

October 3, 2024



This Week at FPC

Worship: September 29

“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else.”

Acts 17:24-25

Christ: The Greatest Philosophy of All

This week Sean preached from Acts 17 and Paul's address to the Areopagus council in Athens/ Connecting this passage to Jesus' words in John 4, Sean encouraged us to worship God in Spirit (with our hearts, and not just following rituals), to worship God in Truth (not worshipping idols or fake versions of God), and to worship God in and through Christ (whom God raised from the dead, and whose resurrection gives us assurance that God will judge the world).

A Few Odds and Couple of Ends

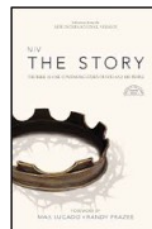
Pastor Sean often has more to share with us than he is able to fit in his sermon. Here he shares “a few odds and couple ends” for our further understanding and contemplation.

Paul in his message to the Greek philosophers in Athens uses what theologians call "General Revelation". General revelation refers to how God's attributes and even character are evident from His creation. God reveals himself this way, but He more fully reveals Himself in 'Special Revelation,' which includes His appearing to Old Testament figures (called 'Theophanies'), His speaking through prophets, and above all His written Word. We ought to use both aspects of God's revelation in our apologetic and evangelistic efforts.



MEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

FPC men have two new studies to choose from starting in this month:



“The Story”, a 31-lesson study of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. This study will be led by Mike Hicks starting Thursday, October 3. Please email michaelehicks89@gmail.com or call 612-393-9298 for details.



BetterMan is an 11-session study devoted to being better men, husbands, fathers, servants and followers of Christ. Don Fennessey will lead this starting on October 10. Please contact him at fenns@hotmail.com or 401-855-6716.

The purpose of each study is to build stronger fellowship among men, leading to a closer walk with Christ. Initially, both will meet at the church at 7:00 p.m. on alternating Thursdays. We hope you can join us!

Learn and Grow...

Sunday School

- **Pre-School/Lower Elementary with Cindy Wilson:** Meets in the room off the main nursery room
- **Upper Elementary/Middle School with Dave Kolator:** Meets in the Resource Room
- **Grade 9-12 with Dan Yates-Berg:** Meets in the Lynch Room
- **Adults:** Meet in the Hometime Room to study Proverbs

Young Adult Small Group

Young adults (20s, 30s and up), single and married, meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month for a time of Bible study and fellowship. For questions or more information please contact 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 to study the book of 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.

'The Story' Study

A new adult study is meeting on Friday evenings using THE STORY, an abridged chronological Bible. For those who are new to the Bible or more seasoned students, this study drives home a greater love of God's Word and deeper understanding of the divine narrative spanning all time. Join us Friday from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Hometime Room. Childcare is available for ages 2-12. Questions? Email Michael Hicks at michaelehicks89@gmail.com.

FPC's The MomCo

The MomCo is a place where moms of little ones from infants through middle school gather and support one another through the motherhood journey. The MomCo by MOPS International provides a curriculum that is designed to spark deep conversations. It's through these conversations and friendships that we believe we can grow God's Kingdom. The group is a blend of Bible study, fellowship and outreach. MomCo meets on the first Tuesday of the month from 6:30 - 8 p.m. with a few additional family fellowship times sprinkled in. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Rachel Nerheim at fpcnmomco@gmail.com.

*"Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven."*

Matthew 6:10



Pray...

...for our pastor. Pray that Sean will strive for personal excellence and will believe God for all He wants to do in the congregation (Col. 3:23-24; 2 Pet. 1:3).

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

The FPC Cookbooks Have Arrived

Looking for some fresh ideas at the dinner table? Stop by the Fellowship Hall to pick up a copy (or two) of the church cookbook. Thanks to all who contributed delicious recipes.

Try a recipe and let us know what you think! Donations can be made in the Sunday offering plates. (Suggested donation: \$10 each).



THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Thursday, October 3

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)*
7 p.m. *'The Story' Men's Group*

Friday, October 4

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. *Church office open*
6:30 p.m. *'The Story' Bible Study*

Saturday, October 5

7:30 a.m. *Promise Keepers Breakfast*

Sunday, October 6

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

Monday, October 7

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. *Church office open*
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. *Pastor Office Hours (appt. only)*
6 p.m. *Worship Committee Meeting*

Tuesday, October 8

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. *Church office open*
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. *Pastor Office Hours*
10 a.m. *Women's Bible Study at FPC*
6:30 p.m. *Deacons Meeting*

Wednesday, October 9

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. *Church office open*
6 p.m. *Choir Rehearsal*

FPC 2024 FALL RETREAT

*Lighting the Way
for Our Life in Christ*

October 12, 2024, 9 am to 2:30 pm
Canonicus Camp and Conference Center, Exeter, RI

Join us as we explore our path to becoming a beacon to all who seek safe harbor through Christ. Rev. Jeff Hutchinson will lead a discussion of the mission, values, strategies, and measures we will follow to accomplish Christ's vision for our next season together.

Fellowship, discovery and teamwork in a beautiful setting of fields, woodlands and trails. There is no cost to attend. Please sign up in the fellowship hall or call Kendra, Church Administrative Assistant, at 401-847-1749 or email adminassistant@fpcnewport.org. Snacks and lunch will be provided. Driving directions will be available.

DINNER CLUB

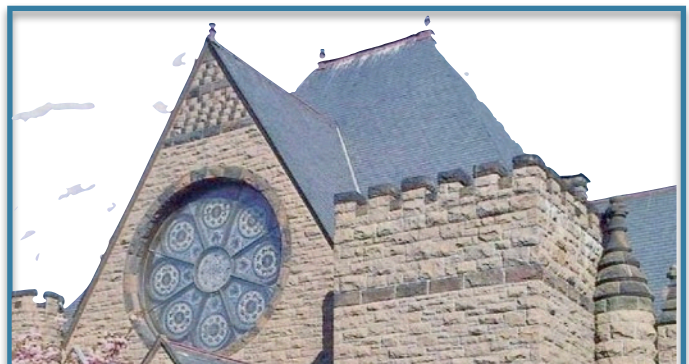
The next round of Dinner Club will run from October 2024 – February 2025. You will be grouped with other adults in our church family. The host (assigned by Inner Life) will contact those in your group to choose a date for the first meal. The "meal" can be a formal dinner or a casual picnic. Traditionally the host provides the main course and other guests bring and appetizer, side dish or dessert. Each group will meet as many times as they wish taking turns hosting. Sign up by contacting Nancy Burgess by text at 401-835-0193 or email nancykayaks@cox.net.

Email Update

Please note that the email address for Kendra Fleming, FPC's Administrative Assistant, has changed from secretary@fpcnewport.org to adminassistant@fpcnewport.org.



When you can't be at church, view our live stream 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.



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

