



FIRST PREZ HONOLULU

COURSES & GATHERINGS | APRIL - JUNE 2024

LEARN, GROW, AND CONNECT
WITH GOD AND OTHERS

April 2024

Dear First Prez Family and Friends,

Spring is here, full of new life and the promise of growth! In that spirit, **this Spring brochure** is all about even greater and more enduring life and growth in the coming months at First Prez. These **offerings are designed to enrich and strengthen your life**, as well as to **equip you** for what God has in store for you.

And don't forget to spread the word by **sharing brochure copies** with others.

How about a brief progress report?

- Since January your pastors, elders, and staff have been praying over and working through a refresh on our First Prez Statement of Mission and our First Prez Values. As I write, we are several days away from a half-day retreat to finalize our work. In the coming months, we will share our results with you.
- The next step for your pastors, staff, and elders will be following a process to spiritually discern a vision for First Prez. What is our big dream? Where is the Holy Spirit directing us to take our mission and values in concrete ministry? By the time you read this, we will have begun that work.
- And, of course, on Sundays, beginning April 7th, we'll be back in the Sermon on the Mount with our TOGETHER series. Jesus will be commenting on and directing us in how to live the Christian life together as salt and light to the world. You can be in small group to discuss and put things into practice.

So much more in store . . . so don't stop praying!

I continue to enjoy my time with you all. I'm so encouraged by the enthusiasm of the congregation and the tremendous leadership of elders, deacons, staff, and so many others of you. Keep being you!

Together with you,



Pastor Timmy Fearer

APRIL 2024

MOVING WITH GOD: A STUDY OF JONAH

April 3, 10, 17, 24, Wed, 7PM-8:30PM, The Vine

Come to our Wednesday evening mid-week gatherings at The Vine (our downtown campus) as we discover ways to read stories and poetry in the Bible through the book of Jonah. This study will equip you with tools to go into greater depth and understanding of the Bible. Facilitator: Carolyn Grossnickle, leader on First Prez's Impact Team and candidate for Pastoral Ordination with our ECO (A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians) denomination.

NEWCOMERS CLASS

Apr 6, Sat, 8:30AM-3:30PM, The Vine

If you're curious about First Presbyterian Church of Honolulu or if you're considering whether to make it your church community, the Newcomers Class is for you. You'll learn more about following Jesus, our church's history, what Presbyterian means, where we are going, and more! You'll also get to meet other newcomers, some of our church staff, and deacons. And it will be a great time to ask questions.

NEW SERMON SERIES: "TOGETHER"

Apr 7-May 26, Sundays, 8AM and 10AM

We will continue our exploration of the Sermon on the Mount in an eight-week series called TOGETHER. It will help us explore challenging topics like how to constructively deal with our anger, how to seek reconciliation when something breaks in our relationships with others. The study will also touch on forgiveness, Jesus' view of marriage, the importance of keeping our word, and how we can learn to love like Jesus calls us to love.

Relationships are at the heart of all of our lives because we are created in the image of a relational God. It is astounding that the core reality at the center of the universe is a relationship: Father, Son, and Spirit. We are made for a relationship with God and with other people.

A companion small group Bible study will be available for you and your group to use. If you would like to learn more about the small groups we'll be launching in April for this eight-week sermon series, please go to fpchawaii.org/small-groups



DRIVE THRU HISTORY: ACTS TO REVELATION, THE WORLD OF THE FIRST CHRISTIANS (PART 2)

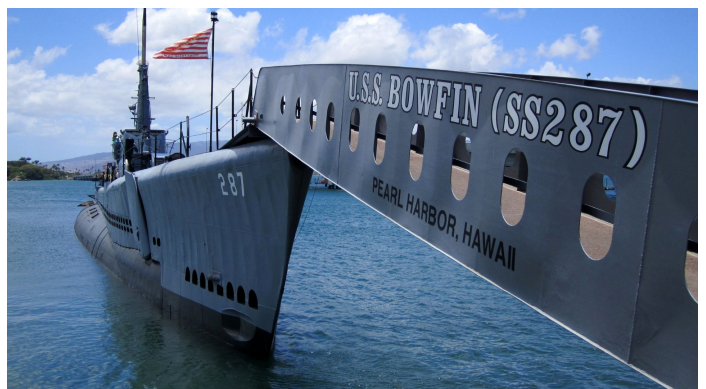
Apr 7-June 2, Sun, 9:30AM & 11:30AM, FPC

This is Part 2 (videos 10-18) of the Drive Thru History: Acts to Revelation video study. Beginning in Jerusalem and using the Book of Acts as a roadmap, video host David Stotts will take us on a virtual tour through the Mediterranean region to share the people, places, and events that launched the Christian Church. After watching a 30-minute video, you will have a chance to discuss what you're learning in a small group. Facilitators: Kathy Queen and Vicki Lepick.

