



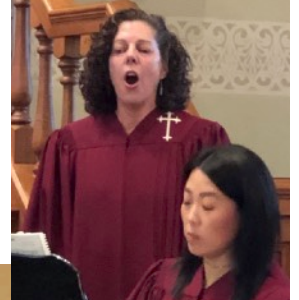
April 13, 2023

This week at FPC

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

April 9— Easter Sunday

He Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!



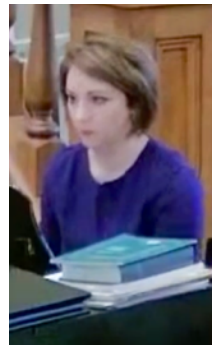
“Easter Song,” Janice Kinder and Angel Conwell



“He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!”



Children’s message



Gathering music by Sarah Kindzerske



Our children’s choir sang “This Is the Day.”



The darkness of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday leads us to the light of Easter morning.



Thanks to a generous and thoughtful congregation for giving these praise of memorial lilies to beautify our sanctuary on Easter morning!

On the Journey

May we come before the Lord with thanks
and praise for a joyous Easter service and the
glorious future age revealed to us.



Pastor search moves forward with Town Hall meetings, suggestion box and survey

The PNC met Tuesday evening to review the surveys that have been shared with the team. We thank you for the surveys that have been returned as well as the correspondence that members have shared with this team. We continue to prayerfully reflect on the work and procedures we are following to advance the search for our next pastor. We ask for prayers as

this team focuses on this work. The suggestions and opinions offered so far have been exceptionally helpful in this process.



To get a copy of the survey or share your thoughts on this matter contact any member of the committee, email pastor@fpcnewport.org (mark PNC on the subject line), or place a copy in the PNC Drop Box in the Fellowship Hall.

Please fill out the survey by April 23 and

continue praying about this vital matter and our church's future.

Greg Bloom, Deidra Ricci, Jamie Landsman, Barbara Ross, Mark Barnes, Nancy Burgess, Susan Fennessey

At the same time, the **Vision Framing Team (VFC)** is at work. The team is moving along well and in the upcoming phase they will be gathering input from the congregation to affirm and further shape the Vision Frame process. *Chip Wilson, Tim Schultz, Stacie Schultz, Rachel Nerheim, Mike Ricci, Phil Haun, and Daryl Kolator.*



You are invited to join this Sunday evening group to worship through Zoom with songs and hymns, sharing scripture and enjoying fellowship. Whether you are interested in participating regularly or only occasionally, you are more than welcome to be with us when you can. Email Brian Ross at mm9616b@gmail.com to get the link.

Looking ahead...



Welcoming our Presbytery

We have amazing congregation! Volunteers did not hesitate and our needs for host homes and help with meals are filled for the semi-annual Presbytery meeting here May 5 and 6. All are invited to the Worship Service Friday, May 5, at 7 p.m. and a Praise Service from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday. This is a great opportunity to meet pastors and elders from the other 11 churches in ECO's NorthEast Coast Presbytery.

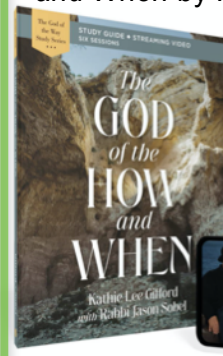
Police Parade May 7

The 38th Aquidneck Island National Police Parade will be held Sunday, May 7 at 11:50 a.m., starting at 317 West Main Road in Middletown, heading south on Broadway to Washington Square. This year's parade will honor the 245 officers that have lost their lives in the line of duty in 2022. There is no parking allowed on Broadway that morning, and they will tow any cars they find parked along the parade route. You can park on side streets or the hospital employees parking lot.

New women's Bible Study

The Thursday afternoon women's Bible Study, which meets weekly at 2 p.m. on Zoom, will be starting a new video/book study Thursday, April 27. It is *The God of the How and When* by Rabbi Sobel and

Kathie Lee Gifford.



For more information call or text Deidra Ricci, 401-447-3833.



Reaching Out... to our neighbors

The Deacons recently became aware of—and helped to fill—a need for clothing at the Newport Hospital Emergency



Room.

This is just one of the many ways the deacons serve our congregation and others. Please consider giving to our Deacons Fund to help them continue their thoughtful outreach to our local community.

April food pantry needs

This month the Deacons are collecting pasta, rice and potatoes for the St. John's Lodge Food Bank in Portsmouth. You'll find collection baskets in the fellowship hall. If you are unable to shop for these items, please consider a donation to the Deacons' fund. You can mark this on your giving envelope or check.



