



August 8, 2024

This Week at FPC

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

Worship: August 4

“For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed.”

Malachi 3:6

Our Circumstances Change but Our God Doesn't

This week Sean preached from Malachi 3:6, and showed how God is the only one who never changes. Because God never changes, we can trust Him in our changing circumstances (getting older, losing our health, losing our loved ones, losing a job, moving), and we can trust Him with our confession (God never changes from being gracious and is always accepting of repentant sinners).



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. Here he shares “a few odds and couple ends” for our further understanding and contemplation.

The fancy terminology for the idea that God never changes is the doctrine of Divine "immutability." Many theologians today do not believe in divine immutability, instead advocating for either 'process theology' or 'open theism,' views which state that God, like us, goes through time, changes, and grows. But if this is true, can we really worship Him? Can we really trust Him? Is He perfect? It is true that God, being united to human nature in the person of Jesus Christ, grew, learned, and changed as we do, but God's divine essence is above all change and transcends decay change. Let's never forget that truth!



Our thanks to Lay Leader Greg Bloom and Guest Musician Lois Vaughn.

MomCo Relaunching in September

The MomCo is a place for moms to gather and support one another through the motherhood journey. The group will be a blend of bible study, fellowship and outreach. The group will meet monthly with some additional family fellowship times sprinkled in. The FPC **MomCo Family Cookout** will be Sunday, August 11. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Rachel Nerheim at ryatesberg@gmail.com.

Share Your Testimony

Each of us has a unique story of how God has called us unto Himself and come into our hearts and lives as Lord and Savior. Our personal testimonies bear powerful witness to the glory and grace of God. Would you like to share a testimony of God's work in your life with the congregation on a Sunday morning? If so, write it out and edit it such that you can tell your story in five minutes or less. Decide on three possible dates on Sunday on which you could give your testimony. Then, contact Deidra Ricci at pamperedee@aol.com, and she will select one of those dates for you.



Learn and Grow...

Adult Sunday School

Join in on a study of Proverbs in the Hometime Room at 9:15 a.m.

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

Women's Bible Study

Groups meet on Tuesday at 10 a.m. in person or on Thursday at 2 p.m. on Zoom. (The Thursday group will resume meeting on August 15.) The new study is on Hebrews. Please reach out to Deidra Ricci at Pamperedee@aol.com or 401-447-3833 for more information.

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.



“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.”

Colossians 3:15

Pray...

...for our pastor. Pray for a fresh, divine anointing on Sean's ministry. Pray that God's working will be powerfully evident, both in his personal life and in the congregation (Rom. 15:18-19a; 1 Cor. 9:27; 2 Tim. 1:7)

...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
- Lynn Chase
- Traci Dalton and family
- Becky Farwick and family
- Bonnie Haun
- Melissa Ferreira
- Hollyn
- Bruce and Jan Jones
- Ida Lash
- Richard Price
- Stacey Ruff
- Ken Scigulinsky
- Diane Sommerset
- Family of Carol Smith
- Lilia Svizzero Merrill and daughter Dana
- Ralph and Alice Thomas
- Roger Ward's sister Heather
- Robert White
- The church neighborhood





Longtime FPC member Carol Smith died on July 27. Carol and her husband Roy faithfully served the church for many years. A memorial service will be held at FPC on Tuesday, August 13 at 10:30 a.m.

New Administrative Assistant Office Hours

Kendra Fleming is FPC's new Administrative Assistant. Kendra's hours are:

- Monday • 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**
- Tuesday • 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**
- Wednesday • 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**
- Thursday • 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**
- Friday • 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**



All are invited to the next FPC Game Night on Friday, August 16. There will be pizza, games, fellowship, and fun for the whole family!



The **Church Picnic** will be held at Gooseberry Beach on Sunday, September 8 at 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to enjoy the sun and sand or relax in the indoor club room. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided.

The **Annual Church Retreat** will be on Saturday, October 12 at Camp Canonicus in Exeter. Pastor Jeff Hutchinson will lead the retreat.



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, August 8

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. *Pastor office hours*
9 a.m. - 2 p.m. *Church office open*

Friday, August 9

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. *Church office open*

Saturday, August 10

7 a.m. *Promise Keepers Breakfast*

Sunday, August 11

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, August 12

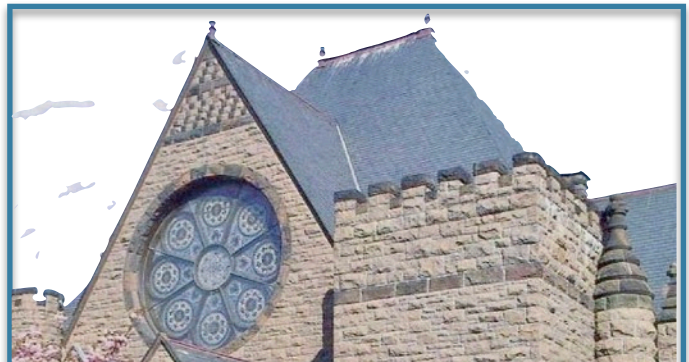
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. *Pastor office hours (by appt. only)*
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. *Church office open*
6 p.m. *Buildings & Grounds Committee Mtg.*
7 p.m. *Young Adult Small Group*
7 p.m. *Finance & Personnel Committee Mtg.*

Tuesday, August 13

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. *Church office open*
10 a.m. *Women's Bible Study*
10:30 a.m. *Carol Smith Memorial Service*
6:30 p.m. *Deacons Meeting*

Wednesday, August 14

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. *Church office open*



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Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

