



First Presbyterian Church

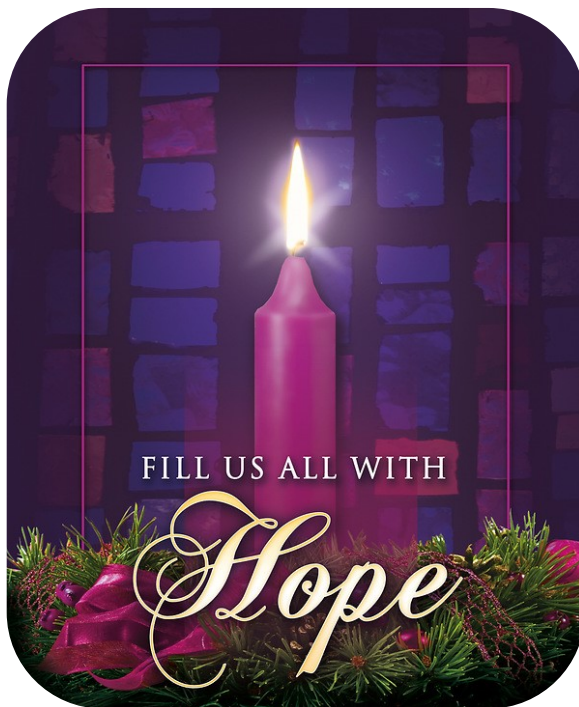
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Communicator

*A nurturing community in Jesus Christ
reflecting God's love for the world as we Worship, Grow and Serve.*

We look forward to you worshipping with us!

Worship Sunday—November 28, 2021



First Sunday in Advent

10:00 a.m. - In Person and Online

Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-16, Luke 21:21-25

Sermon: The Times They Are Changing

Given by: Rev. Eric Markman

USHERS: Joe and Lois Huggins

COUNTERS: Matt Reyne, Scott Sheldon

LITURGIST: Angela Abankwa-Opoku

CLOSER: Joe Huggins

GREETERS: Vickie Pierson-Perry, Pat Steele

NOVEMBER 26, 2021



You Tube Channel

[https://www.youtube.com/
channel/
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iUPphSOFgxxA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMgrr0yHvgO-iUPphSOFgxxA)

Website

www.firstpresnewark.org



Online giving
through
PayPal

[https://
firstpresnewark.org/
giving-at-fpc-n/](https://firstpresnewark.org/giving-at-fpc-n/)

December 5, 2021

LITURGIST: Jim Pierson-Perry

USHERS: Sandy and Bob
Wenner

COUNTERS: Ron Olson and
Steve Hardwick

CLOSER: Kern Piser

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Friday
9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Announcements...

We continue to collect "VIF" cards. They can be left in the VIF boxes when you enter or leave church or the box located in memorial hall.

We thank you for your dedicated giving to FPC-N.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

Gifts from YOUR Adult Education/Discipleship Committee! Please look for Advent devotionals in the Narthex purchased for you, faithful congregants of First Presbyterian Church, Newark...and guests!

We have two different Christmas booklets for you to choose from this year, so please take your favorite (One per family please). And enjoy this time of preparation for the coming of our King.



Presbyterian Women present:

"Jesus is Born: Light of the World"

December 7th at 7:00 pm

in the Sanctuary

Come join us for an entertaining evening of music and Christmas stories. All (members and non-members) are welcome to this free program. Bring a friend.

John 8:12 "I am the Light of the World."

Music will be provided by our Carillon Ringers and the DeBlok fluters recorder group. We will be accepting soda can tabs and toiletries for Ronald McDonald House as well as socks and hats for Hope Dining Room.

ANNUAL REPORT UPDATE

Its that time again! If you are serving on a board or committee, **I need your annual report by December 17th!** This year, we ask that you submit no more than one half page of highlights and one or two accompanying photos. Thank you! Cindy

GIVE AN AGM GIFT

THIS CHRISTMAS

First Presbyterian Church is again providing the Alternative Gift Market service. You can satisfy your entire gift giving needs and help people all over the world.

