



December 14, 2023

# This Week at FPC

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

## Worship: December 10

*"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said."*

*Luke 1:38*



### His Kingdom Will Never End

Pastor Jeff Hutchinson preached from Luke 1:26-56. At this time of year when we prepare for Christ's birth, we are also anticipating the coming of an everlasting kingdom. Mary willingly accepted her responsibility in the role God

asked her to play in bringing our Savior into the world through his messenger, the angel Gabriel. Her faith was what allowed her to accept God's love and favor despite the circumstances. Like Mary, we can accept all of the promises in God's word on faith.



*The children making ornaments for their Advent lesson.*



*Adult Sunday School studying Psalms.*



**Lighting of the Advent Candle:** Sam, Dorinda, Jeffrey and Benjamin Weteselaar



*Children's message with Pastor Jeff.*

# Advent Activities

Please join us for the **Holiday Potluck Supper and Carol Singing** on Sunday, December 17 at 4:30 p.m. The Inner Life Committee will provide a ham main course. Please bring a side dish or dessert if you are able. Following dinner we will gather around the piano to sing carols.

There will be a **Special Advent Children's Church Lesson** on Sunday, December 17. Young elementary aged students are invited to participate in the special advent lesson following the Children's message in the Sunday service.

**Christmas Eve Services** will be held on Sunday, December 24 at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Both services will also be livestreamed at [fpcnewport.org](http://fpcnewport.org).

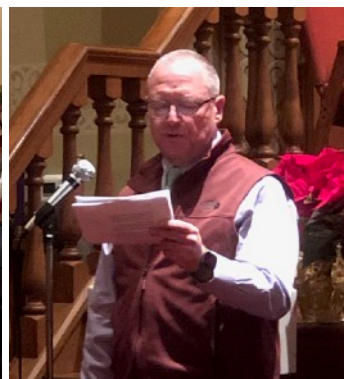
## Ring a Bell for the Salvation Army

To join the holiday appeal and volunteer for a two-hour stint at Stop and Shop or Walmart, contact the Newport Salvation Army headquarters at 401-846-3234 or send an email to [jae.eun.park@use.salvationarmy.org](mailto:jae.eun.park@use.salvationarmy.org).



## Music for the Christmas Season

Heartfelt thanks to Angel Zhu, the adult and youth choirs, instrumentalists, soloists, readers, technical assistants, Pastor Sean, and the Deacons for a beautiful evening of music, singing, Scripture and holiday hospitality.



## Learn...

### **Sunday School – 9:15-10:15 a.m.**

- Elementary school age students meet in the sanctuary to sing, then have a lesson with Cindy Wilson in the room off the nursery.
- Middle Schoolers meet with Dave Kolator in the Resource Room for a study on John.
- Adults are continuing through the Psalms with sessions led by Sean Bland and Chip Wilson.

The **Women's Bible Study** is going through the *Q Place Study on Prayer*. Join the afternoon Zoom group Thursdays at 2 p.m. or the in-person study Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Hometime Room. The groups will pause for the holidays starting the week before Christmas and will resume in January.

## On the Journey...

The **Pastor Nominating Committee** meets at least once a week to conduct interviews. Thank you for your continued prayers and support. We welcome questions or comments as we seek to determine God's plan for FPC. Email [PNC@FPCNewport.org](mailto:PNC@FPCNewport.org).  
**PNC Members:** Mark Barnes, Greg Bloom, Nancy Burgess, Susan Fennessey, Jamie Landsman, Deidra Ricci, and Barbara Ross

## Be Involved...

**Evensong** meets on Sundays at 6 p.m. on Zoom for worship with songs, scripture, and fellowship. If you are interested in attending please email Brian Ross at [mm9616b@gmail.com](mailto:mm9616b@gmail.com) for the link.

### **Music Notes**

Love to sing? Join the choir! The choir meets in the choir loft at 6:30 Wednesday evenings, then at 10 a.m. Sunday mornings to warm up before service. Contact Angel at [music@fpcnewport.org](mailto:music@fpcnewport.org) for more information.

