

**Church Office Hours**  
**Reg. Hours Tuesday—Friday**  
10:30a—4:30p  
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## The Church Herald

### FIRST PARISH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY January 16	9:39a	39
	11:00a	73
SUNDAY, January 23	9:30a	40
	11:00a	85
SUNDAY, January 30	11:00a	44

## Worship Schedule

**9:30 am Traditional**

**11:00 am Contemporary**

**Sunday, February 6, 2022**

**Rev. John T. Dale**

**Sermon “Confession and Forgiveness”**

**1 John 1:1-2:1**

Kathy & Larry Lyons lovingly will give the flowers  
in honor of their grandchildren,  
Abigail, Elyse, Olivia, Emmeline and Timothy.

**Sunday, February 13, 2022**

**Rev. John T. Dale**

**Sermon “Our Advocate”**

**1 John 2:1-6**

The flowers will be given in memory of Agnes M.  
Morrison from the trust fund given in her name.

Would you like a lift to church?  
Please call the church office  
if you would like to arrange  
a ride to church.  
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**Our Mission is to reflect the Love of God by welcoming all people into a life-changing,  
ever-growing relationship with Jesus.**



## THE POWER OF PRAYER



*Dear Lord, thank You for always  
being by our side. You have our back. Your  
continual love and care is our strength for each  
new day. May we trust You for every thing.  
In Jesus Name, Amen.*

### **Praise the Lord**

We are grateful for being able to hold the 11a  
service on Sunday and for being able to conduct  
the annual meeting at 12:30p in light of the  
nearly two feet of snow we received.  
You are a gracious God.

### **Prayers for healing and God's tender care:**

Nancy Adams, Charles Arthur, Bob Blaser,  
Charles Chapman, Douglas Cook, Ed Courier  
(Ruth's dad), Jim Donovan, III,  
Teddie Fitzpatrick, Trefina Fox, Gina Gebhard,  
Erin Heffernan, Fred Howland, Sr.,  
Sandy Serrentino, Lisa Surles, and for all those  
healing and recovering from illnesses.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers:

Lenny Hart, Abettina Morano,  
Mary Beth Shuman, Stephen Taylor, Samuel,  
and for our missionaries around the globe.

### **Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-to**

**-one** Christian care to people experiencing a crisis or  
going through a difficult time. Stephen Ministers meet  
weekly with their care receiver for around an hour to  
listen, care, encourage, pray, and provide emotional  
and spiritual support for the person. Caring relation-  
ships last for as long as the person's need persists.

*Stephen Leaders: Pam and Ken Hodgson*

*Stephen Ministers: Bob Blaser, Barbara Flynn, David  
and Susan Frey, Judy Gordon, Abettina  
Morano and Donna Woodland*

**POWER OF PRAYER. OUR MONTHLY CONGRE-  
GATIONAL PRAYER TIME: February 6, held at  
10:30am in the Fireside Room.** A time to pray to-  
gether for the church and its ministries and to pray  
for the community/world around us, to see His King-  
dom come and will be done! Hope to see you there!  
Any questions or specific prayer requests for the  
church ministries, please feel free to email Winnie  
Carpenter ([winnie.carpenter@gmail.com](mailto:winnie.carpenter@gmail.com))





## Pastor's Pen



### **"God's Love even in the Storms"**

***"Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed." Psalm 107:28,29***

As we were all preparing for the weekend snowstorm, I thought I would look at the book of Psalms and see what the psalmist may have said concerning storms. On reading the above Psalm, I immediately thought about the book of Matthew when Jesus in a boat with his disciples, also endured a powerful storm.

The account is found in Matthew chapter seven: ***"And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves, but he was asleep. And they went and woke him, saying, 'Save us, Lord; we are perishing.' And he said to them, 'Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?' Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. And the men marveled, saying, 'What sort of man is this, that even the winds and sea obey him?'"***

(Mt. 7:23-27)

Comparing Psalm 107, with Matthew seven, we see people caught in a storm. Both storms are powerful enough to cause great distress and fear. Whenever there is a potentially large storm, the media seems to enjoy their coverage, often exaggerating the magnitude, and other times not really knowing the extent of damage that may or may not come because of the storm. Often, people become very concerned or afraid.

The disciples like those in the Psalm are also afraid. Jesus acknowledges this with his question: "Why are you afraid?" Then as he often does, Jesus calms the winds and the sea. The storm is quickly over. The Psalmist also reports that the "waves of the sea were hushed or silenced." Psalm 107:29

We have all lived through many natural storms, but if we live on earth, we also must endure many kinds of storms. It's not all about the weather, is it? Regardless of the storm, weather or sickness, weather or famine, weather or even death, the Bible assures us of ultimate deliverance. The parallels in these passages are clear. There are many storms in life. What will we do when in our storm?

Will we trust God? Will our faith get us through? Jesus challenged the faith of the disciples. You can almost hear him saying; "Guys, did you forget why I am here? Don't you remember the mission of messiah? Do you think I'm going to drown with all of you in this boat today? "Where is your faith?" When the storms of life come upon us, where will our faith be placed?