Soup Kitchen

On Wednesday, April 4, we served 31 meals. Brian and Darien Petit prepared the meal. Julie Ward, Regina Skudera, Robert and Christine Sahms, Linda Conheeny, Paul Cabral, Jerry and Coleen Spencer helped to finish prep and serve the guest meals. Sue Fennessey and Dave Kolator and others helped clean up after the meal. The guests thanked the cooks and volunteers for a wonderful meal.



Pray...



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

"But I, by your great love, can come into your house; in reverence I bow down toward your holy temple." Psalms 5:7

...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 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.

Nancy Burgess

Marcia Clark

Nadira Ferreira's father

Ray Janssen

George and Denise Landis

Richard and Cindy Price

Lilia Svizzero Merrill

Lynn and Larry Chase

Rich Dagrosa

Bonnie Haun and her brother Mike

Bruce and Jan Jones

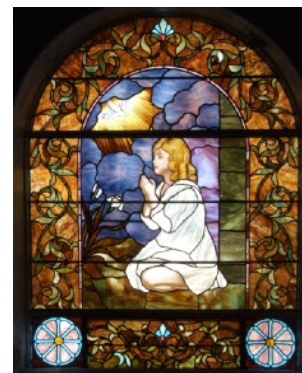
Glenna Malkemes

Ida (Stacie Schultz's mom)

Ralph and Alice Thomas

As we bring our cares and concerns to the Lord, may we remember it is God Himself who answers as we seek Him. Isaiah 41:13 reminds us,

"For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, 'fear not, I am the one who helps you.'"



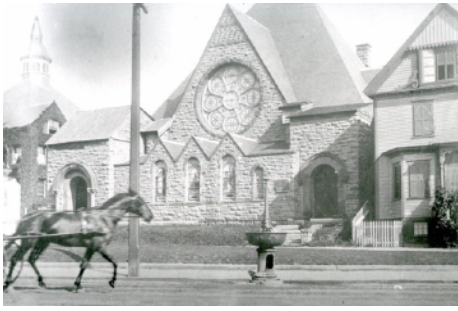
A care package from FPC shows our college students that we care!

Exams, goodbyes, moving, all can cause stress. You can help by bringing non-perishable food items (snacks or food that can be prepared in a dorm room) to Fellowship Hall **by this Sunday, April 16.**

Please no liquids! Be sure to get your hard working student's school address (or home address for commuters) to judys.ri@gmail.com, 401-225-7577, or Mark Barnes markdbarnes01@gmail.com—or you can call the church office with the information. Thank you for supporting the college students in FPC's family!



Remembering our beginnings



On Easter Sunday, April 5, 1896, the first Service of Worship was held in our newly built sanctuary. The church was still not really finished, and it was recorded that “willing hands worked hard to a late hour on Saturday evening to complete the church interior.”

The event was reported the next morning in the Newport Herald,

a local newspaper. It must have been a glorious scene! The church was decorated extravagantly with flowers, sunlight streamed through the stained-glass windows, the choir sang and the organ played for the first time. There must have been an overwhelming sense of thanks and wonderment for all that God had already been able to accomplish through the little congregation. As reported in the newspaper the following week, the general public was also given an opportunity to see “the beautiful interior of First Presbyterian Church.”

Weekly Meetings and Activities

Thursday, April 13

2:00 p.m. Women’s Bible Study

Saturday, April 15

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

Sunday, April 16, Easter

10:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal

10:30 a.m. Worship service (nursery care available)

6:00 p.m. Evensong (Zoom)

Monday, April 17

7:00 p.m. Finance and Personnel

Tuesday, April 18

7:00 p.m. Session meeting

Wednesday, April 19

5:00 p.m. EFC Soup Kitchen

6:30 p.m. Choir practice

* office hours may vary

Mark your calendars for the next family game night Friday, May 19!

Calling all FPC men! We

have another opportunity to join a men's fellowship conference on Saturday, June 3. It's only about an hour from Newport up Route 146. It's just a half day, but includes featured speakers and plenty of seminars for men of all ages. Cost is only \$39. If you are interested, contact Don Fennessey at fenns@hotmail.com.

Please fill out your surveys by April 23!

You are an important part of our pastor search process. Our Pastor Nominating Committee is diligently and prayerfully working to find the right person to serve and lead our congregation along God’s path. As they explore possibilities they are calling for God’s guidance and also for opinions, concerns and ideas from members of the congregation. Our future as a vibrant spiritual home is at stake. Please help by returning these surveys by April 23 and sending your thoughts for the PNC and for the Vision Framing Committee to pastor@fpcnewport.org.



If you receive an email that seems to be from another FPC member or staff member asking for favors, gift cards, or money transfers of any kind, do not respond. Pray that the Lord turn their hearts toward Him.

If you have news to share...

Send it to secretary@fpcnewport.org. Include dates, times, details, and contact information. Stacie Schultz will ensure that it appears in the appropriate FPC communications platforms.



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