The Market will be held this year in our Narthex on the following dates: **Sundays, November 28 and December 12.**

If you have any questions, contact Sarah Huckleberry at 302-740-7786,

Hope Dining Room



We will again be collecting socks for Christmas gifts for the clients. We have Hope on December 13th. The collection will begin on November 14 and end December 5 so we can wrap the socks and have them ready for the 13th. There will be baskets in the narthex and at the office for your gifts. We thank you for your gifts, they are truly appreciated.

Willee and Paul Short-willeepauls@gmail.com



A Blue Christmas worship service of comfort will be offered at First Presbyterian, Newark, **at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 11 in the Parlors in Memorial Hall.** If your holiday spirit is waning for any reason please join us

for a quiet service of remembrance for what we have lost. If there will be an empty chair at your Christmas table or if Christmas finds you mourning any kind of loss, this is a safe place to gather. Pastor Eric and Beth Thomas will officiate. All are welcome.



Chancel Flowers Update for 2022

Flowers can be dedicated in honor or memory of family, friends and loved ones. *If you have a specific date you wish to reserve, please call early!*

Beginning January 1, 2022, Cost will be \$31.00 for two.

You are welcome to take flowers home after worship on Sunday mornings, or we can deliver to a home bound member.

Please contact the church office at 731-5644 or email Cindy at cindyrogers@firstpresnewark.org to sign up.

Dinanga School Fundraiser

The Session has approved a focused fundraising campaign to accelerate the fundraising for the Dinanga school addition. The original school construction at our sister church was funded in 2012. Full details are located in the December Heart Beat. And can be read using the link below:

Dinanga Fundraiser

Donations can be made by noting your offering as a special offering for the Dinanga computer lab. If there are any questions please contact me -Jim Annett @ 484-643-2230 or jimannett@verizon.net.

Afghan Family Update

We are working jointly with the Seventh Day Adventist Church to help a family of 6 with children from 17 down to 4. Below is Sign Up Genius link for you to pick items you would like to get for the family. Donations can be delivered to Carolyn Morton's home. Contact her for more information. 302-737-7612.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4DADAD2FABFD0-afghan>

Christmas Memorials 2021



The Christmas season is a time when people remember and honor loved ones. Our church provides two opportunities to appreciate and recall special people during the holiday season. The traditional poinsettias will be in the sanctuary on December 19th. You may pick up your poinsettia (s) after the Christmas Eve service you attend on December 24th. The cost for each poinsettia is \$15.00. An alternate choice will be to make a contribution to our local mission project, . You may pay with cash or check made payable to: First Presbyterian Church. On the memo line of the check please indicate "Poinsettia" or "Local Mission."

Order forms are available in the narthex and in memorial hall. Send the form and payment to First Presbyterian Church or place both in the offering plate by **DECEMBER 10th**. All memorials received by the deadline will be acknowledged in the church bulletin. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 302- 731-5644.



CHRISTMAS JOY
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

*2021 Christmas Joy
Offering*

will be received

on Sunday, December 19th

God is with us. Matthew 1:23

ZOOM LINKS!

Bible Study in Memorial Hall following worship

Join using link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82450506872>

[CLASS HANDOUTS](#)

Grief Support Group (11/28)

Join using the link below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86489317426>

Prayer Concerns/Praises.....

If you know of someone who is hospitalized, please contact the church office and let us know. Prayer email: prayers @firstpresnewark.org.

New names are listed in bold.

Praise:

Rick and Judy Agnello's loving care for Carlton and Martha

Praise for Afghan families that have arrived in Newark
Liam and Walter's baptism

We begin our Advent Season!

