



June 27, 2024

This Week at FPC

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

Worship: June 23

“In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.”

Ephesians 1:11-12



Thank you to Tim Schultz for being our lay leader and to David Warfield for being our guest musician.

Do God’s Plans Ever Fail?

This week Sean preached from Ephesians chapter 1. Sean showed us how Paul describes God as having a purpose in all things, a plan to bring that purpose about, and how God has predestined a people for himself. Still, even though God has a plan for all things, tragedies are still tragedies, and evil is still evil. God brings good out of it, but Jesus, who knew God's plan better than anyone (for He is God), still wept at Lazarus' death.

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.

When we hear the word 'predestination' some of us may think about John Calvin. But the idea is in scripture, and was first elaborated on by the church father Augustine. Augustine has a whole book called 'On the Predestination of the Saints,' and in it he shows us how our being saved from sin and death is *entirely* God's gracious gift. Sometimes we also think about evangelism together with predestination. Does predestination make evangelism pointless? Hardly! J. I. Packer's wonderful book, *Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God*, shows how God's promise that He will bring people to Himself should encourage us to go out and evangelize, for God is doing the saving work with us!





Vacation Bible School
July 16-19, 2024 • 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

VBS is fast approaching – sign up now!

VBS is a major outreach event for FPC. Please invite the children in your neighborhood, your grandchildren, and your friend's grandchildren! The visiting church will be doing the main program for us but we will do a program for the younger children of our congregation so please sign them up.

To register scan the QR code or call the church office at 401-847-1749.



*“You make known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.”*

Psalm 16:11

Pray...

...for our pastor. Pray that Sean will focus on God's Word as he prepares his messages. Pray that he will seek to please God rather than men, and pursue holiness rather than the praise of men (Acts 6:4; 2 Tim. 2:15; 4:1-2; Heb. 12:14).

...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:

- Janet Champagne
- Traci Dalton and family
- Becky Farwick and family
- Family of Carol Greene
- Bonnie Haun
- Melissa Ferreira
- Bruce and Jan Jones
- Ida Lash (Stacie Schultz's mom)
- Richard Price
- 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's sister Heather
- Robert White
- The church neighborhood



Music Notes: Choir News

The choir will take a break over the next few months while Angel is on vacation. New voices for the choir are always welcome! Please join us at the end of August when rehearsals resume.

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

The Tuesday group will skip next week and finish their current study on July 9 at 10 a.m. in the Hometime Room. The Thursday Zoom group will wrap up this week. Stay tuned for info on when both groups will resume and start a new study later this summer.

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.

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.



THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Thursday, June 27

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

Saturday, June 29

7 a.m. *Promise Keepers Breakfast*

Sunday, June 30

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. *Fellowship Time*

6 p.m. *Evensong (Zoom)*

Monday, July 1

6 p.m. *Worship Committee*

Tuesday, July 2

7 p.m. *Inner Life Committee*

Wednesday, July 3

5 p.m. *Soup Kitchen*

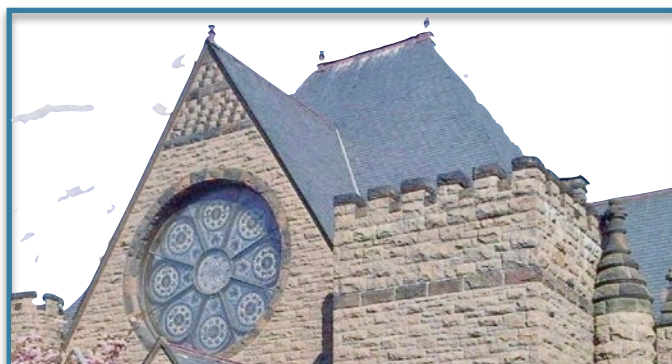
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July 16-19: *Vacation Bible School*

August 16: *Game Night*

September 8: *Picnic at Gooseberry Beach*

October 12: *Retreat at Camp Canonicus*



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Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.



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