



February 1, 2024

This Week at FPC

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

Worship: January 28

*"Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable his judgments,
and his paths beyond tracing out!"*

Romans 11:33



How Do Churches Experience Revival? By Returning to God's Word

Pastor Sean Bland shared a special word as we embark on a new era at FPC. Looking at the story of King Josiah and the discovery of the Book of the Law in the temple from 2 Kings 22–23:3, Sean highlighted four ways revival comes about in the church:

1. True revival is by God's word alone.
2. True revival is in God's spirit alone.
3. True revival is for God's glory alone.
4. True revival is through God's grace alone.



After a few weeks away, Sean returned and we were able to rejoice with him following the wonderful announcement at the Annual Meeting that he has been hired as a full time Pastoral Resident at FPC.

Four Chaplains Sunday

Join us this Sunday, February 4 for a special service honoring the selfless sacrifice of four men in service to their country during WWII.





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!

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.*

Be Involved...

Evensong meets on Sundays at 6 p.m. on Zoom for worship with songs, scripture, and fellowship. 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, contact 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.



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!



"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

Free Bible Study Videos & Resources

We're excited to share that our church now has unlimited access to RightNow Media—the world's largest streaming library of video Bible study resources. This extensive library has more than 25,000 videos taught by leaders like Tim Keller, Jennie Allen, J.D. Greear, Dr. Tony Evans, Francis Chan and many more. These Bible study videos can be used as part of a group study or for personal devotions, and many series include free discussion guides and handouts.

On Sunday February 4, you should receive an email invitation for FREE access to RightNow Media. (If you don't, be sure to check your spam or promotions folder.) To get started, simply click the link in the email. If you don't want to wait for the email, you can also get started 3 other ways:

1. Typing or pasting <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/fpcnewport> into your internet browser,
2. Texting the code FPCNEWPORT to 49775 and you will have a link sent to your phone, or
3. Hover over this code with your phone's camera:



Once you are in, create your free account, and start browsing the content. Also download the RightNow Media app to your phone or tablet to enjoy content whenever you want, wherever you go! We pray that RightNow Media will be a blessing to you and your family!

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.

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.



Join the Team as FPC Secretary!

After five wonderful years as secretary, Stacie will be stepping down from the role at the end of March and would love to train our next secretary! This part-time position has flexible work hours, requires some in-person office time, but much of the job can be accomplished remotely. A healthy combination of organizational, computer, and people skills is desired. Email Stacie at secretary@fpcnewport.org for further details.

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Thursday, February 1

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

Saturday, February 3

7 a.m. Promise Keepers Breakfast

Sunday, February 4

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)

Monday, February 5

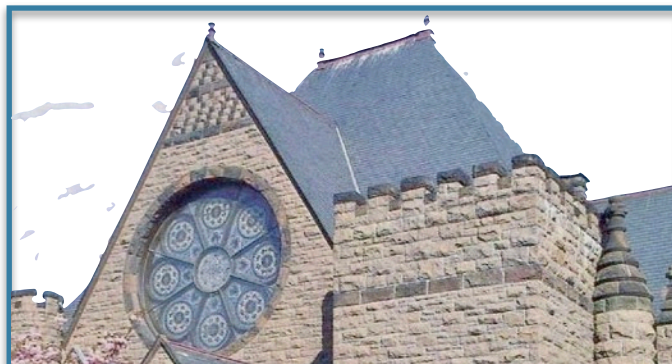
6:30 p.m. Worship Committee

Tuesday, February 6

Naomi Circle
10 a.m. Women's Bible Study (at FPC)
7 p.m. Inner Life Committee

Wednesday, February 7

5 p.m. Soup Kitchen
6 p.m. Choir rehearsal



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

