



FPC Tidings



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Sunday Worship Time: 10:15AM



Notes From the Pastor...

What a welcome! On behalf of my family, I want to thank everyone in the church family for such a warm welcome to this church! Each of you have made me feel right at home and I am very excited about what 2021 will hold for us.

December was a busy month! Starting with our 2nd Sunday of Advent and all the way through the 1st Sunday after Christmas, we've had a wonderful month of worship. As we learned in our December worship, nothing can prevent the hope, peace, joy and love of Jesus Christ from entering our world.

It was a pleasure to spend Christmas Eve with you! Our candlelight Christmas Eve service was very meaningful and the Christmas carols we sang brought joy to our hearts.

Many of you use social media and our church is

active on social media across many platforms. We have our Facebook Public Page ([newfpc](https://www.facebook.com/newfpc)). We have our Facebook Group Page ([newfpc](https://www.facebook.com/newfpc)). Our Twitter account can be found at [@newfpc](https://twitter.com/newfpc). On Instagram, we are [@new_fpc](https://www.instagram.com/new_fpc). Our website is www.newfpc.com. And we have a YouTube Channel which is used to live stream our services. Our Youtube Channel name is (you guessed it) [newfpc](https://www.youtube.com/newfpc).

I have been placing a weekly preview of our Sunday worship service on our website. If you want to get an advance look at what is happening, check out our website later in the week each week.

With winter weather upon us, please use caution getting to church if we have snow or ice. Your safety is our first concern. If the weather is bad enough to cancel church, we will inform the church family through the prayer chain and so-

cial media.

Invite a neighbor, friend or coworker to attend church with you or to watch the live stream with you. We have another month of special services designed to bring God's word to relevancy in our daily lives.

Special dates:

- New Year's Day, *January 1, 2021*
- Epiphany, *January 6, 2021*
- Baptism of the Lord, *January 10, 2021*
- Religious Freedom Day, *January 16, 2021*
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, *January 18, 2021*
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, *January 18-25, 2021*
- Inauguration Day, *January 20, 2021*



“It is time to put on the breastplate of righteousness, the cloak of Christ Jesus. It is time to wear the belt of truth. It is past time to take up the shield and sword of God while wearing the helmet of salvation.”

Psalm 133

A song of ascents. Of David.

¹ How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!

² It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron’s beard, down on the collar of his robe.

³ It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore. We are hearing a lot about unity lately. Our nation needs to be united; our community needs to come together to combat this pandemic in unity, our church needs unity in order to grow. Yet, we find discord, distrust and even hate. The psalmist writes that when God’s people live together in unity it is good and pleasant. Living together requires us to be compassionate. Compassion requires empathy for one who is suffering and feeling compelled to reduce suffering. It is a

fuller, truer definition than feelings alone, and it’s a very biblical understanding. Scripture tells us to love what is good, and hate what is evil. Good is morally right and righteousness, it is to be desired. Evil is morally wrong and wicked. In the simple sense Jesus is good and Satan is evil. Galatians 5 lists for us the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. It also lists the “fruits” of the flesh which should be avoided if we wish to inherit the kingdom of God: immorality, impurity, debauchery, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, discord, jealousy, rage, selfishness, dissension and the like. It is my belief that the last time our country was unified was in World War Two. People sacrificed to overcome evil. Since then we have become comfortable with the wiles of the flesh. It is time to put on the breastplate of righteousness, the cloak of Christ Jesus. It is time to wear the belt of truth. It is past time to take up the shield and sword of God while wearing the helmet

of salvation. We need to have compassion and reduce the suffering of the world, our community and our church. We need to put on the full armor of God, be prayed up, and filled with the Spirit. So, get out of your jammies and house shoes, we’re not going to Wal-Mart, we are at war with an ancient and dangerous foe. Study The Word, get yourself to church, attend worship and Bible Study, greet one another with a holy kiss, help one another, and most important of all SHARE JESUS. The Lord will bestow his blessing of life forevermore. Love and Hugs, Pete.

A WORD FOR THE YEAR

Every January, some people pray and ask God to provide a word for their year ahead. Friends have shared theirs with me, but I was hesitant to embrace the practice myself. I’d love to receive a word like *flourish*; then again, I might be like the friend who heard *health* and then faced many physical challenges that year.

But I tried it for 2020 and heard *prepare*. My first reaction was that the word wasn’t very ex-

citing, which possibly confirmed I hadn’t orchestrated it. Indeed, 2020 ended up full of significant, unexpected change for our family, with careers, school, church and friends. *Prepare* reminded me that amid chaos, God had prepared me for each moment and continues to prepare me for what’s next.

Give it a try! Regardless of the word you receive or what lies ahead, you can trust that God loves you and is ultimately in control for 2021 and

beyond.

—Janna Firestone

AN ONGOING GOAL

Still searching for a New Year’s resolution? None is more worthy than becoming Christ-like. In fact, 19th-century evangelist Henry Drummond calls it “the only thing in the whole world worth caring for.”

Two modern-day authors offer more insights. Stormie Omar-tian points out that

we’re either making progress or backsliding on this goal. “There is no neutral position in the Lord,” she writes. “You are either becoming more like Christ every day or you’re becoming less like him.” And followers of Jesus must keep the goal always in focus. Christ-likeness is our “eventual destination,” writes Rick War-

ren, but the “journey will last a lifetime.”



FINANCES AT A GLANCE

November 2020

		YTD	
Income	\$38,119.40	YTD Income	\$296,540.83
Expense	<u>-\$14,467.24</u>	YTD Expense	<u>-\$224,822.89</u>
Net	\$23,652.16	YTD Net	\$71,717.94

<u>Undesignated</u>		YTD Undesignated	
Income	\$36,596.40	Income	\$269,944.86
Expense	<u>-\$14,362.24</u>	Expense	<u>-\$209,538.29</u>
Net	\$22,234.16	Net	\$60,406.57

<u>Designated</u>		YTD Designated	
Income	\$1,523.00	Income	\$26,595.97
Expense	<u>-\$105.00</u>	Expense	<u>-\$15,284.60</u>

Operating Funds

Beginning Balance	\$117,180.52
Ending Balance	\$138,323.83
Investment Account	\$207,470.74



4th	Cheryl Lane	24th	Pete Phelan
6th	Tem & Julie Major (A)	26th	Dick Peyton
7th	Mike Bourland	27th	David Thomas
9th	Jim Hendrix	28th	Logan Taylor
	Claudia Arnett	29th	Paula Milligan
12th	Haley Cope		Larry & Suzanne Wilson (A)
	Kaleb White		
13th	Leslie Major		
14th	Suzanne Henley		
19th	Bob & Marge Wilkerson (A)		
21st	Mike Ladd		

January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10:15 Worship	4	5 1:30PM Bible Study 6:00 Session Meeting	6	7	8	9
10 10:15 Worship	11	12 1:30PM Bible Study	13	14	15	16
17 10:15 Worship	18	19 1:30PM Bible Study	20	21	22	23
24 10:15 Worship	25	26 1:30PM Bible Study	27	28	29	30
31 10:15 Worship						

