



January 25, 2024

This Week at FPC

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

Worship: January 21

"But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body."

Philippians 3:20-21

Citizenship in the World

Pastor Jeff Hutchinson's sermon series concluded with a look at our citizenship in the world from Matthew 5:1-16. We rest and trust that our security is in our heavenly citizenship, and we have a calling to be both salt and light in the world, for this time and place. As global citizens, let us live out the dual mission of renewing the beautiful parts of this world, and restraining what is evil.



The worship service was full of many joyous elements, including the installation of officers, baptism of Andrew Shaw, and the announcement of the selection and approval of the call to Sean Bland as FPC's new pastor.



Annual Meeting 2024

The annual meeting of the congregation following the service included reports from staff and committee members. It was a joyful and positive time reflecting on God's faithfulness to FPC in the past year. Our thanks to all who participated and those who prepared the delicious meal.

During the meeting, the Session announced that **Sean Bland has been hired as a full time Pastoral Resident** as he continues the ordination process with ECO. The PNC has suspended its activities until Sean is ordained at which time we can issue him a formal call to be the Pastor at FPC. ***Thank you to the PNC committee members for their faithful work over these many months, and congratulations to Sean!***



FPC Cookbook!

It's time to search out your favorite recipes and beloved food and nourishment related scriptures for a new church cookbook! Jen Bloom is coordinating this project for FPC — send your recipes and scriptures to Jen.bloom@cox.net. Thank you in advance for participation in this exciting Inner Life project!



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 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.



Sarah Beck Hill Scholarship

The Sarah Beck Hill Scholarship Committee administers the trust established by Ralph Hill in memory of his mother, Sarah Beck Hill. It provides grants, renewable each semester for

eight semesters, to students attending the University of Rhode Island. Since its establishment in 1991 the trust has distributed \$466,750 to such students. Scholarship recipients for 2023 were Victoria Johnson, Abby Bloom, and Melissa Ferriera. The Scholarship Committee will be reviewing applications and transcripts for the Spring 2024 semester on February 15th. Application forms and additional information are available on the church website. *The 2023 committee members were Tim Schultz, Sandy Lang, Brian Fennessey, Mike Ricci, Phil Thow, Nancy Browne, and Brian Ross, Chairperson.*

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness."

1 Timothy 2:1-2

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 Sean Bland as he moves into his new role as Pastoral Resident.

...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.

- Tony Aleicho
- 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
- Brenda (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

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 looking for 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.

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.



Back by popular demand! The first FPC Game Night 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!

Year End Contribution Statements

Statements have been mailed and emailed out. If you have any questions or issues please contact Dave Kolator at kolator.ri@gmail.com or call 401-225-1544.



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 with limited abilities.

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Thursday, January 25

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

Friday, January 26

7 p.m. Small Group Bible Study

Saturday, January 27

7 a.m. Promise Keepers Breakfast

Sunday, January 28

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 (Zoom)

Tuesday, January 30

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

Wednesday, January 31

6 p.m. Choir rehearsal



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Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