THE SILENT SERVICE TOUR

**Apr 24, Wed, 9:45AM, Pearl Harbor Historic Sites:
1 Arizona Memorial Drive, Aiea HI 96701**

The First Prez Vintage Ministry (for senior adults) invites you to the "Silent Service" Tour, a tour of the Pacific Fleet Submarine Museum and the USS Bowfin. Come and learn the life of the 80-man crew in the "Silent Service," the nickname given the submarine force because of how it operates. Visit outdoor exhibits, a museum on the US submarine force's history, and a memorial for lost submarines and crews of WWII. Admission cost: \$10.





EXPERIENCING GOD THROUGH ART

Apr 27, Sat, 5PM-8PM, The Vine

You are invited to an evening of experiencing God through art! Prophetic painters serving at Bluewater Mission will share some of their stories and wisdom on hearing God and expressing God through painting and other art forms. We will also have a time of worshipful art, where YOU can practice both prayer and painting in a spiritual safe space. We also will have a few Bob Ross-esque instructors who will stand by and give artistic pointers. Start the evening with amazing pupus from our Gen X Vine cooking team! \$15 fee for supplies and light pupus.

DIFFERENCE COURSE: THE POWER OF FAITH IN A CONFLICTED WORLD

Apr 28-May 26, Sun, Mauka Room, 9:30AM

In our highly polarized world, we are called to be makers of peace so that we might see our relationships transformed. We believe that God is in the business of restoring brokenness and transforming relationships, and that we are called to take part. DIFFERENCE is a 5-session course that explores what it means to follow Jesus in the face of conflict and see transformation through everyday encounters. Cost: \$10 for workbook. Facilitators: Tim Shaw and Chris Pan.



IMPACT CONVERSATION: MAUI UPDATE

Apr 28, Sun, 11:30AM, Mauka Room

Join us for a report on the current needs of the people of Maui after the devastating fires in September 2023. Pastor Tim Shaw will be joined by Chris Kanemura of Made in Hope (Maui) and others for this update. Let's continue to pray for the people of Maui as they recover.



MAY 2024

PRAISE & TESTIMONY NIGHT

May 1 and May 29, Wed, 7PM-8:30PM, The Vine

Join us for a night of sharing testimonies and giving thanks to God for all He has done. This is a time where we share insights about the last teaching series, share praise reports, and pray for one another.

THE VINE COMMUNITY GAME NIGHT

May 4, Sat, 6PM-10PM

This is our community board game night with good food, great games and awesome fellowship! Bring a friend or two, a potluck dish, and any games you wish to play or share with! All are welcome, and this event is newbie friendly. No experience necessary.

RELATIONAL KEYS TO EFFECTIVE MINISTRY

May 8, 15, 22, Wed, 7PM-8:30PM, The Vine

How many questions did Jesus ask? How well did He listen and observe? And how did His listening and question-asking guide Him in this teaching? We'll explore leading by listening, observing and asking powerful open-ended questions, and then see all of the spiritual fruit which results. Speaker: Timmy Fearer.
Week 1: Listening. Week 2: Good questions.
Week 3: Putting Weeks 1 and 2 to work.

MEN'S SPAGHETTI-AND-MEATBALLS NIGHT

May 9, Thurs, 6PM-8PM, Honey's at First Prez

Guys of all ages are welcome to a FREE spaghetti-and-meatballs dinner! It'll be a fun evening of brotherhood, delicious food, and some indoor games (ping pong, pool, foosball, and more) for those who want to play.



