

December 20, 2024



This Week at FPC

Worship: December 15

*“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



Jesus our Leader, Mentor, Protector, Provider, Motivator, Foundation, Savior, Teacher, Lord and King FOREVER and EVER

This week Sean preached again from Isaiah 9:6, continuing our Advent sermon series, focusing on how Jesus is our "Everlasting Father." This

passage does NOT mean that Jesus is the same person as God the Father - given that the Hebrew word for father can simply mean a term of respect, this verse tells us that Jesus is LIKE a father to us in some ways; he is a leader, protector, provider, mentor, teacher, and more.

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 just want to say again that Jesus is like a father to us in that he is a new and better Adam - whereas Adam our forefather brought death and condemnation to all of us his children, in Christ we become adopted children of God and receive life and salvation. In this way, Jesus is indeed a father to the new human race, the elect. Let's not get confused with biblical metaphors - Jesus is like our older brother in that he is a human like us, he is like a father because he is superior to us, and he is like a husband to his church in how deep his love and unity with the church is. These are all true biblical descriptions and perspectives to better understand Christ, and do not compete with one another.



Join us in the sanctuary immediately after the worship service on **this Sunday, December 22** for our second annual church family picture. Bring your smiles and be ready to spread your holiday cheer in the Fellowship Hall thereafter.



“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!”

1 John 3:1

Pray...

...for our pastor. Pray that Sean will put on the spiritual armor of God daily and will recognize spiritual warfare. (Eph 6:10-17)

...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
- Beverly Pascoal
- 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

On Sunday evening, December 15th Inner Life hosted the annual Potluck/Hymn Sing. It was a wonderful time of fellowship as 34 adults and children gathered to share a meal and singing. There was a magnificent assortment of dinner food including a spiral ham and a variety of deserts.

The atmosphere was festive and there were great conversations around the dinner tables. Following the meal everyone gathered around the piano as Angel played many Christmas favorites from the old hymnals. The Spirit could be felt as young and old sang together celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior.





Poinsettias Given With Love

In Memory of:

Alex Gair by the Gair family

Norman Champagne by The Champagne family

In Honor of:

Robert Henry, Chet Straka and Harold Sullivan
by the Straka family

Our loving parents by Wayne & Regina Skudera

Cayden Ricci by Mike & Deidra Ricci

Loved ones by Mike & Deidra Ricci

Dennis & Phyllis Tudor and Donald & Louise

Fennessey by Don & Sue Fennessey

Roberta Dugan by Carolyn Henry

Loved ones by Roger & Julie Ward

Our loved ones who have gone before us

by Cindy & Chip Wilson

My mother, Betty McEachern by Bonnie Haun

George & Jessie Davis by William Davis

Loved ones by the Champagne family

Gordon Stewart by Nanci Stewart

**Sarah & Martin Manley, Anna Bulk, Carolyn & Frank
Sisson and Mary & Case Hoogendoorn**

by Judy & Dick Hoogendoorn

Loved ones by Lynn & Larry Chase

Pat & Bob Titus by Deb & Jim Titus

**Jose, Dora, Ann-Marie & Alan Aleicho, Our father
and beepa, Robert Henry,**

by Andrew & Kristen Aleicho

Richard & Ruth Barnes by Mark & Lynda Barnes

Bjorn Johnson by Kristine Johnson

Colonel Frank A. Clark by Marcia M. M. Clark

In Praise of:

God by Kristine Johnson

Family & Friends by The Straka family

My precious dog, Cashew, by Emily Holley

Al & Barbie Angel by the Ruggiero and Conheeny
families

Craig Ruggiero by Tony & Elaine Ruggiero

Erin, Andrew and Lauren Aleicho

by Andrew & Kristen Aleicho

Robert R. Henry by Carolyn Henry

Our sons Sam and Nick by Cindy & Chip Wilson

Children & Grandchildren by Nanci Stewart

God's Love by the Browne family

The birth of our Savior, Jesus

by Richard & Cindy Price



Celebrate the Birth of Our Savior

Come to our Candlelight Service at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 24. Bring your loved ones and friends to share a beautiful evening of worship and celebration of our Lord's birth. The service will also be live streamed.



EBCAP Adopt-A-Family Program Pickup

As part of our partnership with East Bay Community Action Program (EBCAP), FPC again served as a distribution location for their annual Adopt-A-Family program. Donations given for families in need are collected, sorted and distributed in the span of only two days. We are grateful to be able to offer our space to help this wonderful organization.



**It was all
smiles and full
stomachs at
this recent
Dinner Club,
hosted by
Nancy and Ed
Burgess.**

Call for Sextons

Volunteers are needed to help prepare the FPC facilities for worship and special services. Flexible schedule and exciting chance to become part of the FPC ethos. Not required to be quirky or nuts, but the ability to lurk among the shadows is a plus. Please talk to Roger Ward if interested!

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 20

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

Saturday, December 21

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

Sunday, December 22

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 23

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

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

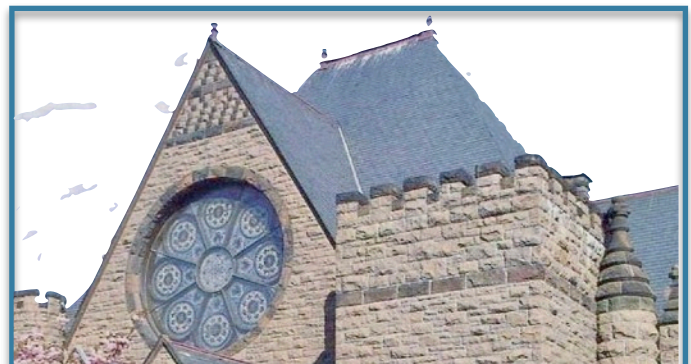
9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Church office open
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Pastor Office Hours
6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day

Office closed

Thursday, December 26

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 Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

