



November 8, 2024

# This Week at FPC

## Worship: November 3

*“On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight... Then he went upstairs again and broke bread and ate.”*

Acts 20:7, 11

### The First (And 8th) Day of the Week

This week Sean preached from Acts 20:1-16. In this passage, Paul preaches to a group of disciples and breaks bread with them, showing us that the first day of the week, Sunday, is the Lord's Day, and its purpose is for feasting on the God's Word and the Lord's Supper.

### 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.

I argued on Sunday that we as Christians fulfill the 4th commandment and keep the Sabbath when we gather as the people of God to worship Him on His day. Does this mean we violate the fourth commandment whenever we miss church on Sunday? I think a better way to think about this is examining our *general pattern of faithful church attendance*. Do we make a *regular effort* to be with God's people? And, of course, God is gracious and understands our individual situations if we are unable to regularly gather with others on Sunday morning due to commitments at work or reasons of health.



## Selecting Our Next Leaders

An Officer Election Meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 10** immediately following worship service. At that time, the nominating committee will recommend that the following covenant partners be elected:

**Elders for the Class of 2027:** Janice Kinder, Brian Fennessey and Deidra Ricci

**Deacons for the Class of 2026:** Julie Ward

**Deacons for the Class of 2027:** Nancy Browne, Linda Conheeny and Daryl Kolator

**Sarah Beck Hill Memorial Scholarship Trust Class of 2027:** Richard Price

**Nominating Committee for 2025:** Sue Fennessey and Phil Haun



On November 6 we prepared 42 meals planned by the Ross family consisting of chili, salad, and cornbread with ice cream and brownies for dessert. We served 29 guests and gave out 7 takeout meals. Leftover food was taken to Lucy's Hearth. Our volunteers included Julie Ward, Robert and Christine Sahms, Linda Conheeny, Paul Cabral, Frank Ross, Dave Kolator and Coleen Spencer helped prepare and serve the meal. Guests were met and greeted by Jerry Spencer and Roger Ward. Many of the guests complimented the chef for the great chili. All seemed to truly enjoy the meal.

## 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 ½ x 8 ½ page.

- Begin with a scripture verse
- Main story or content (1-3 paragraphs)
- End with a short prayer

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.



**Save the Date!** The 4th Annual FPC Ladies Christmas Brunch will be on Saturday, December 7 at 10 a.m. More info coming soon.



## DECK THE HALLS

On Saturday November 30 we will gather and decorate the church for Christmas. It is a fun time of joyous fellowship as the sanctuary is a beautiful space especially all decked out for the holiday. It starts at 9 a.m. and we hope to finish by noon. Many hands make light work! Please plan to come and join the fun.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

A project by Samaritan's Purse, delivers shoeboxes filled with gifts to children in need around the world. Their mission is to demonstrate God's love to children in need and share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Thanks to the generosity of the FPC congregation, the Deacons were able to contribute \$300 toward supplies.



## Gift Box Packing Party

On Saturday, November 16 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. we will pack 200 boxes. All we need are willing hands. Supplies have already been purchased. If you can help, please contact Nancy Browne at 401-835-3461 or email pnsjbrowne@msn.com.

## Volunteer Shifts for Drop Off

FPC has been selected to be an area drop off site for Operation Christmas Child boxes again this year. Volunteers who wish to do one of the 2 hour shifts (listed below) to receive and log boxes from other organizations, please contact Daryl Kolator at 401-339-7625 or email dakolator@gmail.com. This requires no experience or talent, just a willing heart to serve others.

- Tuesday, November 19: 5 - 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 20: 9 - 11 a.m.
- Thursday, November 21: 6 - 8 p.m.

## Shoeboxes Due by November 18

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.



*“Devote yourselves to prayer,  
being watchful and thankful.”*

Colossians 4:2



## Pray...

**...for our pastor.** Pray that your pastor will cultivate strong character and uncompromising integrity. Pray that his testimony will be genuine, and that he will never do anything he would need to hide from others (Eph. 6:10-12; 1 Tim. 1:5; 3:7).

