



April 18, 2024

This Week at FPC

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

Worship: April 14

“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.”

1 John 3:16

How We Know What Love is

This week Pastor Jeff Hutchinson returned with a message from 1 John 3:16-24. From this passage

- we know what love is by looking at Jesus, who sacrificed his life for us even while we were still sinners;
- we know that in Jesus we are fully forgiven;
- and we know that He lives in us by the evidence of the Holy Spirit's work in our lives.

A Special Day

There was much to celebrate on Sunday with the commissioning of Sean Bland as a lay pastor, a 'family portrait' photo, and a time of thanks for Jeff and Troy Hutchinson for their service over the last two years. God has blessed us and we are so grateful.





Ladies Spring Fling Tea

Ladies, please join us for food, friends, flower activities and more! The Ladies Spring Fling Tea is Saturday, April 27 at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You will take home a small bouquet that you make yourself plus a surprise gift.

To join this very fun time, please use the sign up list in the Fellowship Hall or contact Darien Petit at dspeit55@gmail.com or call 401-323-0077 by Wednesday, April 24.

Rose Window Restoration Project

The Rose Window Restoration will begin this week and is scheduled to be completed in approximately 30 days, weather permitting. The work is being coordinated by Mancini Construction. Marr Scaffolding will install scaffolding on the Broadway side of the church this week and the removal of the protective glass by Advantage Glass will begin on the 22nd. Mancini Construction, in addition to coordinating the other contractors, will be replacing any rotten wood and doing the finish work.

As currently planned, the Stained Glass Window will not have to be removed and there should not be any scaffolding on the interior of the Church. Session has approved \$110,000 for this repair of which \$44,100 was provided by a grant from the Champlin Foundation. The goal is to repair the window sills and framing, and replace the protective glass so that it will last for another 100 years. Everyone is reminded to stay clear of the worksite and not to climb the scaffolding. If you would like to contribute to this project, please mark your check and/or offering envelope "Rose Window Restoration."

Deacon Donation

In March the Deacons donated eight sets of sheets, towels, and face cloths to the McKinney Shelter in Newport. The shelter provides services and housing to the chronically homeless and other needy individuals in Newport County.



FPC was the setting on April 12th for Active Shooter Training by the Newport Police Department. Over 20 people participated from local churches including 8 FPC members. Our thanks to Pastor Sean for hosting.

Pray for the Pastor

There is no better way to support our pastor than to pray for him. Pick up one of the brochures as we embark on this 30-week journey to pray for Sean. Each week's prayer will be in the Sunday bulletin and in the weekly e-news.

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power."

Ephesians 6:10



Pray...

...for our pastor. Pray for Sean's personal walk with God—that his soul and spirit will be nourished and strengthened in his time with God, beyond sermon preparation. Pray that he will spend more time in God's Word than in other reading (Mark 1:35; 2 Tim. 2:15-16)

...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)
- Family of David Price, who died last week
- 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 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 Brian Fennessey's. 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.

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 meet in the Hometime Room.

Pastoral Office Hours

Sean has office hours 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, April 18

No pastoral hours and office closed
2 p.m. *Women's Bible Study (Zoom)*

Saturday, April 20

7 a.m. *Promise Keepers breakfast*

Sunday, April 21

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 22

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. *Pastor office hours*
(by appointment only)
7 p.m. *20s & 30s Small Group*

Tuesday, April 23

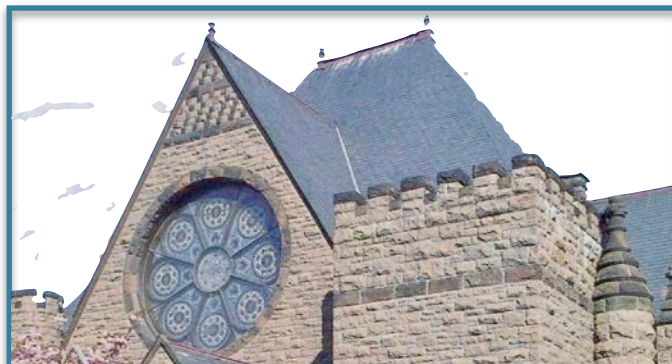
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. *Pastor office hours*
10 a.m. *Women's Bible Study (at FPC)*

Wednesday, April 24

6 p.m. *Choir rehearsal*

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, April 27 - Ladies Spring Fling



A friendly place to grow in Christ and serve with joy

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

