



April 4, 2024

This Week at FPC

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

“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!”

Luke 24:5-6

Life in Light of the Resurrection of Christ

For Easter, Sean preached from Luke 24 and the resurrection account of Jesus. Sean challenged us to, like the women that day, remember the words of Jesus and to, like Peter, run to the arms of Jesus. Christ is Risen!



A Few Odds and A Couple of Ends from Luke 24

Pastor Sean often has more to share with us than he is able to fit in his sermon on Sundays. Here he shares “a few odds and couple ends” for our further understanding and contemplation.

I mentioned this Sunday how Thomas Aquinas, the greatest Christian theologian of the Middle Ages, referred to Mary Magdalene as the 'Apostle to the Apostles' for her preaching the good news of Jesus' resurrection to the Apostles and Disciples. While we should not overstate this part of the story, it is a good reminder that both men *and* women are to preach the good news of Jesus Christ and the message of Easter!



Maunder Thursday service



Pray for the Pastor

There is no better way to support our pastor than to pray for him. This month we will start a 30-week program of guided prayer for Sean. 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. Brochures containing all the prayers for the entire 30 weeks are in the back of the sanctuary and in the Fellowship Hall. Please take one and commit to praying for our pastor!

This Week's Pastoral Prayer

Pray that your pastor will love God with all his heart, soul, mind, and strength. Pray that God will work powerfully in his heart, and that he will follow biblical priorities (Deut. 6:5; Matt. 6:33).

Pastoral Office Hours

Sean 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.

Please note: There will be no pastoral office hours on Thursday, April 4 as Sean will be going to a local Pastor's Summit that day to meet, worship, pray, and learn from other ministers in the area.. Please be in prayer for Sean and all the local ministers attending.

Show Our College Students We Care!

Spring is here. This means year-end assignments, final exams, moving, summer jobs, saying goodbye to friends, and graduation are right around the corner. To make this transition time a little easier, FPC's Inner Life Committee sends care packages to our college students.

How you can help:

1. On Sunday, March 31, April 7, or April 14, please bring in care package contributions. "Lightweight for mailing" is a good guideline. We'll include food that can be prepared in a dorm room or individually packaged snack foods. A box will be set up in the Fellowship Hall for your donations.
2. If you have a college student in your family, be sure we have his or her name and current college address, or home address if your student is a commuter. Email or call Mark Barnes at markdbarnes01@gmail.com or 617-448-4109, or call the church office.

Suggestions:

Packaged soup, hot chocolate or tea, individually wrapped snack crackers, cookies, gum, mints, nuts, trail mix, candy, granola bars, sesame sticks, popcorn, whatever you think will help sustain our young scholars



"We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you..."

Colossians 1:3

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



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.

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. Speak with Brian or reach out to the church office for more information.

Small Group Bible Study

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

Women's Bible Study

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



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.

Parking Update

The Newport City Council approved the construction of a Bay Coast Bank branch in the old Dunkin' property. The owner has given permission to park there during non-banking hours for the foreseeable future, except when demolition and construction are going on. Once complete, we will be able to use the lot again. If street parking is not available, we are able to park in the lower hospital parking lot on Rhode Island Ave.



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, April 4

No pastoral office hours

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

Friday, April 5

7 p.m. Small Group Bible Study

Saturday, April 6

7 a.m. Promise Keepers breakfast

Sunday, April 7

9:15 a.m. 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 8

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Pastor office hours
(by appointment only)
6 p.m. Buildings & Grounds Committee
7 p.m. Young Adults Small Group
7 p.m. Finance & Personnel Committee

Tuesday, April 9

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Pastor office hours
10 a.m. Women's Bible Study (at FPC)
6:30 p.m. Deacons meeting

Wednesday, April 10

6 p.m. Choir rehearsal



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Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