**...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
- Marcia Clark
- Traci Dalton and family
- Family of Becky Farwick
- Bonnie Haun
- Melissa Ferreira
- Bruce and Jan Jones
- Ida Lash
- Peggy Leino
- Odile Mukiza
- Brian Petit
- Stacey Ruff
- Ken Scigulinsky
- Diane Sommerset
- Lilia Svizzero Merrill and daughter Dana
- Ralph and Alice Thomas
- Phil Chow
- Roger Ward’s sister Heather
- Robert White
- The church neighborhood

## Poinsettia Orders

These lovely flowers lend their color and vibrancy to our sanctuary every Advent! This is a beautiful opportunity to dedicate a poinsettia in praise or in honor of someone you love. The poinsettias will decorate the sanctuary through Christmas Day, then you are welcome to take them home to enjoy!



Only prepaid orders will be accepted through November 24. The cost is \$14 for a single plant or \$28 for a double. Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and be sure to designate that the funds are for the poinsettias.

Payments/orders can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office.

Please include the information below with your order.

- Given by \_\_\_\_\_
- In praise of \_\_\_\_\_
- In honor of \_\_\_\_\_



**Friday, November 15 • 5:30 p.m.**

Pizza will be provided and, as always, it is appreciated if you bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share. We’ll be having a little trivia game this time! We hope to see you there!

## Deacons Donation

Thanks to the generosity of the FPC congregation the Deacons sent \$500 to World Renew. World Renew helps our denomination, ECO, respond to domestic and international disasters with long-term recovery work. This money will go to Hurricane Helene relief in North Carolina.

# 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 second Thursday 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

Join us 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 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.

## Naomi Circle

The Naomi Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 12 at 10:00 a.m. at John Clarke Senior Living. For more information call Ellie Green at 401-236-1399.

**"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.



## FPC MANLY MEN FELLOWSHIP AND FIRE

**DATE:** Saturday, November 9

**TIME:** 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Brian Petit's home (415 Seaside Drive, Jamestown)

### PROGRAM:

Social hour

Cook hot dogs over fire

Devotion

Prayer

**FOOD and DRINKS:** Will be provided

**BRING:** Lawn chair

**BRING:** Two or more items for food bank

**BRING:** Male friends and relatives

**PRAY:** For good weather

**RSVP:** Don Fennessey 401-855-6716 or fenns@hotmail.com



# CHURCH WORK DAY

Thank you to all who came out to help!



## THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

### Friday, November 8

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, November 9

7:30 a.m. Promise Keepers Breakfast  
4 - 7 p.m. Men's Fellowship Event

### Sunday, November 10

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 (Zoom)

### Monday, November 11

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. Finance and Personnel Committee

### Tuesday, November 12

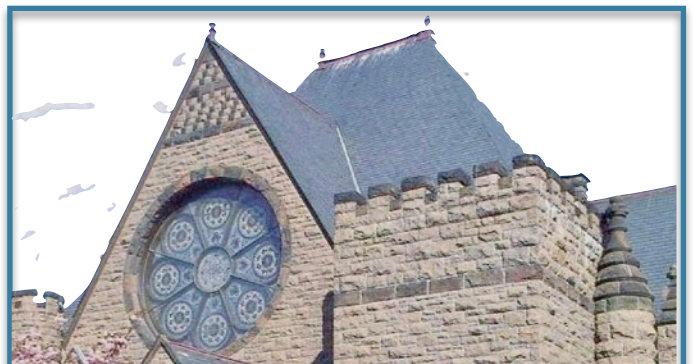
9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Church office open  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Pastor Office Hours  
10 a.m. Women's Bible Study at FPC  
6:30 p.m. Deacons meeting

### Wednesday, November 12

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

### Thursday, November 13

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  
7 p.m. Young Adult Small Group



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Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.



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