



October 10, 2024

This Week at FPC

Worship: October 6

“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.”

Matthew 10:29-31



Do Not Fear

This week, Sean took a break from the Acts sermon series to preach from Matthew 10:16-34 and Joshua 1, to encourage us to have no fear. Because God still speaks, is with us and dwells in us, and because Christ will acknowledge us before the Father if we acknowledge Him, we should fear nothing except (when understood rightly) disappointing God or His final judgment (but the latter only if we have not acknowledged Christ in faith).

A Few Odds and Couple of Ends

Pastor Sean often has more to share with us than he is able to fit in his sermon. Here he shares “a few odds and couple ends” for our further understanding and contemplation.

The Gospel is "good news". The Greek word from which we get 'Gospel' literally means good news. Are we preaching the Gospel if we are preaching a message of fear? As I noted in my sermon this week, Hell (and fearing Hell) is not the central point of the Bible or the Gospel. BUT it is an important facet of it, for we are all doomed to God's judgment in the world to come apart from Christ.

We should not primarily try to win people to Christ with fear, but with the message of God's love for us in Christ. Yet that message cannot be separated from the truth of what God saves us from in Christ. Warn people of Hell, yes, but let's not forget to tell people how God saves mankind from it as well.

Welcome New Covenant Partners

Mike, Ling-I and Peggy Hicks
Jim Titus
Regina and Wayne Skudera
Emily Holley

Fall Retreat: This Saturday

Join us as we explore our path to becoming a beacon to all who seek safe harbor through Christ. Rev. Jeff Hutchinson will lead a discussion of the mission, values, strategies, and measures we will follow to accomplish Christ's vision for our next season together. Fellowship, discovery and teamwork in a beautiful setting of fields, woodlands and trails. There is no cost to attend. Please sign up in the fellowship hall or call Kendra, Church Administrative Assistant, at 401-847-1749 or email adminassistant@fpcnewport.org.



Learn and Grow...



Sunday School

- Pre-School/Lower Elementary with Cindy Wilson: Meets in the room off the main nursery room
- Upper Elementary/Middle School with Dave Kolator: Meets in the Resource Room
- Grade 9-12 with Dan Yates-Berg: Meets in the Lynch Room
- Adults: Meet in the Hometime Room to study Proverbs

Young Adult Small Group

Young adults (20s, 30s and up), single and married, meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month for a time of Bible study and fellowship. For more information contact Rachel Schulz at rachelschulz23@gmail.com.

Women's Bible Study

Groups meet on Tuesday at 10 a.m. in person or on Thursday at 2 p.m. on Zoom to study the book of Hebrews. Please reach out to Deidra Ricci at Pamperedee@aol.com or 401-447-3833 for more information.

Small Group Bible Study

This group meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays at 7 p.m. at rotating homes of the members. Email Daryl Kolator at dakolator@gmail.com for details.


Evensong meets on Sundays at 6 p.m. on Zoom for worship with songs, scripture, and fellowship. Email Brian Ross at mm9616b@gmail.com for the link.

'The Story' Study

A new adult study is meeting on Friday evenings using THE STORY, an abridged chronological Bible. For those who are new to the Bible or more seasoned students, this study drives home a greater love of God's Word and deeper understanding of the divine narrative spanning all time. Join us Friday from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Hometime Room. Childcare is available for ages 2-12. Questions? Email Michael Hicks at michaelehicks89@gmail.com.

FPC's The MomCo

The MomCo is a place where moms of little ones from infants through middle school gather and support one another through the motherhood journey. The group is a blend of Bible study, fellowship and outreach. MomCo meets on the first Tuesday of the month from 6:30 - 8 p.m. with a few additional family fellowship times sprinkled in. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Rachel Nerheim at fpcnmomco@gmail.com.



"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths."

Micah 4:2

Pray...

...for our pastor. Pray that Sean will be a man of faith and maintain a passionate love for God, not giving in to worries, fears, or an uptight or anxious spirit (Prov. 3:5-6; 1 John 4:18).

...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.

