



December 6, 2024

This Week at FPC

Worship: December 1

*“For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”*

Isaiah 9:6



The Love of God Changes Everything

This week Sean began our Advent sermon series, preaching from Isaiah 9:6. Each week during Advent we will focus on one pair of words in this name for Jesus; this week our focus was on Jesus as our "Wonderful Counselor." Sean talked about how Jesus is indeed wonderful, wise, without equal, and worthy.

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.

Should Christians get counseling? If needed, yes! I hope my words on Sunday did not convey the idea that because Jesus is our counselor we don't need any other counselors. My seminary offers a Master of Counseling degree, and I had the opportunity to take a few courses through that program, which I greatly benefited from. I think Christians can absolutely benefit from seeing trained counselors and psychologists. Let's just not forget to first take our problems to the perfect counselor in prayer and by seeking His wisdom in scripture.





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.

Thank you

to everyone who helped decorate our church for the Advent season.



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!

“Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.”

1 Peter 5:6

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
- Ellie Green and family
- Ray Janssen
- 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



FPC Annual Christmas



Potluck Supper and Carol Sing

WHEN: Sunday, December 15th at 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Church Dining Room

WHAT TO BRING:

- Inner Life will provide a ham main dish so bring your favorite salad, side dish, or dessert
- Family, friends, good appetites and happy voices ready to salute the joys of the season!



New Nursery Caregiver

We are pleased to announce that Sarah Bloom joins us as our new Nursery Caregiver. Sarah grew up in the church and has significant experience volunteering in the nursery. Sarah recently graduated from college with a business degree and is working in an accounting office in Newport. Welcome Sarah!



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 rachelshulz23@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, December 6

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

Saturday, December 7

7:30 a.m. FPC Men's Breakfast
10 a.m. Ladies Christmas Brunch

Sunday, December 8

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)
7 p.m. Christmas in Newport Concert

Monday, December 9

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Church office open
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Pastor Office Hours (appt. only)
6 p.m. Buildings & Grounds Meeting
7 p.m. Finance & Personnel Committee Mtg.

Tuesday, December 10

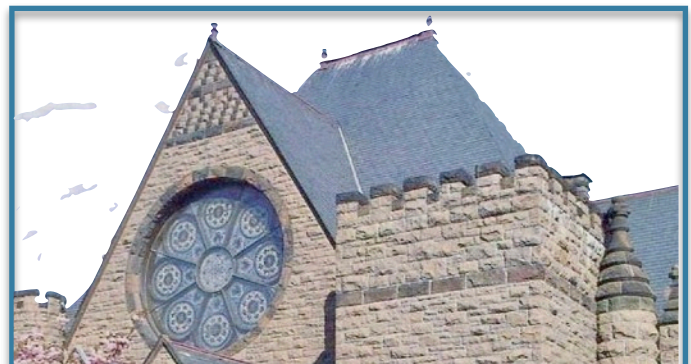
9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Church office open
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Pastor Office Hours
10 a.m. Women's Bible Study at FPC
6:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, December 11

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

Thursday, December 12

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.