MOVIE MATINEE: "MR. ROBERTS"

May 15, Wed, 11AM-2PM, FPC campus

Our Vintage Ministry (for senior adults) invites you to a matinee showing of the 1955 film "Mr. Roberts," starring Henry Fonda and James Cagney. It's a comedy-drama about a supply officer who desires to transition to a combat zone during WWII, but the ship's captain is opposed to it. After the film, we'll have discussions of Christian themes found in the movie. We'll have Subway sandwiches for lunch! Suggested donation: \$5

SUMMER SILENT DISCO NIGHT

May 25, Sat, 6PM-9PM, The Vine

Have you been to a silent disco? The Summer Silent Disco at the Vine would be an awesome place to try it! Join us for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship as we dance to different dance beats all at the same time! We will also have a very delectable spread of amazing food prepared by our very own Vine cooking team. Admission cost: \$20, which includes heavy pupus.

JUNE 2024

VBS SUMMER JAM

June 3-7, Mon-Fri, 9AM-noon, FPC campus

Summer Jam is a vibrant space where children can encounter the love of God through joyful worship, engaging learning experiences, and meaningful community connections.

Open to kids entering 1st to 6th grade, and also our First Prez preschoolers. This year's Summer Jam theme is SCUBA! We will take kids deep into an amazing "undersea adventure" where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. We will "dive" below the surface to build a strong faith. Your keiki will be steeped in the Word and discover what living water is really all about. We invite your keiki to be part of this *scubatacular* experience!

REGISTRATION COST PER CHILD: \$25 (March 31 to April 30), \$30 (May 1 to May 31), \$35 (June 1 to June 7).

Register at fpchawaii.org/summer-jam



PRAISE AND WORSHIP NIGHT AT THE VINE

June 5, Wed, 7-8:30PM, The Vine

Let's gather together for an evening of prayer, praise and worship of our God and sing of His goodness! We will have times of guided prayer for our communities, nation, the world, relationships, businesses etc. in small groups and moments of contemplation. Worship led by Eunice Sim and friends.

"Lord, you are my God. I will exalt and praise His name, for in perfect faithfulness, He has done wonderful things, things planned long ago." (Isaiah 25:1)





LIFE'S HEALING CHOICES SMALL-GROUP STUDY

Jun 12-Aug 31, Wed, 7PM-8:30PM, The Vine

We've all been hurt, and we've hurt other people. As a result, every single one of us ends up with some sort of hurt, hang-up, or habit. Where do we go from here? Join us in an 8-session video study called *Life's Healing Choices*, led by Pastor Rick Warren and John Baker. It is designed to help you start to discover and face your hurts, hang-ups, and habits through eight healing choices that lead to true happiness and life transformation.

Using the Beatitudes of Jesus as a foundation, Rick Warren offers practical, encouraging biblical teaching to help us find God's pathway to wholeness, growth, spiritual maturity, and healing. Course cost: \$10 (for study guide)

THE VINE COMMUNITY GAME NIGHT

June 15, Sat, 6PM-10PM, The Vine

Join us in our community board game night with good food, great games and awesome fellowship! Bring a friend or two, a potluck dish, and any games you wish to play or share with! All are welcome, and this event is newbie friendly, no experience necessary!

GAMES PEOPLE PLAY

June 19, Wed, 10AM-1:30PM, FPC campus

Our Vintage Ministry (for senior adults) invites you to an indoor and outdoor game day at First Prez! Bring your favorite board game, card game, croquet set, corn hole, or whatever game you enjoy when you play it with others. Bring your own bag lunch too, and we'll provide the desserts. It'll be fun!

"He that has a merry heart has a continual feast." (Proverbs 15:15)

COOKING BASICS ON A BUDGET WORKSHOP

June 22, Sat, 1PM-4PM, The Vine

Whether you are a college dorm student, or a single career adult, or anyone interested in learning to cook on a budget, this fundamentals class is for you. Learn how to use common but essential cooking equipment, and how to make tasty and affordable meals. The workshop will also provide a tips-and-advice panel of home cooks and professional chef(s)! When you register, we'll send you a list of equipment and ingredients to bring to the workshop.



MONTHLY

PILINA RESTORATION DAY

Every last Sat, 9AM-11:30AM, FPC campus

On Pilina Restoration Days we focus on restoring specific areas of our Ko'olau 'aina (land), like girdling exotic trees, planting native plants, unclogging stream beds, and native plant care. Come and build *pilina* (connection). Connect with the 'aina. Learn with your community.



OHANA ZONE (OH-ZONE)

Every first Sunday, after service, Honey's

The Ohana Zone (aka Oh-Zone) happens on the first Sunday of the month after each worship service. Oh-Zone is a time for everyone to just hang out, eat, play games, and have fun. Free hotdogs (with amazing toppings!) at Honey's. All adults and kids are welcome. Let's get to know each other better.