### **Sunday Flowers**

If you would like to contribute financially to the flowers that beautify our sanctuary each Sunday, please phone or text Emily Holley at 408-668-4977. Emily and Bunny Miller are coordinating the weekly flower arrangements. Flowers can be designated in memory or honor of someone or in celebration of a special event.

## Buildings & Grounds

### **More Parking!**

The parking lot of the former Dunkin Donuts at the corner of Everett and Broadway is once again available for parking on Sunday mornings.

### **Handicapped Parking Spots**

Now that more parking is available across Everett Street we ask that the spots in the parking lot with a handicapped parking sign be reserved for those in our congregation with limited abilities.

## Serve...

### **Sunday Morning Greeters**

We're looking to add more friendly faces to our greeter team. Simply arrive 15 minutes early to the worship service to say "Good morning!" and "Welcome!" to all those who come through our doors. Talk to Julie Ward on Sunday mornings, or contact the church office if you're interested.

### **Nursery Helpers**

Our nursery program is starting to grow again and we need a few more volunteers to ensure we can staff the room with two adults every Sunday. Sign up in the nursery room and indicate if you can help with a specific week or if you want to be included on the list of people who'd like to volunteer going forward.



### **Soup Kitchen Report**

On Wednesday December 6, 2023 we served 34 guests and gave out 13 takeout meals of spiral ham, mac & cheese, green beans and ice cream with

chocolate sauce. The meal was planned and prepared by Darien and Brian Petit. Our servers were Regina Skudera, Julie Ward, Linda Conheeny, Julie Lairsey, Robert & Christine Sahms and Coleen Spencer.

A member of our congregation donated hats, gloves and scarves and also the children made goodie bags for our guests which added to the celebration of Christmas. All was greatly appreciated.

Roger Ward and Jerry Spencer welcomed our guests and gave out the gifts as they left.

**Thank you all!**

## Finance & Personnel

### **Champlin Foundation Grant**

The Distribution Committee of The Champlin Foundation has approved a grant in the amount of \$44,100.00 to First Presbyterian Church of Newport to contribute to the refurbishment and repair of the Rose Window in 2024. The Finance and Personnel Committee along with the Building and Grounds Committee will be coordinating this repair to restore the Rose Window sills and framing to last for decades. If you would like to contribute to this project, please mark your contribution on your pew envelope or check for the "Rose Window" repair.



## Poinsettias...Given In Love

### In Memory of

**Donald and Louise Fennessey and Dennis and Phyllis Tudor** by Don and Sue Fennessey

**Loved Ones** by Roger and Julie Ward

**George and Jessie Davis** by William Davis

**Warren B Hartwell** by Nancy Hartwell and family

**My husband, Don Miller** by Bunny Miller

**Case and Mary Hoogendoorn, Frank and Carolyn Sisson, Sarah and Martin Manley and Anna Bulk** by Dick and Judy Hoogendoorn

**Robert Henry, loving husband, father, and Beepa** by the Aleicho family

**Dora and Jose Aleicho and Ann Marie Blythe, Love and miss you,** by the Aleicho family

**Gordon Stewart** by Nanci Stewart

**Norman Champagne** by Janet Champagne

**Loved Ones** by Janet Champagne

**Cayden Joseph Ricci** by Mike and Deidra Ricci

**Loved Ones** by Mike and Deidra Ricci

**Alex Gair** by the Gair family

**Our parents David and Lynn (Tisdall) Tenney, Our son Christian David-Allan MacFarland** by Scott & NancyDee (Tenney) MacFarland

