



June 6, 2024

This Week at FPC

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

Worship: June 2

“God said to Moses, “I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I am has sent me to you.’”

Exodus 3:14

Who is God? God Is Who He Is, the Great I Am, the Faithful God

This week, continuing our Summer Sermon Series, "Who is God?", Sean explored Exodus 3 and showed how God revealed the meaning of His name to Moses from a burning Bush. God's name (Yawheh, or the LORD in our English Bibles) is connected to God's hearing the prayer of His people, seeing their suffering, coming to rescue them, and, above all, being independent of our changing circumstances (I AM who I AM). We are thus called to depend on Him in all things.

A Few Odds and Couple of Ends

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.

Exodus 3:14 is one of the greatest statements of who God is in the entire Bible. One additional thing it reveals of God is that God is, as some philosophers like to put it, the 'ground of being.' We can understand what this means by contrasting Exodus 3:14 with the Genesis creation account, where God speaks *into being* various things by saying 'let there be.' But God *just is*. This can be a helpful tool in our 'apologetics toolbelt' as we share our faith with, for example, an atheist. We as Christians do not believe in God who might or might not exist like anything else, like a tree, like a person, etc. - we believe in God *whose existence explains the existence of everything else!*



Reminder! The Session has called a **Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 9, 2024** following the service to present a motion for consideration and vote. The motion will reset our financial calendar to begin annually on August 1st.



FPC In the News!

We are thrilled and grateful for the recent abundance of news coverage about Sean and the Rose Window renovations! Type the links below in a web browser or use your smartphone camera and scan the QR codes to be brought to the websites to read and view. You can also go to www.newportthisweek.com/ articles and use the search feature.



Interview with Sean:

<https://www.newportthisweek.com/articles/new-pastor-brings-youth-and-enthusiasm/>



Rose Window Article:

<https://www.newportthisweek.com/articles/first-presbyterian-churchs-famed-rose-window-being-restored/>



Podcast Interview:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kU5SI88Gf0>

Planning is underway for **Vacation Bible School at FPC July 15-19**. A mission team from Pilgrim Mission Church in New Jersey, an ECO church in our Presbytery, is coming to run the program. We need volunteers to help out with the preparation as well as volunteers for the week of VBS. A prayer team is being assembled as well as a list of volunteers. Please contact Deidra Ricci for more information or to volunteer.



VBS SIGN UPS HAVE BEGUN!

To register your child, grandchild, niece, nephew, neighbor, or any child you think might want to learn more about Jesus, scan the QR code or call the church office at 401-847-1749.



Need a Lift?

A friendly reminder for those who may need it or know someone who does... There is a convenient, easy-to-use wheelchair lift at the front of the sanctuary to take you to the fellowship

hall. Flip the switch found near the lift by the Everett St. door to activate. The doors on either floor must be completely shut before pressing 'Up' or 'Down'. Don't hesitate to ask for assistance before your first ride!

Spring Clean-up Day: NEW DATE!

Wear your comfy work clothes, bring gloves and sunscreen, and enjoy fellowship and fun with others as we "shine up" the church on Saturday, June 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be lots of indoor and outdoor tasks. No experience needed! Coffee and snacks will be served.



"Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Nehemiah 8:10

Pray...

...for our pastor. Pray for godly friends and encouragers to strengthen your pastor and his family for ministry and to provide meaningful fellowship and times of rest (Phil. 2:19-25).

...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
- Nadira Ferreira and family
- Bruce and Jan Jones
- Ida Lash (Stacie Schultz's mom)
- Stacey Ruff (Jamie Landsman's brother-in-law)
- Ken Scigulinsky
- Stephanie Simmons and family
- Diane Sommerset (Brian Petit's sister)
- Lilia Svizzero Merrill and daughter Dana
- Ralph and Alice Thomas
- Roger Ward and family; Roger's sister Heather
- Robert White
- The church neighborhood





Sing With Us!

This fun group is looking for more joyous voices! Choir rehearsals are at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays and Sundays at 10 a.m. to warm up before the service. All who have a passion for music and heart for worship are welcome. Contact Angel at music@fpcnewport.org for more info.

Learn and Grow...

Sunday School – 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Adults meet in the Hometime Room to study Psalms, led by Chip Wilson and Sean Bland.

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 homes 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.

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.



Sunday Flowers

The beautiful flowers that adorn our church on Sundays can be given in memory or honor of a loved one, or in celebration of a special event. If you would like to contribute financially, contact Emily Holley at 408-668-4977.



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, June 6

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. *Pastor office hours*
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. *Church office open*
2 p.m. *Women's Bible Study (Zoom)*

Saturday, June 8

7 a.m. *Promise Keepers Breakfast*

Sunday, June 9

9:15 a.m. *Adult Sunday School*
10 a.m. *Pre-worship Prayer*
10:30 a.m. *Worship Service with Nursery*
11:30 a.m. *Congregational Meeting*
11:45 a.m. *Fellowship Time*
6 p.m. *Evensong (Zoom)*

Monday, June 10

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

Tuesday, June 11

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. *Pastor office hours*
6:30 p.m. *Deacons Meeting*

Wednesday, June 12

6 p.m. *Choir Rehearsal*

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, June 15 – Spring Clean-up Day



A friendly place to grow in Christ and serve with joy

First Presbyterian Church

4 Everett Street (Broadway and Everett)
Newport, Rhode Island
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Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

