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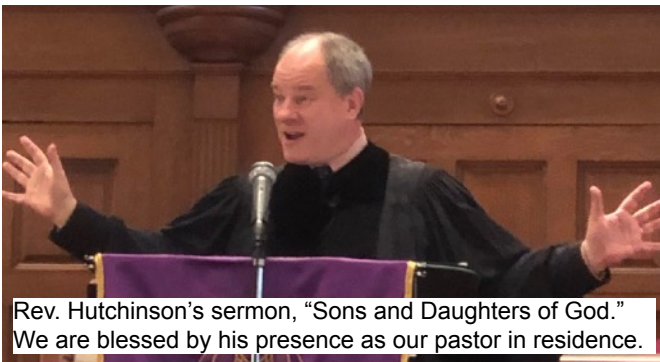


This week at FPC

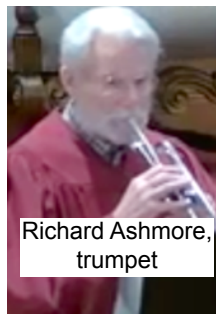
"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." Hebrews 6:19

Scenes from worship service March 12 Third Sunday in Lent

"So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."
Galatians 3: 26-27



Rev. Hutchinson's sermon, "Sons and Daughters of God."
We are blessed by his presence as our pastor in residence.



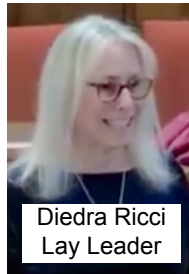
Richard Ashmore,
trumpet



Congregational hymn
singing at its best!



Children's
message



Diedra Ricci
Lay Leader



Singing praises to the Lord



We are grateful for those who volunteer to host fellowship hour.

Looking ahead...

Welcoming our Presbytery

Here's an opportunity to meet pastors and elders from the other 11 churches in ECO's NorthEast Coast Presbytery, which spans the coast from Maine to New Jersey. FPC will host the semi-annual Presbytery meeting May 5 and 6. The congregation is invited to a Worship Service Friday, May 5, at 7 p.m. (Rev. Hutchinson will give the sermon, and Angel Conwell will provide music), and a Praise Service from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday.



We are looking for families to host some of the attendees Friday night. Please contact Phil Thow at 864-0006 or pbthow@hotmail.com if you are willing to be a host.



"John —The Gospel of Light and Life"

Come share the last three classes of our Lenten journey through the Gospel of John as we explore the identity of Jesus and what it means to all of us. Classes meet at 9:15:
Adults, Hometown Room, Chip Wilson;
Youth, Resource Room, Dave Kolator;
Younger, classroom near the Nursery,
Cindy Wilson

- 3/19 – The "Farewell Discourse"
- 3/26 – Arrest, Trial and Crucifixion
- 4/2 – Eternal Life

Even if you cannot make them all, this study is for you. We pray the Lord will bless this program and it will bind us together through His light and love as expressed in His Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

On the Journey

Please pray for the Lord to embolden us to invite others to join us in worship on Sunday morning.



Our search for a permanent pastor

The Pastor Nominating Committee welcomes your input as we continue our search. Please prayerfully consider the characteristics you would like to have in our new pastor and share your thoughts by emailing pastor@fpcnewport.org (please put PNC on the subject line). If you prefer, place your suggestions in the new PNC Drop Box found in the Fellowship Hall. PNC members gratefully thank the members of our congregation who have already shared thoughts and suggestions regarding our search for our new pastor. We thank all who are praying for this committee and ask for continued prayers.

All are invited to first PNC Town Hall meeting

The Pastor Nominating Committee's first Town Hall will be in the Hometime Room after Sunday worship service **March 19**. The members of the PNC invite you to attend to share your thoughts and ask questions regarding the search process. The second Town Hall is scheduled for April 2. We thank you all for your prayers and support. *The Pastor Nominating Committee (Greg Bloom, Deidra Ricci, Jamie Landsman, Barbara Ross, Mark Barnes, Nancy Burgess, Susan Fennessey)*

Make a joyful noise!

If you like to sing and love praising God through song, our choir needs you! This is a warm and welcoming group. Just come to rehearsal at 6:30 Wednesday! Music is an important part of our worship, especially at Easter. The Lord gave us voices to sing praises to Him. Please consider using yours in the choir for Easter Sunday. Rehearsals are at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the choir loft. Even if you can only come for Easter, your voice will be welcomed indeed! Contact Angel Conwell at music@fpcnewport.org.



If you have news to share....

Just send your announcements, or other news of interest to Stacie Schultz, secretary@fpcnewport.org. Include dates, times, details, and contact information. Stacie will ensure that these announcements appear in all of our FPC communications platforms—Sunday bulletin announcements, E-News and E-Blast.

HYMN SING, POT LUCK SUPPER, AND PALM CROSS MAKING!



Back by popular demand—a good old-fashioned Saturday night hymn sing and potluck supper. We'll enjoy good food and great fellowship, and then join together to joyfully request and sing a few of our favorite hymns!