Pastor John

# OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE



## SCHEDULE A BLOOD DONATION TODAY

**Next one at FPCC**  
**February 18 from 1—6p**

Please consider making a pledge for 2022, if you have not done so. Pledge cards and envelopes are located on the table in the back of the church.

It's easy to give online.

You can scan this code,  
or click the "Give" button  
on [fpccwakefield.org](http://fpccwakefield.org).



**Scan to GIVE**

*We trust in God and ask  
Him for what we need, knowing that every  
good and perfect gift comes from above.  
(James 1:17).*

## INVEST IN YOUR MARRIAGE

**MARRIAGE RETREAT "REFRESH" 2022:**  
Married couples are encouraged to join other First Parish couples at the Home Improvement Ministries marriage retreat at Gurney's Resort in Newport, Rhode Island. The retreat runs from Friday evening February 4th, through Sunday morning February 6th. We have attended for many years and highly recommend it. For more information and discount code, please email Courtney & Mark Hatheway [markcourthattheway@msn.com](mailto:markcourthattheway@msn.com)

Please fill out a visitor card so we can help you get connected at First Parish. Scan this code to complete online  
(or use the "connect"  
button on [fpccwakefield.org](http://fpccwakefield.org)).



**To Connect**

You can also fill out the  
card in your pew on Sunday morning and  
place in the offering plate.

We hope you will feel right at home!



RENOVATION WORK BEGINS ON MIDDLE  
FLOOR BATHROOM ON FEBRUARY 9. Please  
pardon our appearance as work is in pro-  
gress. Please use bathrooms on the lower  
level. Thank you for your support.



**Jesus says**  
**"Be Mine"**



## OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW

### Tuesday Mornings at 9a: will resume in February

Women of Wakefield's Bible Study meets Tuesday mornings in the Fireside Room from 9:30 to 11. Child care and coffee are available. Please email Judi Manola ([jbmanola@gmail.com](mailto:jbmanola@gmail.com)) for more information.

### Wednesday evening at 6:30pm in the Fireside Room

Please come join us this Wednesday as we talk about the Doctrine of the Holy Spirit.

### Thursday mornings

9:15a Women's Bible study

Starting February 24 at 7p a study on Daniel will begin led by Pastor John



**Men's Breakfast Group** will be held on the first **Saturday of the month at 9a.**

The next one is **February 5.**

## YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Young adults in the age range of 18-30. Wherever you are on your journey with God, come and join us for a relaxed night of fellowship, food and discussion over a cup of coffee, tea or hot coco! We meet weekly from 6 – 8 on Sundays. Please contact Julie Bohn, Young Adult Ministries.

## Young Couples and Family Fellowship Group

**Young Couples and Family Fellowship Group:** If you are a family with school aged children or younger or newly married or soon to be, come join us for a simple dinner, fellowship, and support. We typically meet the 2nd Friday of the month.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Winnie Carpenter. Hope to see you then! ([winnie.carpenter@gmail.com](mailto:winnie.carpenter@gmail.com))

Please fill out this short survey even if you cannot attend the next meeting so we know how to serve your family and marriage: You can simply scan the QR code.



FAMILY SURVEY

## Clothing Closet and Community Breakfast

**February 19, 2022 at 9am**

If you are available to help out. Please see Angela Faylor.





Due to COVID concerns and the recent surge in cases, the Lion's Den chose to postpone our trip to Camp Berea until March 4! In the past couple of years, we have unfortunately had to deliver disappointing news to our students as the uncertainty of COVID delayed many of youth group's most exciting events. We would greatly appreciate your prayers surrounding the upcoming trip, as we would dearly love to see students be able to attend this wonderful opportunity and to see God working in the lives of our students in tremendous ways over this special weekend.

We have 15 attendees this year, and due to your contributions and God's glorious grace, we have raised more than enough to send each student and leader to this incredible weekend. In all, we raised \$2,386.00. Praise be to God! There are simply not enough words to thank our fellow brothers and sisters here at FPCC and beyond who contributed their time, resources, and prayers to help make this happen.

We here at the Lion's Den thank each and every one of you dearly for your support and your prayers. We are so grateful to have a congregation that supports our youth and wants to see their spiritual journeys flourish.

With love and in Christ,  
The Lion's Den



**Have you seen the service live stream on Facebook!!! Check us out on Instagram.**

**If you don't have a Facebook account, simply go to [fpccwakefield.org](http://fpccwakefield.org) and click on the Facebook icon.**

## THE CHURCH HERALD

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**February 1, 2022**

### NEXT DEADLINE

FOR CHURCH HERALD  
Thursday, February 10, 2022  
(Will cover the dates from  
Feb 6-19, 2022)

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

3 pm on Wednesdays.  
Meeting Minutes for Council  
The Wednesday before Council

To view services online, go to our website [fpccwakefield.org](http://fpccwakefield.org)

Also available on WCAT: Sunday 11am (previous week) Sunday 7pm (Sunday morning service)

Monday 8pm, Wednesday noon, & Friday at 7pm

Channel 3 for RCN & Comcast/Channel 40 for Verizon