



November 29, 2024

This Week at FPC

Worship: November 24

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16

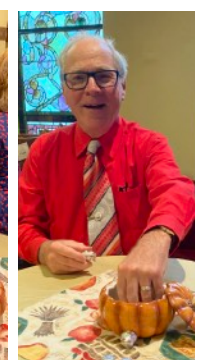
The Love of God Changes Everything

This week Sean preached a one-off sermon from John 3:16. In this passage we see how God gives His abundant love, how He gave His only Son, and how He will give eternal life. In response to all of these things, we must give Him our trust and love.

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 mentioned how there is some debate about the word "begotten" in the King James Bible in this verse. Our NIV (and many other Bible translations) omit this word, I think to their detriment. The traditional view of Jesus' relationship to God the Father is called "Classical Trinitarianism," and on the basis of the word 'begotten' used here and elsewhere, states that God the Son was *always the Son of God the Father*. This is in contrast to a newer view called "Social Trinitarianism," which says that the three persons of God are better thought of as Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, and only become Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as they relate to the world. But this is not the picture the Bible paints, which is that our God is a Trinity of persons whose relationships are best described by the words 'beget', 'begotten', and 'proceeds from', yet *are the same in essence, nature, and substance* (as the Nicene Creed lays out).





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. We will start at 9 a.m. and we hope to finish by noon. Many hands make light work! Please plan to come and join the fun.



FPC Advent Devotional Now Available

Pick up a copy of the 2024 Advent devotional booklet in the Fellowship Hall and in the back of the sanctuary. Our thanks to all who contributed to this year's booklet and to the Inner Life Committee for putting it together. Advent begins Sunday, December 1.



Christmas in Newport Reception

Help spread Christmas cheer and extend hospitality to concert goers following the Christmas in Newport concert on December 8th. If you are

able to bring finger food for the reception following the concert, please contact Nancy Burgess at nancykayaks@cox.net or text her at 401-835-0183 by December 4th.



Dinner Club Fun!




Christmas In Newport Concert

**Sunday, December 8
7 p.m.**

Join us for a free Christmas concert at the historic First Presbyterian Church of Newport! Celebrate the season with an inspiring blend of music and faith—an experience you won't want to miss. Through beautiful melodies and heartfelt lyrics, the concert brings the Christmas story to life, reminding us of its timeless message of hope and joy.

The evening will feature joyful choir performances, congregational carol singing, and stunning instrumental pieces, all set within a warm and uplifting musical atmosphere. Come sing, celebrate, and share the spirit of the season!

This special musical evening is our gift to the community. Invite your friends and neighbors!



“For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God.”

Colossians 1:9-10

Pray...

...for our pastor. Pray for Sean’s daily walk with God in true humility (Isaiah 66:1-2).

...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
- Dick and Margaret Falb
- 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 Thow
- Roger Ward’s sister Heather
- Robert White
- The church neighborhood



Join us
for the 4th Annual

*FPC Ladies
Christmas Brunch*

**December 7, 2024
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

RSVP by December 1st
Sign-Up list in the
Church Fellowship Hall
or call the Church Office at
401-847-1749
OR email dakolator@gmail.com

If you are able to contribute a dish to be shared, use the sign-up list or call 401-339-7625 or 401-323-0077.



November is Stewardship Month

FPC is blessed to have the continued financial support of the congregation. Your generous tithes and offerings traditionally account for 75% of our operating income; they directly fund the maintenance of our historically beautiful building, the salaries of our wonderfully committed staff and the continuation of our ministry programs (including local outreach and international missions).

But being a good steward isn't a reflection of your financial support. What are your gifts and passions? How can you get involved in glorifying God's Kingdom? Contact an elder or deacon to learn about how you can contribute.

Learn and Grow...

Sunday School/Childcare for Infants, Toddlers, Pre-school and Lower Elementary:

- Childcare is provided from 9:15-10:30 a.m. in the nursery rooms.
- During the service childcare for infants and toddlers is provided in the nursery room.
- Instruction for pre-school and lower elementary children will follow the children's message in the room off the main nursery room.

Sunday School

- 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 and 30s+), single and married, meet on the second Thursday of each month for a time of Bible study and fellowship. 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. Contact Deidra Ricci at Pamperedee@aol.com or 401-447-3833 for more info.

Small Group Bible Study

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

Evensong

Join us Sundays at 6 p.m. on Zoom for worship with songs, scripture, and fellowship. Contact Cindy Wilson or Kendra Fleming (adminassistant@fpcnewport.org) for the link.

The MomCo

The MomCo (for moms of infants through middle schoolers) meets on the first Tuesday of the month from 6:30 - 8 p.m. 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. 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. 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. The group meets on alternating Thursday evenings. Contact Don Fennessey at fenns@hotmail.com or 401-855-6716.

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Friday, November 29

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

Saturday, November 30

7:30 a.m. FPC Men's Breakfast
9 a.m. Church Decorating

Sunday, December 1

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, December 2

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Church office open
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Pastor Office Hours (appt. only)
6 p.m. Worship Committee meeting

Tuesday, December 3

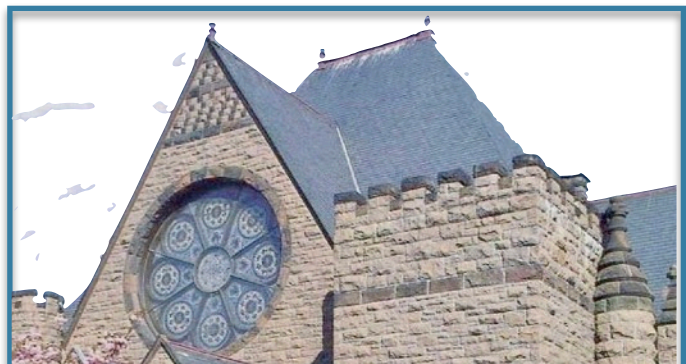
9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Church office open
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Pastor Office Hours
10 a.m. Women's Bible Study at FPC
6:30 p.m. MomCo
7 p.m. Inner Life Committee meeting

Wednesday, December 4

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

Thursday, December 5

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



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First Presbyterian Church

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Newport, Rhode Island
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Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

