

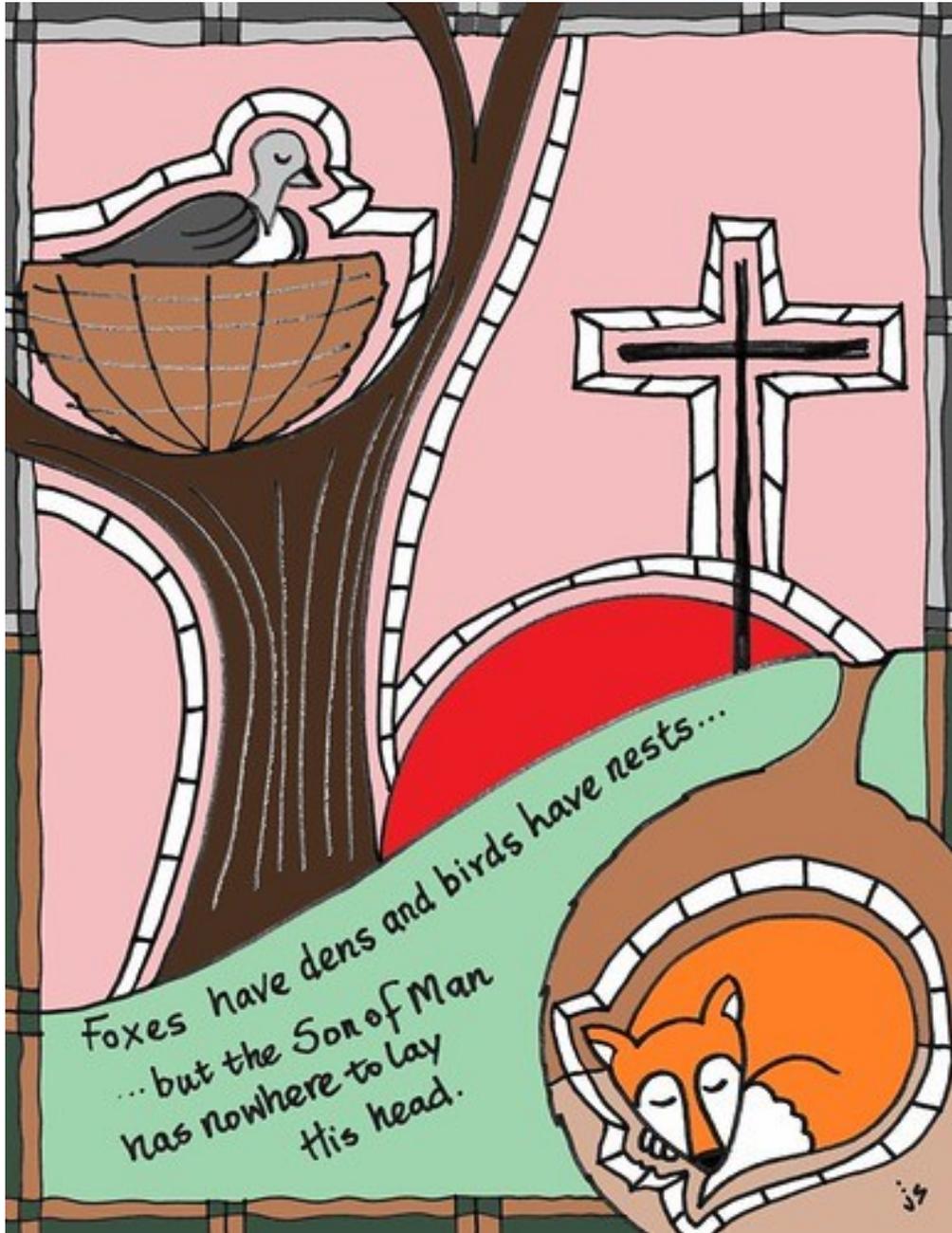


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*A nurturing community in Jesus Christ reflecting God's love for the world
as we Worship, Grow and Serve.*

WELCOME

* **PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP** *“As The Deer”*
(this is a prayer we will sing to prepare our hearts for worship)

Nystrom

As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.
You alone are my strength, my shield; To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Psalm 77

One: I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, that he may hear me.

All: **In the day of my trouble, I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted.**

One: I will call to mind the deeds of the LORD; I will remember your wonders of old. I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds.

All: **Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so great as our God? You are the God who works wonders; you have displayed your might among the peoples.**

* **HYMN 720**

Jesus Calls Us

GALILEE

Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth
saying, "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thy obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (responsive)

O Lord, like those before us, you now call us. We ask that we not only hear the call but give us the strength to take up our cross and follow. Life today, as it always has been, is challenging, and we need you to assure us and lead us. We love you Lord, and we know that you have great hopes for us. We are humbled by your call, and by your confidence in us. But we also know that we need to be willing to hear words, listen to you, and each other to move into the new church that you are calling us to be. We gather to sing your praises and to gather our strength to set out on the journey you set before us. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Luke 9:51-62

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God.