Healing:

Garrett Norman, Sr / Answers

Fiona (Jan Fickeissen's neighbor)-cancer

Bob Wenner

Susan Holt (Jerry Holt's sister-in-law) memory loss

Anne (friend of Nancy Boulden's)

Jason healing and relief from pain

Holly Hodges (friend of Crystal Norman) –cancer-limited treatment

Tom Brockenbrough moved to Cadia

Richardson family-unspoken needs (neighbor of Doris Brewer)

Tim Brown- (Nancy Lewis' son in law) back surgery

Nancy Baldwin (Melody's sister's step daughter) breast cancer

Julie Short (Willie and Paul's in-laws)-knee surgery

Grief/Sympathy

The families of:

Myles Stiefvater

Jim Dodd (friends of Nancy and Urie Boulden's)

Al Pellegrini (friend of Nancy Stevens)

Joseph George (Janet Thomson's father)

C. Lawler Rogers – (Nancy Lewis's former choir director)

William Thomson-Memorial Service 12/4 at 11:00am

Jim Aftosmis (Carol's husband)

Comfort and Protection:

All Teachers and students

Pastor Tshibuabua – our Dinanga Family

Afghan families resettling in the United States

Health Care Professionals and all essential workers

All struggling with mental health issues

Garrett Norman, Jr - student teaching experience

Traveling mercies for our church family and their families as they travel for Thanksgiving

Those grieving the anniversary of their loved one's passing

Wisdom:

Pastor Eric

God's Guidance for Our Church

Grief Group

For all members to work together for the good of the church with Grace and Respect for each other

Our committees and all who serve.

Long term prayer:

Marian Bowen

Doris Brewer-mold problem resolved

Rhettta Brighton

Lea McMurtry

Crystal Norman

Esther Reutter

Carlton and Martha Tappan

Stephen Thachik

Evelyn Hayes

Kelly Lovelace Soliman

Pat Steele

Rob Linwood

Interim Pastor

Rev. Eric Markman
ericmarkman@firstpresnewark.org
603-770-3239

Worship Team

Larry Benson, Praise Team Music Leader
Steve Breffitt, Handbell Director
Joe Huggins and Ron Olson, Tom Shaw
and Bob Wenner, Head Ushers
Paula Honda, Sign Language Interpreter

Administration Team

Cindy Rogers, Office Manager
Bob Black, Treasurer
Nancy Lewis, Clerk of Session
Jane Moore Moderator, Board of Deacons
Ron Olson, President, Board of Trustees
John Bock, President, Westminster House
Don Tancredi, Facilities Manager
Harvey Conner, Financial Secretary
Sandy Wenner and Pam Wunder,
Co-Moderators, Presbyterian Women

Nursery Staff

Julles Stevenson

Mission Co-Workers

South Sudan: Bob and Kristi Rice
Israel & Palestine: Doug Dicks

Sister Congregation

Dinanga Presbyterian Church
Democratic Republic of Congo

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Sunday, November 28, 2021

First Sunday in Advent

10:00am Worship
11:00am Bible Study-MHE Rms. 3/4
11:30am Grief Support Group-MH Parlors

Monday, November 29, 2021

6:30pm Cub Pack 56-MHW
6:30pm Den Meeting
7:00pm M. Bock. Mtg.-MHE Rms 3/4

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

7:00pm Trustees-Zoom

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

9:00am Prayer Chain
7:00pm Handhells-Sanctuary
7:00pm M. Bock Mtg.,-MHE Rms 3/4
7:00pm Troop 56—MHW
7:00pm Westminster Mgmt.-WMH

Thursday, December 2, 2021

10:00am Admin-Library
6:00pm Adult Learning-Zoom
7:00pm Adult Choir-LS CR
7:00pm Children's Learning-Zoom

Friday, December 3, 2021

9:00am Finance Bill Pay

Saturday, December 4, 2021

10:00am B. Thomson Visitation-Sanctuary
11:00am B. Thomson Memorial Service-Sanctuary

Sunday, December 5, 2021

Second Sunday in Advent

10:00am Worship
11:00am Bible Study-MHE Rms. 3/4