



August 22, 2024

This Week at FPC

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

Worship: August 18

“For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.”

Colossians 1:19-20



Christmas In August? The Fullness of God in Human Form

This week, Sean began to conclude our Summer Sermon series on 'Who is God?' by looking at Philippians 2 and Colossians 1, which show us that Jesus Christ himself shows us who God is because He is God in human flesh, the perfect and full image of God in every way. As the Apostle Paul says, Jesus is supreme over all things as God and man - we must make Him supreme in our lives, placing Him before everything else.

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.

One ancient heretic I did not mention was a guy named Nestorius. He didn't want to call the virgin Mary 'theotokos,' or 'God-bearer,' because he thought there was a division between the human Jesus and the divine Christ. But the church father Cyril of Alexandria won the day, arguing that Jesus Christ could not be divided and was one person, fully divine and fully human, even from the womb. Therefore, without saying that God in His eternal essence was literally born, nonetheless we can speak of Mary as actually bearing God in Christ Jesus in her very womb. That's the wonderful truth we celebrated last week, every Sunday, and every Christmas in particular.



Parking Availability

The Newport City Council approved the construction of a Bay Coast Bank branch in the old Dunkin' property. The owner has given permission to park there during non-banking hours for the foreseeable future, except when demolition and construction are going on. Once complete, we will be able to use the lot again. If street parking is not available, we are able to park in the lower hospital parking lot on Rhode Island Ave.

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 and contact Deidra Ricci at pamperedee@aol.com to schedule.



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 (20s, 30s and up), single and married, are invited to this time of Bible study and fellowship. The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. For questions or more information please reach out to Rachel Schulz at rachelschulz23@gmail.com.

Women's Bible Study

Groups meet on Tuesday at 10 a.m. in person or on Thursday at 2 p.m. on Zoom. 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.

MomCo Starts September 3

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, meeting on the first Tuesday of the month with some additional family fellowship times sprinkled in. If you are interested in learning more, please email fpcnmomco@gmail.com.

"When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by."

Exodus 33:22



Pray...

...for our pastor. Pray that Sean will practice servant leadership, edifying the congregation with wisdom and serving with agape love (John 13:5-9; Eph. 6:7; Phil. 2:3-4).

...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
- 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

Sunday Flowers If you wish to contribute financially to the flowers that beautify our sanctuary each Sunday, please contact Alice Hand via call or text at 401-439-4663. Flowers can be placed in memory or honor of someone of your choosing or in celebration of a special event.



At Greg Bloom's suggestion, this dinner club group met for breakfast at Sachuest Beach.



Annual Picnic and 130th Anniversary Celebration!

Bring the family and enjoy the sand, rocks, ocean, great view, comfortable indoor shelter and facilities, fabulous food, fun and fellowship!

When: Sunday, September 8, 2024, 4 - 7 p.m.

Where: Gooseberry Beach

We'll supply hot dogs and hamburgers with all the trimmings, and water. If you wish, bring a picnic side dish, salad, snacks to share, and juice or soda if you prefer it. (Put your name on the bottom of your dish so we can return it if it is left behind.)

Fools Rules Regatta



Hats off to Phil, Sadie and Clay Haun for winning the Fools Rules Regatta in Jamestown last Saturday! Sean Bland and Jeff Hutchinson served as crew in the water.



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 22

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

Friday, August 23

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

Saturday, August 24

7 a.m. *Promise Keepers Breakfast*

Sunday, August 25

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 26

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. *Pastor office hours (by appt. only)*
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. *Church office open*
7 p.m. *Young Adult Small Group*

Tuesday, August 27

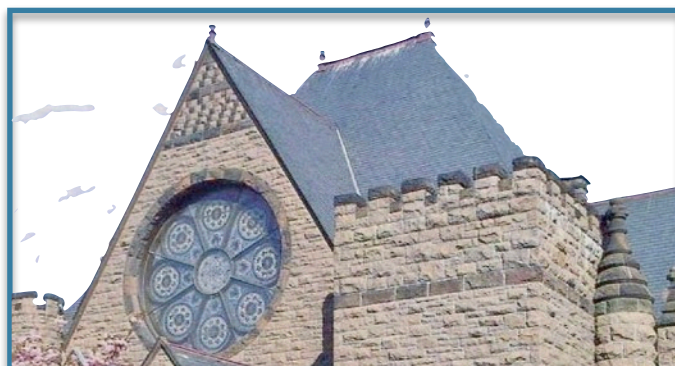
9 a.m. - 2 p.m. *Church office open*
10 a.m. *Women's Bible Study at FPC*

Wednesday, August 28

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



Saturday, October 12 – Church Retreat at Camp Canonicus in Exeter, RI.



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

