



February 15, 2024

# This Week at FPC

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

## Worship: February 11

*"While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.' So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off."*

Acts 13:2-3



## Worshipping, Praying and Fasting Together as God's People

The early Christians at Antioch mentioned in Acts 13:1-3 demonstrated worshipping, praying and fasting. Pastor Sean gave us three ways these activities affect our relationship with God and with one another:

1. Worship God to teach one another.
2. Fast before God to strengthen one another.
3. Pray to God to encourage one another.

Sean encouraged us to focus on these three things as we prepare ourselves to celebrate Easter and as we trust in God's Spirit to grow and build our community here at FPC.

*Pastor Sean often has more to share with us than he is able to fit in his sermon on Sundays. Each week he will be sharing "a few odds and couple ends" in the newsletter for our further understanding and contemplation.*

## A Few Odds and A Couple of Ends from Acts 13:1-3

I quoted in the sermon this week from the Church Father, Basil. Basil was one of the three 'Cappadocian Fathers,' along with Gregory of Nyssa and Gregory of Nazianzus. In the book that I quoted from, called *On Fasting and Feasts*, Basil also talks about the importance of feasting, or celebrating together as a Christian community. Basil knew that coming together as Christians and sharing meals with one another, especially after a period of communal fasting, is a wonderful way to fellowship together as God's people, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and appreciate God's good creation that was made for our usage. So for those of us who feel led to fast in a particular way during Lent this year, don't forget that breaking the fast in celebration is part of the process too, and is something to look forward to!



### This Friday!

The first Game Night of the year is Friday, February 16 at 5:30 p.m. at the church. There will be games and activities for all ages. Pizza will be provided and you can bring something else to share if you wish. There's something for everyone, even if you just want to eat the pizza, watch the fun, and enjoy the fellowship. Please join us!

### Soup Kitchen Report

On Wednesday February 7, 2024 we served 42 guests a meal of pizzas (pepperoni & sausage, bacon, Philly cheesesteak and deluxe), tossed salad, and ice cream with chocolate sauce which was planned by Daryl Kolator and Deb MacDowell. Julie Ward, Paul Cabral, Judy Graves, Sue Fennessey, Mike and Deidra Ricci and Coleen Spencer helped prepare the meal and serve our guests. The greeters were Roger Ward, Dick Price and Jerry Spencer. As the guests were leaving they were given toiletry gift bags which were prepared by the FPC kids. Many thanks to all our dedicated Soup Kitchen volunteers!



### FPC Cookbook Project

It's time to search out your favorite recipes and beloved food and nourishment related scriptures for a new church cookbook! Send your recipes and scriptures to Jen Bloom at [Jen.bloom@cox.net](mailto:Jen.bloom@cox.net).

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

*"Set your minds on things above,  
not on earthly things."*

Colossians 3:2



## 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 our nation and its leaders**, for our first responders and for all those who serve our nation in dangerous parts of the world.

**...for the FPC neighborhood..**

**...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 Barnes and family on the death of Mark's father
- Mark Bland (Sean's father)
- Les Bloom
- Brenda (Troy Hutchinson's mother)
- Janet Champagne
- Lynn Chase and family
- Marcia Clark
- Robert Erickson (Son-in-law of the Petits)
- Becky Farwick and family
- Nadira Ferreira's father John
- Bonnie Haun and brother Mike
- Bruce and Jan Jones
- Johnny and Julie Lairsey's granddaughter "B"
- Jamie Landsman and brother-in-law Stacey Ruff
- 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



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## 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](http://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](mailto:secretary@fpcnewport.org) for further details.

## THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

### Thursday, February 15

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

### Saturday, February 17

7 a.m. *Promise Keepers Breakfast*

### Sunday, February 18

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 p.m. *Evensong (Zoom)*

### Tuesday, February 20

10 a.m. *Women's Bible Study (at FPC)*  
7 p.m. *Session meeting*

### Wednesday, February 21

6 p.m. *Choir rehearsal*



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Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

