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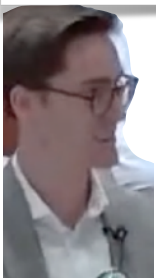
# *This week at FPC*

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

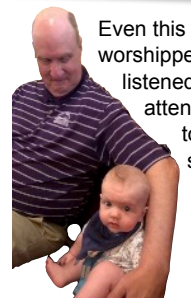
## *Worship September 10*



*"But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.'" Acts 7: 55-56*



In his Children's Sermon, our Pastor in Residence, Sean Bland asked them about their favorite Bible story, and then showed how all the stories are tied together into one amazing narrative. In his sermon, "Abraham, Moses, David, and Solomon All Point to Jesus," he connected the one great story that runs throughout the Bible and is eloquently described in Acts 7. God spoke to, saved, guided, and protected His people, while those people rejected Him. Jesus, too, was rejected by men, yet He fulfilled all of the promises of God to His people starting in Genesis.



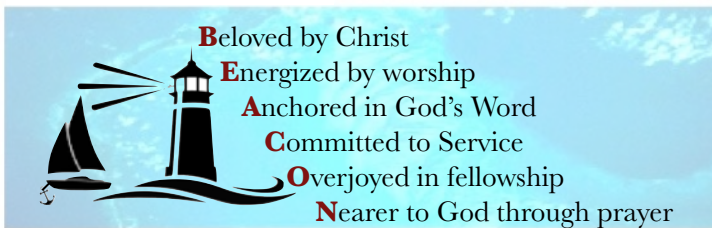
Even this young worshipper listened attentively to the sermon.



## On the Journey

Please pray that we would live out Proverbs 16:3  
"Commit to the Lord, whatever you do, and  
your plans will succeed."  
May we be truly committed to the Lord.

The **Vision Framing Team** continues its work to define FPC's values and identify ways and means to fulfill them. A draft vision statement says, "A beacon on the Rock of Christ, shining God's love into our Newport community and beyond." The values we've identified align with that. They are:



The purpose of FPC's "beacon" is to guide all through the turbulence of the world and into the safe harbor of Christ's love. *Chip Wilson, Tim Schultz, Stacie Schultz, Rachel Nerheim, Mike Ricci, Phil Haun, and Daryl Kolorator*

### Beginning the search for FPC's 2024 leaders

Please be in prayer as the FPC Nominating Committee develops a slate of nominees for Elders and Deacons for 2024. We welcome questions or suggestion. *Mark Barnes, Greg Bloom, Pete Browne, Brian Fennessey and Darien Petit.*

**Pastor Nominating Committee** is busy sorting through resumes and conducting online interviews with prospective pastors. We welcome your questions or comments. Email [PNC2@FPCNewport.org](mailto:PNC2@FPCNewport.org). Thank you for your continued prayers and support.



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



## Be Involved

**Evensong** This group meets 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, via Zoom, to worship with songs and hymns, Scripture, and fellowship. If you are interested in joining regularly or occasionally, you will be warmly welcomed. Email Brian Ross at [mm9616b@gmail.com](mailto:mm9616b@gmail.com) for the link.

### Music Notes

Thanks to everyone who joined our pick-up choir for enriching our summer worship services. We are returning to our regular schedule, meeting at 6:30 Wednesday evenings, then gathering at 10 a.m. Sunday morning for a quick warmup. If you would like to join us, contact Angel Conwell at [music@fpcnewport.org](mailto:music@fpcnewport.org).



### Lay Leader Training

Our worship services would not be the same without our wonderful lay leaders. Sean Bland will provide a refresher for those who have served and are currently serving, and an opportunity for new volunteers to learn how to serve at FPC in this way, date TBD. Reach out to Deidra Ricci at [pamperdee@aol.com](mailto:pamperdee@aol.com) if you would like to join the Lay Leader team.

**Fellowship Hour** after worship is a happy tradition at FPC. Please consider helping to host one Sunday. It's simple: keep the coffee pot filled and bring a few treats, and there's always someone willing to help.



### Handicapped Parking

Our parking lot is reserved for handicapped parking only on Sunday mornings to make our church as accessible as possible for those with temporary or permanent disabilities.



## Reaching out...



To help fill the shelves at **St. John's Lodge Food Bank** in Portsmouth we are collecting canned vegetables and mac and cheese this month. You'll find donation baskets in Fellowship Hall. Of course, other perishables are always greatly appreciated as well.



## Learning...

### Sunday School

Fall Sunday School classes will resume Sunday, September 17, from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

- Elementary School students will meet in the Sanctuary to sing, then will go with Cindy Wilson for a lesson in the room off of the nursery.
- Middle School Students will meet with Dave Kolator in the Resource Room (to the left of the Pastor's office) for a small group study on the Gospel of John.
- There will be two adult offerings this fall, including a New Member class. Watch for more details.

