



First Presbyterian Church

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

WELCOME

We are glad you joined us for worship today! Please take a moment and sign the red friendship pad and let us know you joined us in worship today!

PRELUDE

“All Night All Day”

Susan Gerschler
Carillon Ringers

*** PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP** *“Jesus, Name Above All Names/Emmanuel”*
(this is a prayer we will sing to prepare our hearts for worship)

McGee/Hearn

Jesus name above all names,
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us,
Blessed Redeemer, living Word.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us!
His name is called Emmanuel.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Psalm 46

One: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

All: **Come, behold the works of the Lord; Be still, and know that I am God!**

*** HYMN 263**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

CORONATION

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!

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O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!

PRAYER OF THE DAY (unison)

God, our refuge and strength, shelter us from life's storms, from pandemic pain, from heartache and loss. Strengthen us to withstand the worry, the exhausting but necessary work, the temptations to stray from you toward idols who only offer fleeting comfort. Hold us close, like the mother hen who covers her chicks with her wing, so we can know we are yours, feel your steady presence, and know your peace.

God, you are amid the city, the nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter. Help us to know your presence among us, God, comfort us with the strength of your guidance in a world experiencing so much pain and upheaval. May our world's leaders walk humbly and practice faithful discernment, surrounding themselves with honest truth-tellers who will hold them to your ethic of love and justice.

Come, let us behold the works of God, let us be still and know our God.

God, help us be still. Help us forget about the work still left undone, the chores piling up, the deadlines approaching. Help us to rest here, in your presence. Help us behold you and belong to you. We cannot continue without the rest you provide. Help us embrace this stillness as your great gift. In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

based on 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

You have blessed us with a variety of gifts, Holy God, but we are reluctant to share. We hoard what is most valuable and make excuses for ourselves when called to share. The Spirit has blessed each of us uniquely, but we hide our light under a bushel and fail to rise to our potential. God, forgive us and embolden us. Help us to claim our gifts and put them to good use. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Holy God, we need the guidance of your word. Help us be honest with ourselves and with you in this sacred moment of proclamation. Amen.

SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Myriad of Gifts

Rev. Eric Markman

SONG

"Shout to the Lord"

Zschech

(verse) My Jesus, my Saviour, Lord, there is none like You;
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, Tower of refuge and strength;
Let every breath, all that I am, Never cease to worship You;

(chorus) Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing.
Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name.

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
forever I'll love You, Forever I'll stand,
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

(repeat verse) (repeat chorus)
(ending) Nothing compares to the promise I have in You. *(repeat)*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

from a Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

“All Nature Sings”

Brian Childers

Carillon Ringers, Crystal Norman, flute

*The Carillon Ringers handbell selection, **All Nature Sings**, is a refreshing setting of the classic hymn, "This Is My Father's World". This arrangement includes 5 octaves of handbells, 2 octaves of handchimes, various handbell techniques and percussion instruments, and a beautiful flute part played by Crystal Norman. The opening and closing portions represent a singing bird against a background of raindrops, created by the ringers. Enjoy!*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Dinanga

Jim Annett

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

*Please use the prayer cards in the pews for your prayer concerns and joys and place in offering plate when you leave today. Let us pray for the church, our neighbors in need and the whole world, saying: **Hear our prayer.***

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

*** HYMN 733**

(To the tune of #269 7676D)

“We All Are One In Mission”

LANCASHIRE

We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission
compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ’s love.

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We all are called for service
to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different;
our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others
by God's surprising grace,
so every folk and nation
may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united
and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
for God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* SONG OF SENDING
HYMN 853

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"

SIYAHAMBA

We are **marching** in the light of God;
we are **marching** in the light of God.

We are **marching** in the light of God;
we are **marching** in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are **dancing** . . .

We are **praying** . . .

We are **singing** . . .

Dinanga School Fundraiser

Today is Congo Sunday!

Full details can be read using the link:

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.

The office is CLOSED Monday, January 17th for Martin Luther King Day.

IMPORTANT CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Dear Parents of Sunday School Children,
The Children Learning Committee has decided to postpone Sunday School for two weeks because of the spread of the Covid virus. We will inform parents of a possible reopening for January 23rd.
Please email me or call with any comments or questions. Greg Hills— gpop734@yahoo.com, 302-383-1090.

February Heartbeat

The deadline for articles to be included in the February Heartbeat is **January 20th**.

ZOOM LINKS!

Bible Study in Memorial Hall following worship

Join using link below:

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

Grief Support Group

Join using the link below:

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

Thank you....

- To First Presbyterian Church of Newark. Dear Sir/Madam. Happy New Year! We hope you and your family have started this year with joy, health and celebration. We highly appreciate that the first Presbyterian Church of Newark supports Afghan arrivals. Thank you very much for the gift cards and money we received from your generous members. On behalf of our families, we really appreciate all the help, transportation, and grocery shopping help. We looking forward for your further cooperation and support.

Annual Congregational Meeting

The annual congregational meeting will be held Sunday, January 30th both in-person in Memorial Hall and online.

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89422652886>

Meeting ID: 894 2265 2886

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Helping Hands Collection-

Food for the Hungry, Hope for the Homeless Kingswood Food Closet



Sunday, January, 23, 2022

Bags handed out today!

