



January 11, 2024

This Week at FPC

"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." Hebrews 6:19

Worship: January 7

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:14-16



Citizenship in the Community

We welcomed back Pastor Jeff Hutchinson this Sunday for a sermon from Matthew 5:1-16 with supporting scripture from Romans 12:1-21. As believers in Christ, we are citizens in heaven but with an early

purpose chosen by God for this time and place. Let our heavenly citizenship shape how we live in our community, just like Jesus did. We shine our light so that others can feel the love He brings to all. Jesus was our model for how to be a citizen of heaven here on earth.



Sunday's flowers were given by Emily Holley in honor of her mother, Hildegard Shaffer, in recognition of what would have been her upcoming 98th birthday.

Sunday School Scenes



Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 21, 2024

Please plan to attend the annual meeting of the congregation on Sunday, January 21 following the service. We'll enjoy lunch together, review the events of 2023 and anticipate the challenges and opportunities that God will lead us to in the coming year.

All are invited, including members, friends and children. A sign-up sheet is available in the fellowship hall so we may order the appropriate amount of food.

Be Involved...

Evensong meets on Sundays at 6 p.m. on Zoom for worship with songs, scripture, and fellowship. If you are interested in attending please email Brian Ross at mm9616b@gmail.com for the link.

Music Notes

Love to sing? Join the choir! The choir meets in the choir loft at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and Sundays at 10 a.m. to warm up before the service. Contact Angel at music@fpcnewport.org for more info.

Sunday Flowers

If you would like to contribute financially to the flowers that beautify our sanctuary each Sunday, please phone or text Emily Holley at 408-668-4977. Emily and Bunny Miller are coordinating the weekly flower arrangements. Flowers can be designated in memory or honor of someone or in celebration of a special event.

Finance and Personnel

Champlin Foundation Grant

The Champlin Foundation has approved a grant in the amount of \$44,100.00 to FPC to contribute to the refurbishment and repair of the Rose Window in 2024. If you would like to contribute to this project, please mark your contribution on your pew envelope or check for the "Rose Window" repair.



Operation Christmas Child Report

We were recently informed that the 100 shoeboxes sent out from our church went to the Philippines and the Dominican Republic. Please pray for the children who received the boxes, that they may feel God's love and come to faith in Jesus through this outreach effort. Thank you again to all who donated and helped coordinate this effort for our church.

Save the Date!

Back by popular demand is **FPC Game Night!** The first event of 2024 will be on Friday, February 16 at 5:30 p.m. at the church. This is a family-friendly-pizza-packed-fun-fellowship evening. Join us to play or just observe!



"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

2 Corinthians 9:8

Pray...

...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.

- Mark Bland (Sean's father)
- Les Bloom
- Janet Champagne
- Lynn Chase
- Marcia Clark
- Becky Farwick and family
- Nadira Ferreira's father John and daughter Melissa
- Bonnie Haun
- Bonnie's brother Mike
- Troy Hutchinson's mother
- Ray Janssen
- Bruce and Jan Jones
- Johnny and Julie Lairsey's granddaughter "B"
- Jamie Landsman
- Ida Lash (Stacie's mom)
- Peggy Leino Hicks
- Ken Scigulinsky
- Rob Silvia
- Lilia Svizzero Merrill and daughter Dana
- Ralph and Alice Thomas
- Roger Ward's mother Shirley and sister Heather

Undecking the Halls

Hats off to all who came out on January 6 to help pack up our beautiful tree, Chrismon ornaments and other decorations. Everything was packed up in an hour - indeed, many hands make light work!



THANK
YOU!
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Serve...

Sunday Morning Greeters

We're looking to add more friendly faces to our greeter team. Simply arrive 15 minutes early to the worship service to say "Good morning!" and "Welcome!" to all those who come through our doors. Talk to Julie Ward on Sunday mornings, or contact the church office if you're interested.

Nursery Helpers

Our nursery program is starting to grow again and we need a few more volunteers to ensure we can staff the room with two adults every Sunday. Sign up in the nursery room and indicate if you can help with a specific week or if you want to be included on the list of people who'd like to volunteer going forward.



Soup Kitchen Scoop! On Wednesday January 3, 2024 we served 26 guests and gave 5 take-out meals of ziti and meat balls, tossed salad, garlic bread sticks, and ice cream with chocolate

sauce. The meal was planned and prepared by Daryl Kolator. Regina Skudera, Linda Conheeny, Darien Petit, Robert & Christine Sahms, Paul & Ann Cabral, Julie Ward and Coleen Spencer helped prepare and serve the meals. Leftover meals were taken to Lucy's Hearth. Julie Ward made her special hot chocolate recipe which was also served and greatly enjoyed by all. Jerry Spencer, Roger Ward and Mike Ricci greeted and welcomed our guests. It was another successful soup kitchen thanks to our dedicated and faithful volunteers!

Learn...

Sunday School – 9:15-10:15 a.m.

- Elementary school age students meet in the sanctuary to sing, then have a lesson with Cindy Wilson in the room off the nursery.
- Middle Schoolers meet with Dave Kolator in the Resource Room for a study on John.
- Adults are continuing through the Psalms with sessions led by Sean Bland and Chip Wilson.

The **Women's Bible Study** meets in person on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Hometime Room or on Thursdays at 2 p.m. on Zoom.



When you can't be at church, view our livestream worship service through Facebook or our web site, fpcnewport.org. Be sure to subscribe for easier access. This QR code will take you directly to our website.

Buildings and Grounds

More Parking!

The parking lot of the former Dunkin Donuts at the corner of Everett and Broadway is once again available for parking on Sunday mornings.

Handicapped Parking Spots

Now that more parking is available across Everett Street we ask that the spots in the parking lot be reserved for those in our congregation with limited abilities.

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Thursday, January 11

9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Church office open
2 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Zoom)

Saturday, January 13

7 a.m. Promise Keepers breakfast

Sunday, January 14

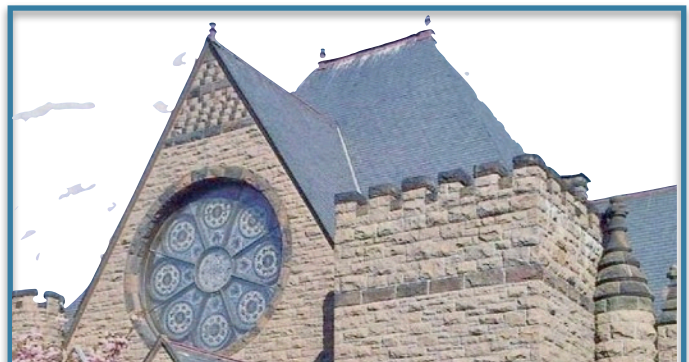
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Pre-worship Prayer
10:30 a.m. Worship service
(nursery care available)
11:30 a.m. Fellowship time
6:00 p.m. Evensong

Tuesday, January 16

10 a.m. Women's Bible Study (at FPC)

Wednesday, January 17

6:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal



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Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