### New Women's Bible Study

All women are invited to a new 12-week Women's Bible Study using the "**Q Place**" study on *Prayer*. if you are interested, please contact Deidra Ricci at [PampereDee@cox.net](mailto:PampereDee@cox.net), as she is ordering the books. The afternoon Zoom study begins Thursday, September 7, at 2 p.m. An in-person study will start meeting Tuesday morning, September 12, at 9:30 in the Hometime Room.

**New Member Class!** If you are new to FPC and want to join in all of the wonderful things the Lord is doing here, consider participating in our new member class this Fall! The class will meet at 9:15 Sundays. Please let Sean Bland know if you are interested in this class by email at [s.arthurbland@gmail.com](mailto:s.arthurbland@gmail.com)

## Praying...



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

*"And the wise heart will know the proper time and procedure." Ecclesiastes 8:5b*

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

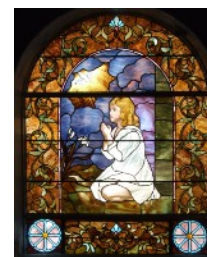
...for **spoken and unspoken needs** in our church family: for health and healing, comfort in grief or hardship, and praise for answered prayers and God's omnipresence. As you pray, remember these and many others in our church family and beyond.

Mark Bland, Sean's father  
Lynn Chase  
Margaret and Dick Falb  
Nadira's daughter Melissa  
Bonnie Haun and Sadie  
Karen Jenkins  
Elaine Ruggiero  
Ida Lash (Stacie Schultz's mom)  
Rob Silvia

Janet Champagne  
Marcia Clark  
Nadira Ferreira's father  
Julie Finnegan (Jones)  
Bonnie's brother Mike  
Bruce and Jan Jones  
Glenna Malkemes  
Lilia Svizzero Merrill  
Ralph and Alice Thomas

*"But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds," declares the Lord."*

*Jeremiah 3:17*



**Pastor office hours** Sean Bland is in the office Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and invites everyone to "Please drop by and chat!" He also welcomes voice messages (847-1749) or email ([pastor@fpcnewport.org](mailto:pastor@fpcnewport.org)).



## Our Stained Glass Windows

As we enter the church we are greeted by this beautiful window of Jesus asking to be invited into our hearts. The words of the choir's anthem last Sunday express our willingness to welcome Him.

### "May the Mind of Christ My Savior,"

by Lloyd Larson

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day, by his love and power controlling all I do and all I say.

May the word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour, so that all may see I triumph only through God's love and power.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything, that I may be calm to comfort the sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea, Christ exalting, self abasing, for this is victory!

May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe, looking only unto Jesus as onward I will go!

Made the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day, by his love and power controlling all I do and all I say.

May the word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour, so that all may see I triumph only through God's love and power.

May the mind of Christ live in me. Amen!



## Weekly Meetings and Activities

### Thursday, September 7

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. office open  
9:00 to 4:00 Resident Pastor in office

### Friday, September 8

7:00 p.m. Small Group Bible Study

### Saturday, September 9

7:00 a.m. Promise Keepers breakfast

### Sunday, September 10

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

### Monday, September 11

6:00 Building and Grounds  
7:00 20s & 30s Small Group  
7:00 Finance and Personnel

### Tuesday, September 12

9:00 to 4:00 Resident Pastor in office

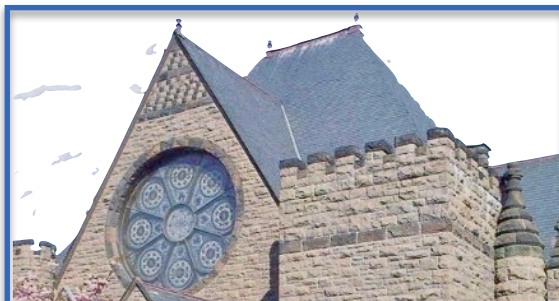
### Wednesday, September 13

6:30 Choir rehearsal

**When you have news to share**, send it to [secretary@fpcnewport.org](mailto:secretary@fpcnewport.org). Include dates, times, details, and contact information to ensure that it appears in FPC communications platforms.



This QR code will take you directly to our church website.



*A friendly place to grow in Christ and serve with joy*

## First Presbyterian Church

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401-847-1749 • [fpcnewport.org](http://fpcnewport.org)  
[facebook.com/fpcnewport.org](https://facebook.com/fpcnewport.org)  
Sunday Worship 10:30 am  
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.



## When you can't be at church

View our livestream worship service online through Facebook or our web site, [fpcnewport.org](http://fpcnewport.org). Be sure to subscribe for easier access.