WEEKLY (KO'OLAU)

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT KO'OLAU

8AM and 10AM, Sanctuary

We gather to honor and worship the Lord Jesus through songs, prayers, and the preaching of God's Word. We also celebrate Communion every first Sunday.



KO'OLAU KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL

10AM, FPC Children's Ministry

All keiki (3 months to 5th grade) meet every Sunday in large and small groups for Bible stories, worship songs, and fun activities to help them know Jesus.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY GROUP

Sundays, 10AM, Middle School Room

We start at 10am worshipping in the First Prez Sanctuary with the rest of church. Then after the worship songs, we head downstairs to the Middle School Room. Students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades are welcome to hang out with us. We meet every Sunday, except on Sabbath weekends (the 5th Sunday, if there's one).

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Sunday mornings 9-9:45am, Fellowship Hall

The high school youth group meets after the first service in the Fellowship Hall for a Bible study small group. This is for high schoolers who really want to dive deeper into God's Word.



MIGHTY MOMS

Wednesdays, 9:30AM, Honey's on campus

A fellowship group for moms with young kids who desire to grow through friendships, Bible study, and prayer. Free childcare provided.

BAND OF BROTHERS

Thursdays, 6PM-8PM, on Zoom

Our weekly gathering for men for prayer, friendship, support, and the honest sharing of lives. All men welcome. Email putterm@outlook.com for the Zoom link.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FRIDAY GROUP

Fridays, 6PM-9PM, Middle School Room

We meet every Friday night (except on sabbath weekends, the 5th weekend if there's one). We'll have lessons about God and worship. Dinner provided.

MIDDLE SCHOOL **FIRST FRIDAY GROUP**

Fridays, 6PM-9PM, Middle School Room

Every first Friday night of the month, instead of a lesson and worship, we have fun with games and activities! It's a great opportunity for youth to bring friends. Dinner provided.

HIGH SCHOOL FRIDAY GROUP

Friday nights 6-9pm, High School Room

Come hang out with other high schoolers, have dinner, worship, do small groups, and play games. Students in Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 are welcome.

WEEKLY (THE VINE)

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10AM

Join us at The Vine for our livestream worship service, followed by a potluck. Everyone is welcome! **Children's Ministry available on campus for kids 5 and younger.**

MEAL PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF FOR SENIOR ADULTS AT NA LEI HALE KUPUNA SENIOR HOUSING Mondays, 4:30PM

Bless folks with a warm meal and smiles as we build community with our kupuna. Pick up meals from River of Life Mission at 4:30PM, and drop off to *Na Lei Hulu Kupuna* senior housing on Cooke Street by 5PM. Talk story with the kupuna and get to know someone new.

WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER: 7AM-8AM

Prioritize your midweek mornings and worship the audience of One. Before you hit your office for the day, come and gather for prayer and build your relationship with God.

THE VINE WEEKLY PRAYER CIRCLE

Thursdays, 10AM-11AM

Everyone is welcome to pray together each Thursday morning. The first half hour we'll pray inside The Vine. The second half hour we'll walk through the Kaka'ako neighborhood and pray.

ALPHA MINISTRY AT HALE MAULIOLA (HMO)

Fridays, 6PM-7:30PM

Come with us each Friday 6-7:30PM as we build community with folks at *Hale Mauiola* (HMO) using the Alpha Course as a tool. We meet each Friday at 6PM, have dinner together, followed by an Alpha video and talk-story time where we build community and pray for one another. Signed Institute for Human Service (IHS) volunteer form required.

MEN'S SHELTER AT INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN SERVICES (IHS): Saturdays, 7AM

Share the gospel and build community through the Alpha Course. Deliver coffee and pastries, and pray with the men at the Institute for Human Service (IHS). 7AM Starbucks traveler and pastries pick-up. Drop off to IHS at 7:30AM.

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL CENTER

Weekday of your choice

Share the gospel and encourage women in the Total Life Recovery program (at the Women's Community Correctional Center) through small group Bible studies. Application and training required.

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SMALL GROUPS

Curious about being part of a SMALL GROUP? We host gatherings in various locations, on different days, and at different times. If you're interested in exploring a group or even starting your own First Prez small group, get started at

fpchawaii.org/small-groups