



August 10, 2023

This week at FPC

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

Worship August 6

"Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number." Acts 5: 14

Pastor Sean Bland's sermon, "An Imperfect church (And a Perfect God)" was based on Acts 5:1-16, the deception of Ananias and his wife Sapphira. Ananias and Sapphira, wanting to earn the praise of the Christian community, lied about how much they gave to support it financially. This was a tragic moment in the early church and challenges us to do two things:

- ◆ Seek God's joy, not man's appreciation.
- ◆ Speak God's truth, not Satan's deception.

Pastor Bland urges us to consider these questions:

- ◆ What gets in the way of us telling the truth?
- ◆ What lies does Satan tell us?
- ◆ Do we have to "earn" God's grace?

We are not perfect, the church is not perfect, but God is perfect and gives us grace.



We thank Mark Barnes, lay leader, Sarah Kindzerske, pianist, and our multi-generation team of ushers, all of whom add greatly to our worship experience.



Church picnic—all are invited!

Bring the family—enjoy the sand, rocks, ocean, great view, comfortable indoor shelter and facilities, fabulous food, fun and fellowship!

Sunday, August 27
Gooseberry Beach
4 to 7 pm

We'll supply hot dogs and hamburgers with all the trimmings, and water. If you wish, bring a picnic side dish, salad, snacks to share, and juice or soda if you prefer it. (Put your name on the bottom of your dish so we can return those left behind.)



On the Journey

Let us thank the Lord for the new people He has brought to "add to our number." It is with great joy we greet new faces each Sunday.

Pastor Search info posted, resumes coming in!



We have already received resumes in response to the Church Information Sheet and Job Description posting! At our August 8 meeting we began reviewing the resumes and will continue to do so as we search for our next pastor. If you would like to share your

thoughts regarding the exciting work that is being done to find the person God is sending to First Presbyterian Church please use the PNC email, PNC@FPCNewport.org. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

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



The Vision Framing Team (VFC) leans on your prayers as we seek to discern His will for our church in this time and place, and why people should call FPC their spiritual home. Our efforts

have helped finalize a posting for ECO's Job Board and will serve as a foundation for our new pastor to begin working with our leadership and members. *Chip Wilson, Tim Schultz, Stacie Schultz, Rachel Nerheim, Mike Ricci, Phil Kaun, and Daryl Kolator*



Pastor office hours — Sean Bland is available in the church office Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. He invites everyone to "Please drop by and chat sometime this summer!" He welcomes voice messages or emails (pastor@fpcnewport.org).

Reverend Jeff Hutchinson will continue to be at FPC once a month to give a sermon and serve communion. We look forward to seeing him and his wife, Troy, on a regular basis. They are a tremendous blessing to us while we search for a new, permanent pastor!



When you can't be here to worship in person

View our livestream worship service online through Facebook or our web site, fpcnewport.org. The weekly e-Blast offers a direct link to click or copy and paste into your browser. Be sure to subscribe for easier access.



This QR code will take you to our church website.

Be Involved



**Friday, August 18
5:30 pm**

Games and activities for all ages, from 2 to 92! Families, singles, all are invited! We'll provide pizza, and you may bring a salad or dessert if you'd like to. There's something for everyone, even if you just want to eat the pizza, relax and watch the fun, and enjoy the fellowship.

Summer Sunday School



We review a new Psalm each week this summer—studying, praying, and applying it. Come any Sunday at 9:15 in the Hometime Room.

Music notes



Angel Conwell, music director, and her family are enjoying a well deserved vacation to Yellowstone National Park.

On August 13, David Warfield will return to play the organ and direct the choir. Come sing with us! During the summer we meet in the choir loft at 9:45 to "pick up" a piece of music to quickly learn and sing that morning. It's an opportunity to enjoy singing from the choir loft and enriching our worship service. We welcome all who love singing or playing an instrument as we blend traditional, classical and contemporary songs in our Sunday worship.

Have you hosted coffee hour lately?

It's easy, fun and much appreciated.

Reaching out

Supporting local programs: As part of July's outreach efforts, FPC Deacons are donating snacks and water for the Newport Police Department summer camp for children ages 10 to 14 during the second week of August.



Project Bible Runners is an organization that hand delivers Bibles to faithful followers of Jesus where believers outnumber Bibles 300 to 1. If you have extra Bibles, no matter the translation or condition, please bring them to church.

Project Bible Runners representatives will be in our area in August to collect them! To read more about this worthwhile organization and their mission, please visit their website at www.ProjectBibleRunners.com.

The McKinney Shelter needs gently used twin sheets and towels. We are collecting them through August 13. Please leave them in the box in Fellowship Hall.

Caring for our church home

Our building and grounds team is never without a project to maintain and beautify our historic church home. Here is one of our James House tenants lending a hand to repaint the Lynch Room 135-year-old hammered tin ceiling. If you enjoy working on repairs or enhancements to our building maintenance, contact Roger Ward, rhw02871@gmail.com.