Priority needs include: Oodles of Noodles packages, Small (4 oz) jars of peanut butter and jelly,

Tuna salad/crackers/chicken salad/Crackers

Individual sized Jell-O, pudding or fruit cups

Small containers of crackers and cookies

Ready-to-eat foods with pop-top or screw tops

Pop Tarts, small packages of juice

Also welcome: checks, made out to:

First Presbyterian Church

Memo line: "Kingswood Food Closet"

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

CIRCLE MEETINGS— JANUARY 18, 2022

ALL ZOOM MEETINGS

Rachel Circle #1: 10:00 A.M.

Ruth Circle #2: 1:00 P.M.

Esther Circle #3: 10:00 A.M.

Elizabeth Circle #4: 1:00 P.M.

Lydia Circle #5: 7:30 P.M.

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:

The Congregations generous support for Afghan's families

Trinity Youth donation to the Dinanga computer lab

Kind response of our church for those who are ill
Our fundraiser for the Dinanga Computer Lab

Healing:

Jeff Stevenson (Julles and Seona's father)-hospitalized from fall

Connie Cobb (Judy Cox's daughter)-breast cancer

Laurie Rowland (Judy Cox and Connies friend)-breast cancer

Kay Davies

Rachael Moore-recovering from back surgery

Don Herrick-foot injury

Ginny Murtaugh-stroke-home

Chantal Odia Muamba-released from hospital

Carol Olson-recovering from foot surgery

Nancy Storch

Betty Hoagey-fall-hospitalized

Grief/Sympathy

Families of:

Annie Mulumba (9 year old Dinanga girl) died 11/29

All who have lost loved ones to Covid

Comfort and Protection:

All Teachers and students

Pastor Tshibuabua – our Dinanga Family

Afghan families resettling in the United States

All struggling with mental health issues

Those grieving from loss of loved ones

Overworked professionals

Kelly Soliman-Covid

Barbara and Leonard Ferris

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
Leadership of our church, city, state. Country and world

All making decisions around Covid

Trustees-Jim Annett, John Bock, Joe Challburg, Ann Ferreira, Jerry Holt, Francis Kwansa, Bill Lewis, Ken Lewis, Ron Olson, Kern Piser, Scott Sheldon, Jynx Stevenson

Long term prayer:

Marian Bowen

Doris Brewer

Rhettta Brighton

Lea McMurtry

Crystal Norman-successful surgery

Esther Reutter

Carlton and Martha Tappan

Stephen Thachik

Evelyn Hayes

Pat Steele-completed radiation

Rob Linwood

Heather and Ellie Agnello

Tom Brockenbrough-moved to Paramount

Sarah Trembanis

Laura Tuttle

FPC-N Weather Policy— For Inclement weather delays and closings

The season is approaching when the weather could effect our services and activities. Please see guidelines below regarding cancellations and delays.

1. *When the Christina School District closes, or opens late, our campus will be closed until our parking lots, walks, and entrances are snow and ice free, and the roads are cleared and safe. Check the Church website or contact your group leader for confirmation.*

2. *When the state of Delaware declares a state of emergency and issues a travel ban for New Castle County, our campus will be closed while the travel emergency is in place, and until our parking lots, walks, and entrances are snow and ice free. Check the Church website or contact your group leader for confirmation.*

3. *Group Leaders and Directors should keep participants updated during questionable weather.*

Please be sure to check your email, and check the website, www.firstpresnewark.org and Facebook page for updates. Questions? - contact the church office, or your group leader.

USHERS: Vickie Person Perry, Tom Shaw
COUNTERS: Harvey Conner, Joe Huggins, Ann Ferreira
LITURGIST: Jim Annett
CLOSER: Greg Hills
GREETERS: Marian Leibfried, Jane Nickle

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP LINE UP—JANUARY 23
USHERS: Bob and Sandy Wenner
COUNTERS: Matt Reyne, Francis Kwansa
LITURGIST: Carol Coughenour
CLOSER: Wade Catts
GREETERS: Lynn Reyne, Pat Steele

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DONATED BY:
Nancy Stevens in memory of loved ones.

LIST OF OFFICERS BY CLASS

SESSION **CLERK OF SESSION—**Nancy Lewis

Class of 2022: Nancy Lewis, Jim Newsom, Jim Pierson-Perry

Class of 2023: Greg Hills, Mimi Lovelace, Don Tancredi

Class of 2024: Melody Bock, Pat Nelson, Bob Wunder

DEACONS **MODERATOR:** Jane Moore **VICE MODERATOR:** Norma Salomon

Class of 2022: Judy Agnello, Jan Huckleberry, Lois Huggins, Bob Wenner

Class of 2023: Angela Abankwa-Opoku, Nancy Boulden, Anne Lewis, Norma Salomon

Class of 2024: Rosemarie Beron, Jane Moore, Pat Steele, Nancy Stevens

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Class of 2022: Ann Ferreira, Bill Lewis, Ron Olson, Scott Sheldon

Class of 2023: John Bock, Francis Kwansa, Ken Lewis, Jynx Stevenson

Class of 2024: Jim Annett, Joe Challburg, Jerry Holt, Kern Piser

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