

January 4, 2021

Thank You!

Special thanks to Terry Widell and Bill Robertson for preaching and leading worship the last two Sundays. I tuned in to both worship services online, and commend Terry and Bill for two excellent sermons. Lisa and I enjoyed being able to take the last week off, and it was good to know that the worship services were in good hands. Other than a couple of day trips to Hillsville and Kannapolis, we stayed home after Christmas and took care of a few projects at home that we had been putting off for a long time.

I hope everyone had a very merry Christmas, and pray that we will all have a much happier New Year than what we went through in 2020. There is ample reason to expect that 2021 will see great progress in the prevention and treatment of COVID-19. Much has changed as a result of prescribed social distancing, and it will be important to remain vigilant against the spread of coronavirus, so it might be a long time before we are able to resume some semblance of normalcy. Online worship has been a huge blessing to those of us who have to stay home (also to many outside our congregation who are enjoying our worship services). In the meantime, surely we are all eagerly looking forward to worshipping together with our church family once again as more of us are vaccinated and the danger of COVID-19 eases. And that will make 2021 truly a happy New Year!

Right now it is back to work for me today, and tomorrow for Lisa (this is an optional teacher work day). We look forward to seeing you in worship next Sunday, if not before!

Peter N. Smith

This Week at FPC

The complete and up-to-date church calendar can be found at the bottom of the Home Page of our website: www.fpceden.org.

Tuesday, January 5

- 9:00 am – Food Pantry

Thursday, January 7

- 6:30 pm – Celebration Praise Team rehearsal (Worship Center)

Sunday, January 10

- 9:00 am – Children’s Sunday School Classes
- 9:00 am – Adult Sunday School Classes
- 10:00 am – Worship Service with Food Pantry Offering

Sunday, January 10

Our Celebration Praise Team will be back at the front of the church to help lead worship next Sunday, and we will begin a new topical sermon series on death and dying – a timely subject that is filled with hope and promise for believers in Jesus Christ. Next week’s sermon will be called: “The Only Sure Things in Life” (Psalm 90:1-17). Please invite someone to worship with us either in person (with face coverings and social distancing) or online at www.fpceden.org or ...

<https://bit.ly/FPCEden>

Gospel of John Bible Study

Our Bible study through the Gospel of John will resume next Wednesday,

January 13 at 6:00 pm. We will be in John 11, where Jesus Christ raised Lazarus from the dead. Previous study guides are available by email from the Pastor for anyone who would like them.

New Adult Sunday School Class

Jeni Hartley has begun leading a brand new adult discipleship opportunity every Sunday morning at 9:00 am. Everyone is invited to join her in the Daily Living Room (last room on the right at the end for the Education Building, first floor). She writes:

My Sunday school class is called "The Wired Word." It is based on a topic from the week prior to Sunday. It is a basically a discussion group that uses Scripture to help us to see God's provision or perspective for our lives. It will start officially the first Sunday in January.

Jeni

Time to Un-Deck the Halls!

If you would like to help take down Christmas decorations and put them away carefully for next year – this week, if possible – please speak to Doug Brown (Worship Committee chair).

Prayers

Elected leaders
Rockingham County Schools
Teachers and students
Debbie Taylor
Dorothy Andrews
Lib Roberson and family

Ron Martin and family
Mike Corum
Sherry McDowell and family
Carol and Larry Helms
Paul Brown and family
Shirley Carter
Mike and Merle Gentry
Gen Critz and Jeannie Wilde
Joy Outland
Joice Pucket
Hazel Horton and Jean Nobblitt