



March 28, 2024

This Week at FPC

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

Worship: March 24

“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

John 12:13

‘The Hour Has Come for the Son of Man To Be Glorified’

In John 12:12-33 we see the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and hear him share his ultimate purpose for his time on earth. The passage shows us that Jesus chose to ride on a donkey, putting himself in danger and on the path of sacrifice for us. The hour had now come for him to be glorified - all prophecies had led to this moment of time where he would give his life so that we can have eternal life. Through his example we know the church is to model love and self-sacrifice to a needy and hurting world.



The **Maundy Thursday Service** is tonight, March 28 at 7 p.m. Come join in this moving and intimate service in the Fellowship Hall.



Easter Sunday Fellowship Hour

The congregation is asked to please bring refreshments to share for the Fellowship Hour on Easter. We’re hoping to make this time simple and enjoyable on Easter Sunday so we all can enjoy this marvelous day of celebration!

Fellowship Hour

Happy Birthday Brian Petit!



Hymn Sing, Pizza Potluck and Palm Cross Making



Show Our College Students We Care!

Exams, goodbyes, and moving can all cause stress. You can help by bringing non-perishable food items (snacks or food that can be prepared in a dorm room) to the Fellowship Hall from March 31 to April 4 for care packages sent to our college students. Please no liquids! Be sure to get your hard working student's school address (or home address for commuters) to Mark Barnes at 617-448-4109 or markdbarnes01@gmail.com, or email the information to the church office at secretary@fpcnewport.org. Thank you for supporting the college students in FPC's family!

Laundry Love

In January the Deacons donated \$300 to Laundry Love. The Laundry Love initiative consists of regular opportunities to come alongside people who are struggling financially by assisting them with their laundry. Laundry Love partners with local laundromats in cleaning clothes and linens of low-income or no-income families and individuals. FPC received the following thank you after our recent donation:



Thank you for your generous donation to our Laundry Love program! Without our community's support, we wouldn't be able to sustain this essential service for others. We funded 720 loads of laundry throughout 2023, and, with your help, we are on pace to surpass that total in 2024! We want to send your congregation a sincere "thank you!"



Resurrection Eggs

The children's Sunday School lesson used symbols related to Holy Week to create "Resurrection Eggs". As scriptures were read the kids put pieces of paper with pictures of the items in their own egg set to take home and tell the story to others.

1. A **donkey** to remind us of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.
2. **Coins** to remind us that Judas was paid to deliver Christ.
3. A **cup** to remind us of the Last Supper.
4. **Praying hands** to remind us Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray.
5. A **whip** to remind us that the soldiers flogged Christ.
6. A **rooster** to remind us that Peter denied Christ three times before the cock crowed that night.
7. A **crown of thorns** to remind us of the one they put on Christ's head to mock him.
8. A **cross made of nails** to remind us that Christ was nailed to the Cross to die.
9. A **spear** to remind us that Christ was stabbed in the side to confirm that he was dead.
10. A **piece of cloth** to signify the linens Christ was wrapped in before being put in the tomb.
11. A **stone** to remind us of the stone rolled in front of the tomb.
12. An **empty egg** to remind us that the tomb was empty Easter morning.

Iron Sharpens Iron



Ed Burgess and Don Fennessey recently attended the Iron Sharpens Iron men's conference in Bloomfield, CT. There were 1000 men from 99 churches. Plans are underway to send another delegation to the conference in Uxbridge, MA on April 27.

Pray for the Pastor

There is no better way to support our pastor than to pray for him. In April we will start a 30 week program of guided prayer for our pastor. Each week we will provide you with a prayer for the pastor along with the scripture verses that inspired the prayer. You will find this prayer in our bulletin, in our e-news and our e-blast each week. We will have brochures containing all the prayers for the entire 30 weeks in the back of the sanctuary and in fellowship hall. Please take one and commit to praying for our pastor!

"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being."

Ephesians 3:16

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:

- Sean Bland and family
- Brenda (Troy Hutchinson's mother)
- Janet Champagne
- David Chase
- Becky Farwick and family
- Bonnie Haun
- John (Nadira Ferreira's father)
- Bruce and Jan Jones
- Jamie Landsman and brother-in-law Stacey Ruff
- Ida Lash (Stacie Schultz's mom)
- David Price (Richard Price's brother)
- Ken Scigulinsky
- Diane Sommerset (Brian Petit's sister)
- Coleen and Jerry Spencer
- Lilia Svizzero Merrill and daughter Dana
- Ralph and Alice Thomas
- Roger Ward's mother Shirley and sister Heather
- Robert White
- The church neighborhood



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.

Young Adult Small Group

All young adults, single and married, are invited to this time of Bible study and fellowship. The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at the home of Brian Fennessey. Talk to Brian or reach out to the church office for more information.

Adult Small Group

This group meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month at 7 p.m. at rotating home locations of the members. Contact Daryl Kolator at dakolator@gmail.com for details.

Women's Bible Study

Join other ladies in person on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Hometime Room or on Thursdays at 2 p.m. on Zoom.



Submit Your Recipes for the FPC Cookbook

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

Pastoral Office Hours

Pastoral Resident Sean Bland is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please stop by to share your thoughts about a recent sermon, discuss the life of the church or just say hi. Sean is also available on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. by appointment only.



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.

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Thursday, March 28

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Church office open
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Pastor office hours
7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

Saturday, March 30

7 a.m. Promise Keepers Breakfast

Sunday, March 31 – Easter Sunday

No Sunday School

10 a.m. Pre-worship Prayer
10:30 a.m. Worship service
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
6:30 p.m. Evensong (Zoom)

Monday, April 1

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Pastor office hours
(by appointment only)
6:30 p.m. Worship Committee

Tuesday, April 2

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Pastor office hours
10 a.m. Women's Bible Study (at FPC)
7 p.m. Inner Life Committee

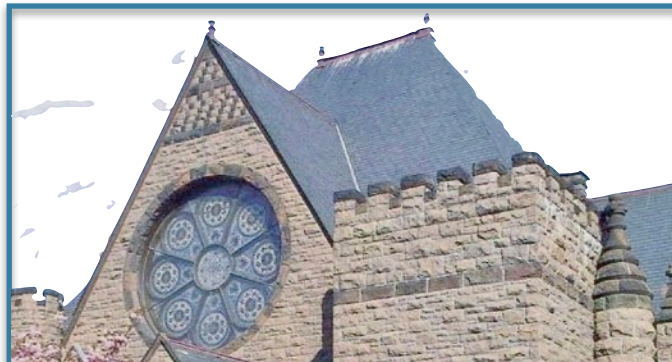
Wednesday, April 3

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



The Ladies Spring Fling Tea will be on Saturday, April 27 at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There will be flowers, hats, lots of fun and food. More information coming soon.



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Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