**Al and Barbie Angel, Craig Anthony Ruggiero** by Tony and Elaine Ruggiero

**My mother, Betty McEachern** by Bonnie Haun

**Loved Ones** by Lawrence and Lynn Chase

**Ruth Barnes** by the Barnes family

**Irene Heslin and Dorothy Skudera** by Regina and Wayne Skudera

**Captain Charles Quinn** by his wife Nancy Quinn

**My parents, Frank and Hilda Shaffer** by Emily Holley

**Colonel Frank A Clark** by Marcia M M Clark

**Robert Henry** by Carolyn J Henry

**Robert Henry, Chet Straka, and Harold Sullivan** by the Straka Family

**Our Loved Ones Who've Gone Before** by Chip and Cindy Wilson

**My husband, CDR William Robert Lang, my son, Peter James Lang** by Sandy Lang

### In Praise of

**God's Goodness to Us!!** by the Browne family

**Our sons, Sam and Nick** by Chip and Cindy Wilson

**God's Amazing Love!** by Richard and Cindy Price

**Our children, Erin, Andrew, and Lauren** by Andrew and Kristen Aleicho

**My grandchildren Frank and Lillian Ross** by Karen and David Addy

**Our first grandchild, Riley Lynn Oates** by Scott & NancyDee (Tenney) MacFarland

**Our Church** by Deb MacDowell



Pray for  
**wisdom, unity and discernment**  
for the Pastor Nominating Committee.

## Pray...

...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. At this time, pray especially for the people of Israel and all who are suffering from current strife.

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

- Autumn (Granddaughter of the Burgesses)
- Mark Bland (Sean's father)
- Janet Champagne
- Chase family
- Marcia Clark
- Becky Farwick and family
- Nadira Ferreira's father
- Nadira's daughter Melissa
- Bonnie Haun and Sadie
- Bonnie's brother Mike
- Troy Hutchinson's mother
- Bruce and Jan Jones
- Jamie Landsman
- Ida Lash (Stacie's mom)
- Peggy Leino
- Ken Scigulinsky
- Rob Silvia
- Lilia Svizzero Merrill and daughter Dana
- Ralph and Alice Thomas



## Free the Parents!

Children enjoyed crafts, cookie decorating, games and more on Saturday, December 9 to allow parents some free time on a busy holiday weekend.



## THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

### Thursday, December 14

9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Church office open  
2 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Zoom)

### Saturday, December 16

7 a.m. Promise Keepers breakfast

### Sunday, December 17

9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10 a.m. Pre-worship Prayer  
10:30 a.m. Worship service  
(nursery care available)  
11:30 a.m. Fellowship time  
4:30 p.m. Potluck & Carol Singing

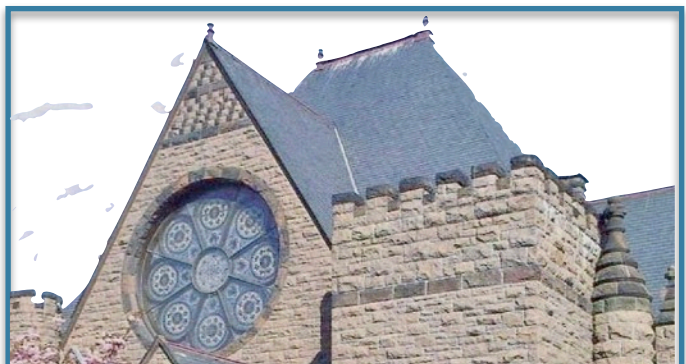
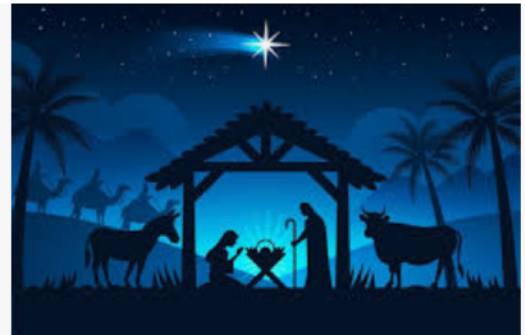
### Wednesday, December 20

6:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sun., Dec. 17 — Potluck Supper &  
Carol Singing

Sun., Dec. 24 — Christmas Eve Services



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## First Presbyterian Church

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facebook.com/fpcnewport.org  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.



### Have news to share?

Send it to [secretary@fpcnewport.org](mailto:secretary@fpcnewport.org).  
Include dates, times, details, and  
contact information.



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