



December 13, 2024

This Week at FPC

Worship: December 8

*“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



Christ Jesus, the Mighty God

This week Pastor Jeff Hutchinson preached, continuing our advent series on Isaiah 9:6, focusing on Jesus as our "Mighty God." Jeff showed how Jesus is mighty and powerful and strong, but Jesus is also peaceful and gentle and wonderful. He is strong and able to save, and uses his power to do these things, not sow violence or hatred.

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 (Sean) appreciated Jeff filling in to preach this week, allowing me to focus on and complete my ordination exams. Just one extra note on this verse: 'Mighty God' is a pretty unusual word in the Old Testament, possibly meaning something like hero or champion. Jesus is indeed God, fully divine even from the womb, He is THE God of the Old Testament, the champion and hero of His people.





“He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.”

Psalm 91:4

Pray...

...for our pastor. Pray for Sean to know the unconditional love of the Father and freedom in Jesus. (1 John 3:1-2, Romans 8:1, Galatians 5:1)

...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
- Family of Larry 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

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!



Soup Kitchen

On Wednesday, December 4, our Soup Kitchen welcomed 32 guests into a festively decorated dining room and served them a meal consisting of ham, mac & cheese, broccoli and ice cream with chocolate syrup for dessert. Additionally, we gave out nine take-a-way meals.

The meal was planned and prepared by Brian and Darien Petit. Volunteers aiding in the preparation and serving of the meal were Regina Skudera, Julie Ward, Robert and Christine Sahms, Linda Conheeny, Paul Cabral, Mike Ricci and Coleen Spencer.

Roger Ward and Jerry Spencer greeted and welcomed the guests and upon their leaving, gave the guests a small backpack containing soft hats, gloves and socks donated by the Deacons. Many of the guests extended their thanks for the meal and gifts with many “God Bless You” expressions.

Music for the Season

FPC Newport participated in the 54th annual Christmas in Newport event by hosting a Christmas concert open to the public on Sunday, December 9. The concert featured the Ballad of Bethlehem cantata, composed by Pepper Choplin and performed by our joyful choir. It was an inspirational blend of music and faith witnessed by over 200 family, friends and visitors. Thanks to everyone who helped make this local outreach event a success. If you missed it live, the program is available on YouTube: [FPC Newport "Christmas in Newport 2024"](#)



Ladies Christmas Brunch

On Saturday, December 7th, Inner Life hosted the 4th Annual Ladies Christmas Brunch. 36 guests of all ages enjoyed this event celebrating the Hope, Peace, and Love of the Advent season. The event began in prayer and a devotional, followed by food, fellowship, and fun! This Christmas Brunch is developing into a very special tradition in our church.



A small kitchen mishap led to a visit from the Newport Fire Department, who kindly posed with the set-up crew after declaring all was safe and sound.

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 13

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, December 14

7:30 a.m. FPC Men's Breakfast

Sunday, December 15

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
5 p.m. Pot Luck Supper and Carol Sing
6 p.m. Evensong (Zoom)

Monday, December 16

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

Tuesday, December 17

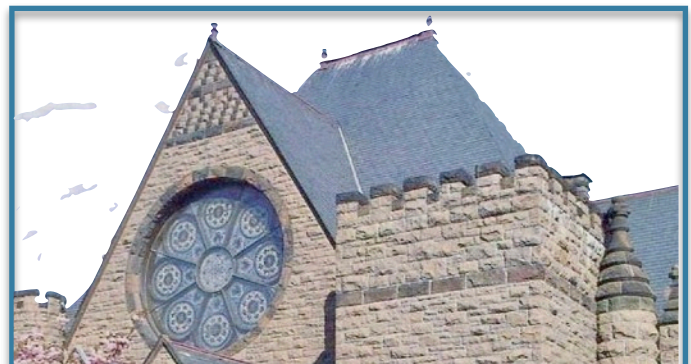
9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Church office open
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Pastor Office Hours
10 a.m. Women's Bible Study at FPC
7 p.m. Session Meeting

Wednesday, December 18

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

Thursday, December 19

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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Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