...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:

- Janet Champagne
- Larry and Lynn Chase
- Traci Dalton and family
- Family of Becky Farwick
- Bonnie Haun
- Melissa Ferreira
- Bruce and Jan Jones
- Ida Lash
- Odile Mukiza
- Stacey Ruff
- Ken Scigulinsky
- Diane Sommerset
- Lilia Svizzero Merrill and daughter Dana
- Ralph and Alice Thomas
- Roger Ward's sister Heather
- Robert White
- The church neighborhood



The FPC Cookbooks Have Arrived

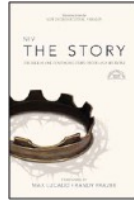
Looking for some fresh ideas at the dinner table? Stop by the Fellowship Hall to pick up a copy (or two) of the church cookbook.

Thanks to all who contributed delicious recipes. Try a recipe and let us know what you think! Donations can be made in the Sunday offering plates. (Suggested donation: \$10 each).

MEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Two new men's study groups are now meeting on alternating Thursdays at the church at 7:00 p.m.

"The Story" is a 31-lesson study of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, led by Mike Hicks. Please email michaelehicks89@gmail.com or call 612-393-9298 for details.



BetterMan is an 11-session study devoted to being better men, husbands, fathers, servants and followers of Christ. Don Fennessey is the leader. Please contact him at fenns@hotmail.com or 401-855-6716 for more information.



Soup Kitchen Report

On October 2 we prepared 42 meals planned by Daryl & David Kolator consisting of hamburgers, baked beans, coleslaw and ice cream. We served 30 guests and gave out 9 take-out meals. Leftover food was taken to Lucy's Hearth. Our volunteers included Julie Ward, Linda Conheeny, Regina Skudera, Robert & Christine Sahms, Alice Hand, Nancy Burgess, Susan Thow, and Coleen Spencer who helped prepare and serve the meal. The guests were welcomed and greeted by Jerry Spencer, Roger Ward, Mike Ricci and Phil Thow. All the guests were thankful and expressed their gratitude for the meal.

Music Notes

Love to sing? Join the choir! The choir meets in the choir loft at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays and Sundays at 10 a.m. to warm up before the service. Contact Angel at music@fpcnewport.org for more info.



Email Update

Please note that the email address for Kendra Fleming, FPC's Administrative Assistant, has changed from secretary@fpcnewport.org to adminassistant@fpcnewport.org.



When you can't be at church, view our livestream worship service through Facebook or our web site, fpcnewport.org. Be sure to subscribe for easier access. This QR code will take you directly to our website.

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Thursday, October 10

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. *Pastor Office Hours*
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. *Church office open*
2 p.m. *Women's Bible Study (Zoom)*
7 p.m. *BetterMan Men's Group*

Friday, October 11

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. *Church office open*
6:30 p.m. *'The Story' Bible Study*
7 p.m. *Small Group Bible Study*

Saturday, October 12

7:30 a.m. *Promise Keepers Breakfast*
9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. *Church Retreat*
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. *Church Sanctuary Open for Broadway Street Fair*

Sunday, October 13

9:15 a.m. *Sunday School*
10 a.m. *Pre-worship Prayer Time*
10:30 a.m. *Worship Service with Nursery*
11:30 a.m. *Fellowship Time*
6 p.m. *Evensong Worship & Fellowship (Zoom)*

Monday, October 14

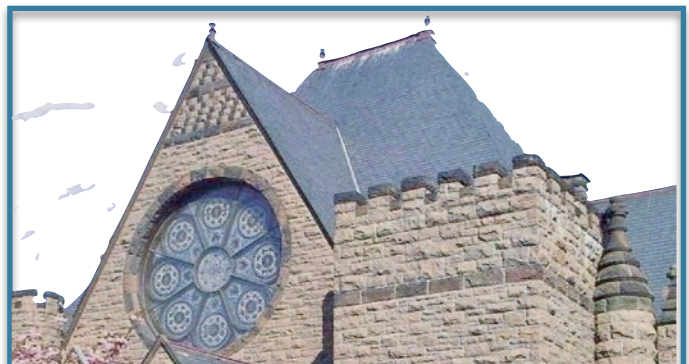
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. *Church office open*
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. *Pastor Office Hours (appt. only)*
6 p.m. *Building & Grounds Committee*
7 p.m. *20s & 30s Single & Married Small Group*
7 p.m. *Finance and Personnel Committee*

Tuesday, October 15

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. *Church office open*
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. *Pastor Office Hours*
10 a.m. *Women's Bible Study at FPC*
7 p.m. *Session Meeting*

Wednesday, October 16

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. *Church office open*
6 p.m. *Choir Rehearsal*



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Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