Luke 9:51-62

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to

him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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SERMON

Called to a New Place

Rev. Eric Markman

* **HYMN 722**

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

CANONBURY

Lord, speak to me that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone.
As you have sought, so let me seek
your erring children lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
the wandering and the wavering feet.
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
your hungering ones with manna sweet.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious truths which you impart.
And wing my words that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as you will, and when, and where
until your blessed face I see,
your rest, your joy, your glory share.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

God but it is the same Lord who is served. God works through different people in different ways but it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all. Together we are the body of Christ and individually members of him.

Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ. We work and pray to make his church useful in the world, and we call men and women to faith, so that every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Within our common ministry, some members are chosen for particular work as ministers of the word, Ruling Elders, Deacons, or Trustees.

Recognition of retiring officers: Jim Newsom, Jim Pierson-Perry, Lois Huggins, Ann Ferreira, Ron Olson and Scott Sheldon have served the people of First Presbyterian Church with diligence, using energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to lead and serve Under God's guidance. Having been faithful in their service as Elders, Deacons or Trustees, they have earned a time of rest and refreshment in a sabbatical from active service.

On behalf of the people of this congregation, I thank you for your work. Jesus has said, "Well done, good and faithful servants." We look forward to your continued leadership as you find new ways to use your wisdom and experience in this church. Full of joy in your gifts and service, we extend our hand to you in fellowship, friendship, and gratitude. Let us pray – Thank you, Lord, for these faithful servants, and for the gifts you gave them which they have used so well, the hours of time they have given in your service, and their love and devotion to you and the work of your church. Renew and refresh them by the strength and power of your Spirit. In the fullness of time, give them eyes to see afresh your vision and ears to hear again your call, in order that they may continue to be true to the promises they made in their vows of service. Until then, bless their rest and fill them always with your grace and peace. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

On behalf of the congregation, I present Joe Challburg to be ordained and installed as Elders; and Nancy Lewis to be installed as Elder;
Judy Agnello, Stephanie Birdsall, Jan Huckleberry and Bob Wenner to be installed as Deacons;
and Bill Lewis to be installed as Trustee.

Responsive Reading

from 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

One: Now there are varieties of gifts,

All: but the same Spirit;

One: and there are varieties of services,

All: but the same Lord;

One: and there are varieties of activities,

All: but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

One: To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

You have been called to a position of special leadership in the church. Now I ask our Elders and Deacons these questions. *Please respond with I DO or I WILL*

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

(For Elder) Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

(For Deacon) Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

(For Trustee) Will you be a faithful Trustee, watching over the church and its property to which you are entrusted, and administering the assets of the church, in order that the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ may be accomplished?

Elder: (facing congregation)

Do we, members of the church, accept them as Ruling Elders, Deacons, and Trustees chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? If so, please say, "We do."

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church? If so, please say, "We do."

Installation and Laying on of Hands.

God of grace, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation: give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us; that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.

You are now Ruling Elders, Deacons and Trustees in this church. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Amen.

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

ANTHEM

All Creatures of Our God and King

Crowder

* **DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

*Please use the prayer journal located outside memorial hall on the podium for your prayer requests. We will be using this journal weekly to pray for those in need while worshipping in memorial hall. 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 610**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and king, the triumphs of God's grace!

The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease,
sing music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.

Christ speaks, and, listening to his voice new life the dead receive;
the mournful, waken to rejoice. The poor in heart believe.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of thy name.

To God all glory, praise and love be now and ever given.
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **SONG OF SENDING**

"Thy Word"

Grant

(chorus) Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

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When I feel afraid,
and I think I've lost my way,
still You're there right beside me.

Nothing will I fear
as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end.

(chorus)

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet,
My heart forever is wandering.

Jesus, be my guide
And hold me to Your side;
I will love You to the end.

(chorus)

Your the light unto my path. *(3 times)*

Snack & Chats

What is it, you ask?



Our new fellowship time (Snacks & Chats) will take place immediately following worship in. It will continue through the summer while we worship in MHW. Stop by, have some punch, eat a cookie or two, catch up with friends and make new friends. Enjoy a time of fellowship in the comfort of MHW without the bugs!

VACATION UPDATE!

Cindy will be on vacation Monday, June 27th—Friday, July 8th. There will be coverage in the office from 9-12:30 those days.

The office will be closed Friday, July 1st and Monday, July 4th for Independence Day Holiday.

If you are interested in covering the phones one of the mornings, there are still a couple days open. Please contact Cindy to sign up.

