Greg Bloom—Finance/Personnel  
Don Fennessey and Phil Thow—Buildings/Grounds  
Chip Wilson and Janice Kinder—Christian Education  
Tim Schultz and Brian Petit—Inner Life

### Board of Deacons

Daryl Kolator and Darien Petit, Co-chairs  
Nancy Browne, Nancy Burgess, Deb Hoffman,  
Jamie Landsman, Deb Mac Dowell, Cindy Wilson

### Staff

Angel Conwell—Director of Music  
Stacie Schultz—Secretary ([secretary@fpcnewport.org](mailto:secretary@fpcnewport.org))  
Tom and Cheri Dugan—Caretakers

## Weekly Meetings and Activities

### Thursday, January 5

9:00 a.m. —1 p.m. Church office open\*

### Saturday, January 7

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

### Sunday, January 8

9:15 a.m. Sunday School all ages  
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, January 9

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

### Tuesday, January 10

7:00 p.m. Inner Life

### Wednesday, January 11

5:30 EFC Soup Kitchen  
6:30 Choir practice

\* office hours may vary



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

