



October 24, 2024

# This Week at FPC

## Worship: October 20

*“While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?”*

*They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” So Paul asked, “Then what baptism did you receive?” “John’s baptism,” they replied.*

*Paul said, “John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.”*

Acts 19:1-5



## True Belief and True Repentance

This week Sean preached from Acts 19:1-22. In this passage we see four indicators, or signs, that someone is truly on the way of Jesus: true baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus for the forgiveness of sins, the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit and its fruit in our lives, a confession of Jesus as Lord not just with our lips but with our hearts, and our turning our backs on sinful habits and practices in our lives.

## 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 events of Acts 19 occur around the same time that the Apostle Paul wrote 1 Corinthians. This helps us connect Paul's comments in 1 Corinthians 13 that the gift of tongues will cease. While I believe that God performs miracles today, I see in Paul's writings and Acts indicators that the 'supernatural sign gifts' were limited to the age of the Apostles, and were for the purpose of confirming the gospel as it first spread throughout the world. Even if Christians may disagree about this, we can certainly agree with Paul's own statement that “If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.” As we examine our lives for the fruit of the Spirit, let's prioritize love of God and neighbor over anything else.





## New Hire: Nursery Caregiver

We are pleased to announce that Alaina Ireland joins us as our new Nursery Caregiver. Alaina is a student at Salve Regina University with significant experience and interest in childcare. Alaina will work Sunday mornings during the worship service and Sunday School, along with other volunteers to support the nursery program.

## Minute For Mission: Local Mission Support

We currently support House of Mercy, Intersity Christian Fellowship, The Boston Project, Salvation Army and Gideons. We also have opportunities for hands on service with Salvation Army and Operation Christmas Child (OCC), which provides shoeboxes of gifts for children to tangibly experience God's love. Now is the time to put together OCC shoeboxes. Prayers are also of great value to all our missions work!

## Operation Christmas Child

Shoeboxes are sprinkled around the church if you would like to fill your own! **Please return by the week of November 18.** We will have a dedication on Sunday, November 24.



## Taize Service

Join us on Thursday, November from 7 to 7:30 p.m. for a Taize service in the sanctuary. A Taize service includes prayer, scripture and meditation.

## Officer Election Meeting

A congregational meeting will be held immediately following the service on November 10 to vote on electing our new officers.



## FPC Advent Devotional

As we journey through Advent, it is such a blessing to daily read a devotional created by our fellow worshippers. **You** can be part of this year's booklet.



Your devotional can be about your personal Christmas tradition or experience, scripture, stories or poetry, or other evidence of God's love to fit on a 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 page.

- Begin with a scripture verse
- Main story or content (one to three paragraphs)
- End with a short prayer

The Inner Life Committee will format and assemble the booklets. To be ready for the first Sunday in Advent (December 1st) we **need your contribution no later than November 20** (the earlier the better!) Please drop it off at the church office or email Daryl Kolator at [dakolator@gmail.com](mailto:dakolator@gmail.com). We would love to hear from you.

## ECO Regional Gathering

The delegation of Sean Bland and Greg Bloom recently represented FPC Newport at the ECO Regional Gathering at Grace Church Bethlehem (near Allentown, PA). Covenant partners from the Heritage, Cornerstone, and Northeast Coast Presbyteries joined ECO synod staff for the two day event. It was rich with worship, fellowship and education from within a pristine church nestled in a majestic country landscape.

Discussion included The Church as part of the God's larger Kingdom, what it means to be a flourishing church and how can we be vulnerable in today's world.

Rev. Jeff Hutchinson and Pastor Bland led a Q&A session on their connection to ECO, the connection between his church plant in New Haven, CT and our own church, and the benefits of churches working and praying for one another. Elder Bloom was volunteered to the presbytery nominating committee.

Please reach out to Sean or Greg to learn more about this year's event.

*The National Gathering will be on January 27th in Dallas, TX. Are you interested in attending?*

# 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

## Young Adult Small Group

Young adults (20s, 30s and up), single and married, meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Small Group Bible Study

This group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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. (Note: Evensong will resume on November 3.)

## 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 MomCo meets on the first Tuesday of the month from 6:30 - 8 p.m. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Rachel Nerheim at fpcnmomco@gmail.com.

## 'The Story' Study

This group meets on Friday evenings using The Story, an abridged chronological Bible. 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.

**"The Story"** is a 31-lesson study of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. This group for men meets every other Thursday and is 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 of this group meeting on alternating Thursday evenings. Please contact him at fenns@hotmail.com or 401-855-6716 for more info.



## Thank You Deidra!

Sunday's coffee hour was a special tribute to Deidra Ricci for all she does to support our FPC family. Special thanks to Jen Bloom for the delicious and festive spread.







*“And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.”*

Philippians 4:19

## Pray...

**...for our pastor.** Ask God to heal any hurts your pastor has suffered. Pray that he will serve the Lord with gladness and encourage the congregation to worship God with a joyful, surrendered spirit (Is. 61:3)

**...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

## THIS WEEK’S MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

### Thursday, October 24

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

### Friday, October 25

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 26

7:30 a.m. *Promise Keepers Breakfast*

### Sunday, October 27

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*

### Monday, October 28

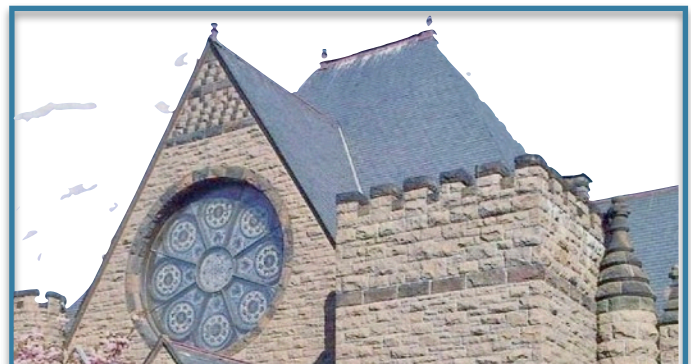
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. *Church office open*  
 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. *Pastor Office Hours (appt. only)*  
 7 p.m. *Young Adult Small Group*

### Tuesday, October 29

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*

### Wednesday, October 30

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.



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