



June 13, 2024

This Week at FPC

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

Worship: June 9

“But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”

2 Peter 3:8-11

Waiting for the God Who Waits

This week Sean preached from 2 Peter 3:8-11. Continuing our summer sermon series on 'Who is God?', we saw that God is eternal, patient, and seeks our repentance. So, let us be patient with God, others, and ourselves, and let us repent of our impatience!



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.

How do we become more patient? Sarah Schnitker, who I mentioned on Sunday, is Associate Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience at Baylor University and gives three steps to train our patience: (1) Identify when you are impatient and what emotion you feel when you get impatient (anger? anxiety?); (2) Reframe how you think about the situation (try to see things from others' perspective); and (3) Think with your purpose in mind (reminding yourself what you are waiting for).



Spring Clean-up Day

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.



Soup Kitchen Report

On Wednesday, June 5, 2024 we began our Summer outside bag meals. The meal, planned by Darien & Brian Petit, consisted of ham, cheese and Italian dressing on a large bun, potato chips, chocolate chip cookies, clementines and water. We served 28 guests and gave out 37 meals. The sandwiches were prepared by Julie Ward, Robert Sahms, and Terry Tefft. Additional meal prep was handled by Christine Sahms, Richard Price and Coleen Spencer. The guests were greeted and the meals served by Paul Cabral, Mike Ricci, Julie Lairsay, Judy Graves and Jerry Spencer. It was another successful Soup Kitchen thanks to our faithful volunteers.

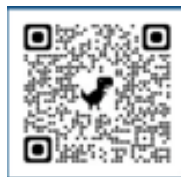


Planning is underway for **Vacation Bible School at FPC July 15-19**. A mission team from Pilgrim Mission

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 Registration is Open

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.



Choir News

The choir will take a break over the next few months while Angel is on vacation. Fill-in musicians will help us out during our worship services. New voices for the choir are always welcome – join us at the end of August when rehearsals resume.

“Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.”

Psalm 91:1



Pray...

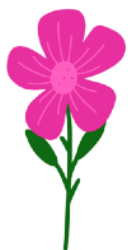
...for our pastor. Pray that Sean will be humble and authentic, not given to pride or hypocrisy. Pray that he will have pure motives and give God glory for every victory (Micah 6:8; John 7:17-18; Gal. 6:14).

...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
- Traci Dalton and family
- 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



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.

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.

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.

Free Bible Study Videos & Resources

Our church family now has unlimited access to RightNow Media—the world's largest streaming library of video Bible study resources. These Bible study videos can be used as part of a group study or for personal devotions, and many series include free discussion guides and handouts. Visit <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/fpcnewport> to get started. There is also a RightNow Media app so you can enjoy the resources anywhere, anytime.

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!



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 13

2 p.m. *Women's Bible Study (Zoom)*

Saturday, June 15

7 a.m. *Promise Keepers Breakfast*

9 a.m. *Spring Clean-up Day*

Sunday, June 16

9:15 a.m. *Adult Sunday School*

10 a.m. *Pre-worship Prayer*

10:30 a.m. *Worship Service with Nursery*

11:45 a.m. *Fellowship Time*

6 p.m. *Evensong (Zoom)*

Tuesday, June 18

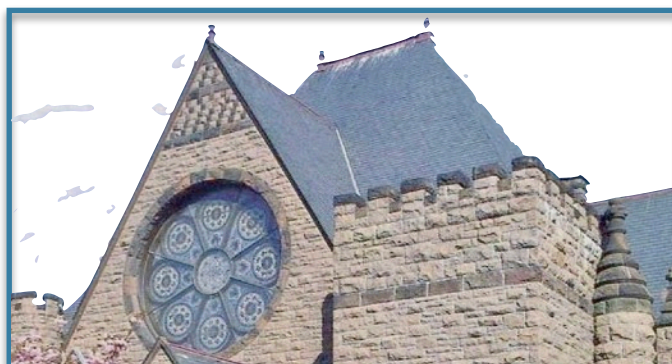
7 p.m. *Session Meeting*

LOOKING AHEAD

July 15-19: Vacation Bible School

Pastoral Office Hours

Sean will be attending Navy Chaplain School training June 10 through July 10. Please note that he will not be holding normally scheduled office hours during this time but can be reached via email at seanbland.fpcn@gmail.com.



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Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