Soup Kitchen

On Wednesday August 2, we served 22 guests turkey, ham, cheddar cheese and lettuce with creamy Italian dressing on a roll, assorted chips, fruit cup, devil dog/ring ding, fruit chewy and water. We donated leftover meals to Lucy's Hearth. Linda Conheeny planned the meal, which was prepared and served by our faithful volunteers: Julie Ward, Paul Cabral, Robert and Christine Sahms, Dick Price, and Jerry and Coleen Spencer.

Good News! House of Mercy, Reverend Hutchinson's church plant in New Haven, recently held its first worship service.

Pray...



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

"They did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised."

Roman's 4:20-21

...for our church as we rely on our faith in God's plan for all of us and reach out to those around us.

...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, who is serving with the Coast Guard in Guam.

...with heartfelt sympathy for the family of Rich DaGrosa, who passed away July 14, that they may be comforted by their memories and time spent with him. Rich was a longtime, faithful servant at FPC.

...with joy for a new life, welcoming Maximillian Jack Rexroth, the first grandson of Jamie and Jeff Landsman.

...for spoken and unspoken needs in our church family: for health and healing, comfort in grief or hardship, and praise for answered prayers and God's omnipresence. As you pray, remember these and many others in our church family and beyond.

Janet Champagne
Marcia Clark
Nadira's daughter Melissa
Bonnie Haun and Sadie
Karen Jenkins
Glenna Malkemes
Elaine Ruggiero
Marge Silvia's son Rob
Ralph and Alice Thomas

Lynn Chase
Nadira Ferreira's father
Julie Finnegan (Jones)
Bonnie's brother Mike
Bruce and Jan Jones
Cindy Price's sister Kris
Ida (Stacie Schultz's mom)
Lilia Svizzero Merrill

"...But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint."

Isaiah 40:31



Our Historic Stained Glass Banner Windows

The German window represents both the German Reformed Church and the German Reformed Church of America, as well as close ties with Switzerland.

Backed by the colors of Germany and Switzerland, a scroll is inscribed "Heidelberg Catechism, Palatinate, A.D., 1563." Below this is a plain seal proclaiming, "Freie Evangelische Kirche Deutschlands" (Free Evangelical Church of Germany) and the word, "Presbyterium."



The large tablet in the middle honors Frederick III the Pious, under whose auspices the Heidelberg Catechism was prepared. Beneath the inscriptions is "Herr, Nach Deinem Wille," (According to Thy Will, O Lord) which was Frederick's favorite motto.

The dark red tablet refers to Melancthon, the great theologian, friend and associate of Martin Luther. It also mentions the modification of the Heidelberg Catechism in 1855 to suit the union of the Reformed Germans with the Lutherans, now known as the United Catechism.

Beneath this is the circular seal of the German Reformed Synod of America, including a clergyman and an Indian with bow and arrow and references to early missionaries in America in the 1700s. The German Reformed Church was established among the German settlers under the auspices and support of the great classis (church governing body) of Amsterdam.

Weekly Meetings and Activities

Thursday, August 10

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. office open
9:00 to 4:00 Summer Pastor in office
2:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Zoom)

Friday, August 11

7:00 p.m. Small Group Bible Study

Saturday, August 12

7:00 a.m. Promise Keepers breakfast

Sunday, August 13

9:15 a.m. Sunday School (Psalms)
9:45 a.m. Pick-up choir rehearsal
10:30 a.m. Worship service
(nursery care available)
11:30 Fellowship time
6:00 p.m. Evensong (Zoom)

Monday, August 14

6:00 p.m. Building and Grounds
7:00 pm. 20s & 30s Small Group
7:00 p.m. Finance and Personnel

Tuesday, August 15

9:00-4:00 Summer Pastor in office
Naomi Circle

Wednesday, August 16

5:00 p.m. EFC Soup Kitchen

When you have news to share, send it to secretary@fpcnewport.org. Include dates, times, details, and contact information. This will ensure that it appears in FPC communications platforms.

We appreciate the work of these Elders, Deacons and Staff who faithfully serve our church

Session Elders

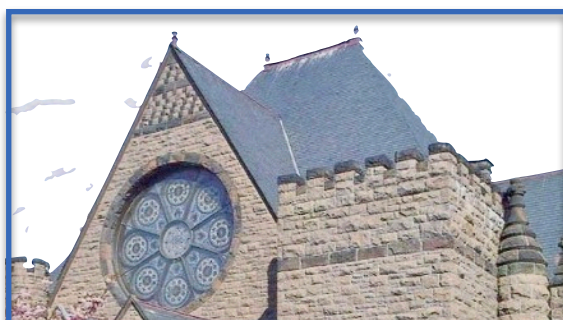
Worship: Deidra Ricci and Janice Kinder
Missions: Phil Thow
Finance and Personnel: Ken Hoffman and Greg Bloom
Buildings and Grounds: Roger Ward and Phil Thow
Christian Education: Chip Wilson
Inner Life: Mark Barnes and Brian Petit

Board of Deacons

Moderator: Daryl Kolator, Vice Moderator Darien Petit, Kristan Aleicho, Nancy Browne, Nancy Burgess, Deb Hoffman, Judy Sweeney, Jamie Landsman, Cindy Wilson

Staff

Director of Music: Angel Conwell, Secretary: Stacie Schultz
Caretakers: Tom and Cheri Dugan



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Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