And, we'll make the special palm crosses given to all worshippers on Palm Sunday! You can take part in any or all of the fun!

WHEN: Saturday, April 11, 5 pm

WHERE: Church dining room

WHAT TO BRING:

Your favorite salad, side dish, main dish or dessert, readiness to have fun! Joyful voices!



Worthwhile Movie Viewing

Check out the new film, *Jesus Revolution*, now showing at Island Cinemas in Middletown several other local theaters. Members who have seen it say it is very much worth seeing. It's a story set in the 1970s, described by the Lionsgate film company as "Rock and Roll, newfound love, and a twist of faith that leads to a JESUS REVOLUTION and turns one counterculture movement into a revival that changes the world."



Reaching Out...

March food pantry needs



This month the Deacons are delivering cans of tuna and/or chicken, to meet a need expressed by St. John's Lodge Food Bank in Portsmouth. You'll find collection baskets in the



fellowship hall. Next month we will collect pasta, rice, and potatoes. If you are unable to shop for these extra food items, please consider Giving to the Deacons. You can mark this on your giving envelope or check.

Soup Kitchen

Our Soup Kitchen crew serves a meal to our friends in need the first Wednesday of every month. We welcome volunteers to shop, prepare, serve or clean up the dining room. If you would like to join this team, contact Coleen Spencer at coleenspencer@cox.net.

Wheels of love

Many in our congregation find themselves needing a ride to medical appointments, shopping, or even to church on Sunday. The Deacons are compiling a list of those who are willing and able to give a ride to someone who needs transportation (only occasionally and only when it is convenient to do so). We will contact you when a need arises and you can accept or decline, then finalize arrangements with that person.

If you are the one who needs a ride, please let us know and we will connect you with someone who will be happy to do that. Contact Daryl Kolator at dakolator@gmail.com or 491-339-7625 to volunteer or to request a ride.



Pray...



...for the **Pastor Nominating Committee** as they seek the Lord's guidance in finding our next pastor.

"Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind."

Philippians 2:1-2

...for **our church** as we rely on 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—for health and healing, comfort in grief or hardship, and praises for answered prayers and God's omnipresence. And as you pray, please remember these and many others in our church family and beyond.

Lynn and Larry Chase

Marcia Clark

Nadira Ferreira's father

Bonnie Haun

Bruce and Jan Jones

Glenna Malkemes

Ida (Stacie Schultz's mom)

Ralph and Alice Thomas

Burgess family, Autumn and Noel

Rich Dagrosa

Bonnie Haun's brother Mike

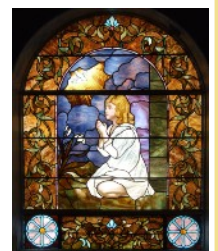
Ray Janssen

George and Denise Landis

Richard and Cindy Price

Lilia Svizzero Merrill

We ask God's comfort and peace to be with the Henry family, as Carol's brother, Ted Brown, died unexpectedly this week, and with Lilia Svizzero Merrill, whose brother died last week in Italy. Comforting is God's specialty, as he tells us in 2 Corinthians 1:3-4. *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble."*



Words to comfort the soul

The final verse of last Sunday's choral anthem, "In Heavenly Love Abiding" by Deborah Governor, expresses the comfort we find in God.

*Green pastures are before me,
which yet I have not seen;
Bright skies will soon be over me
where darkest clouds have been.*

*My hope I cannot measure, my path to life is free;
My Savior has my treasure, and He will walk with me.
and He will walk with me.*



It's time to order Easter lilies

Name _____

Phone or email _____

Plants are \$14 each Checks payable to First Presbyterian Church, memo line: Lilies

Select your wording for the bulletin, for example in memory of () or in praise for ()

If you would like to provide lilies in praise or loving memory to decorate the sanctuary, in praise or loving memory, send this information to the church office with check or money order payable to First Presbyterian Church by April 2.

The lily plants may be taken home after the Easter Worship Service or left for the Deacons to deliver to shut-ins. If you have questions or would like to give flowers another time of year, please call Bunny Miller at 683-0709. Thank you for helping to make our sanctuary beautiful for Easter!

FYI

Last Call for James House Items! When we renovated the James House we had extra household and furniture items to spare. They are in the basement dining room and will go to charity unless claimed. Have a look! You might see something you can use!

SCAM ALERT **Caution:** An email scam has targeted some FPC Members. Please be aware that if you receive an email that seems to be from another FPC member or church staff member asking for favors, gift cards, or money transfers of any kind that these emails are false and are sent by scammers. Please do not respond. Please pray that the Lord turn their hearts toward Him.

Weekly Meetings and Activities

Thursday, March 16

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

Saturday, March 18

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

Sunday, March 19

9:15 a.m. Sunday School all ages
10:00 a.m. Choir practice
10:00 a.m. Pre-worship prayer time
10:30 a.m. Worship service
(nursery care available)
6:00 p.m. Evensong (Zoom)

Monday, March 20

9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. office open*
6:00 p.m. Finance and Personnel

Wednesday, March 22

6:30 Choir practice

* office hours may vary



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Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