Vital Congregations:

**Creating A Vision For Our Church's Future
Join in the Vital Congregations Conversations!**

June 26, July 17, August 14

Please join us right after worship. We are gathering ideas that will guide the Mission Study Team, whose work is a vital step in our search for a new pastor. **Your ideas and observations are very important.** Meeting will be held both in person and hybrid.

If you're online, click here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85161379131>

Chancel Flowers can be dedicated in honor or memory of family, friends and loved ones. **Cost is \$31.00 for two.**



Sign up sheet located on the bulletin board in Memorial Hall outside the office.

PLEASE INCLUDE DEDICATAION AND IF YOU WISH TO KEEP OR DONATE.

The Mission & Outreach Committee met in May and decided on a mid-year dispersal of funds to agencies we support normally with income from our general budget, invested funds [Endowments and Local Missions (Thordis Searl)] as well as \$500 from an unusual yearend 2021 gift by a church member. The total monies gifted to the agencies were \$5,514.

The agencies gifted, in descending order were:

- Newark Empowerment Center (\$1,958-36%)
- Newark Area Welfare Committee (\$1,594-29%)
- Meeting Ground - Elkton (\$589-11%)
- PCUSA Undesignated Presbyterian Disaster Agency (\$569-10%),
- IMCK Congo Hospital (\$339-6%),
- Habitat for Humanity (\$295-5%), and
- Hope Dining Room - First Presbyterian Church Committee (\$170-3%).

In May Helping Hands collected for Kingswood Food Closet. We collected a total of \$151.00 and several bags of food for delivery. Thank you for your continued support of this mission. We will not be collecting over the summer months.

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

Please look for our prayer journal in Memorial Hall.

Please record your prayer requests each week in there. We will not be using prayer cards over summer in Memorial Hall.

New names are listed in bold.

Praise:

Participation in Vital Congregations sessions

Pat Steele-cancer free

Strawberry Picnic

Myles Thompson

W.S - Afghanistan

Esmes' Successful Surgery

Healing:

Patty K

Tom Kempinski-friend of Pat Steele-pain

Rosalind and Jason Klepacki

Jim D'Amato

Lynette Gravatt (Beth Thomas' neighbor)

Jim McNeely

Mason Brown-Home

Denise Murray and family-Covid

Susan Timpson-friend of Mimi Lovelace-Home

Carla Malsh-need of organ transplant-niece of Melody

Bock granddaughter/Noah and Jen- Esme's parents

Terry Peddicord-surgery(friend of Beth Thomas)

Hannah (Lorraine and Harvey's granddaughter)

Choir

J.J.H.-lung cancer treatment (friend of Mark Sisk)

Joan Cummings (friend of Mimi Lovelace)

Grief/Sympathy:

The Families of:

Those affected by gun violence

Phil Lind-died 6-3

Anne Wolf-died 6-3 (friend of Nancy Boulden)

Mari and Sophie-death of husband/father

(friends of Evelyn Hayes)

Chuck Cox died 6-20 (son of Judy Cox)

Comfort and Protection:

Pastor Tshibuabua- our Dinanga Family-flooding

Protection from more ground erosion in Kanaga

Afghan families resettling-ongoing support

All struggling with mental health issues

Overworked Health Care Professionals

People of the Ukraine

Protection from Covid

Stop Gun Violence

All Affected by the shootings

All Teachers and students

Mohammed-driving test

Victims of Earth Quake - Afghanistan

Wisdom:

Pastor Eric

God's guidance for our Church

For all church members to work together with

Grace and Respect-Listening to each other

For God to bind up evil

For God to nourish the faith of those baptized, raised

and confirmed in faith but not actively worshipping

Westminster House-recovery programs and committee

working on facility

Olivet Presbyterian Church, Glasgow, DE

May the world leaders be led by God's wisdom

DE Legislators to do what is best for our state

Church Leaders

Gun Control Legislation

January 6th Committee

Long Term Prayer:

Marian Bowen

Tom Brockenbrough

Betty Thompson

Doris Brewer

Rhetta Brighton

Lea McMurtry

Esther Reutter

Carlton and Martha Tappan

Evelyn Hayes

Heather and Ellie Agnello

Sarah Trembanis

Laura Tuttle

Betty Hoagey

Margaret Catts

Betty Dalton

Garrett Norman

Crystal Norman

USHERS: Ron and Carol Olson
COUNTERS: Ron Olson, Scott Sheldon
LITURGIST: Willee Short
CLOSER: Kern Piser
GREETER: Carolyn Morton

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP—JULY 3
USHERS: Ron and Carol Olson
COUNTERS: Harvey Conner, Kern Piser, Ann Ferreira
LITURGIST: Myles Thompson
CLOSER: Ron Olson

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DONATED BY:
Paul and Willee Short in celebration of their children and grandchildren

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