



# 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**

*Thank you for joining us today. Please take a moment and sign the red friendship pad and let us know you joined us in worship today!*

**\* PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

*(this is a prayer we will sing to prepare our hearts for worship)*

*Lord Be Glorified*

Kilpatrick

In my life, Lord,  
Be glorified, be glorified;  
In my life, Lord,  
Be glorified today.

In Your church, Lord,  
Be glorified, be glorified,  
In Your church, Lord,  
Be glorified today.

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Psalm 30

One: I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

**All: O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**

One: O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

**All: Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

**\* HYMN 645**

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love,  
the God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul is filled,  
and every faithless murmur stilled:  
to God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power has made  
God's gracious mercy keepeth;  
by morning glow or evening shade  
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.  
Within the kingdom of God's might,  
lo! all is just and all is right:  
to God all praise and glory!

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The Lord is never far away,  
but, through all grief distressing,  
an ever-present help and stay,  
our peace and joy and blessing,  
as with a mother's tender hand  
God gently leads the chosen band:  
to God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along  
I sing aloud thy praises,  
that all may hear the grateful song  
my voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;  
both soul and body, take your part:  
to God all praise and glory!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY (unison)**

**O Lord, the summer is now in full bloom. We thank you for the warm days, times at the beach, and the growth we see all around us. You have blessed us richly. The birds sing. The wind rustles the leaves. The young birds soar above us on new wings. And we rejoice in the freedoms that this land has given us. We praise you for the love that you have for all people and all life. We gather this day to especially thank you for your son, Jesus Christ, who came to be among us. His words still echo across time and guide us this day, as well as all our lives. And yet even more powerful than his words was the way he chose to live his life and for his life that he sacrificed for us. Through his death and resurrection we are given new life, and true meaning. Help us to live our lives shaped by the one who walks before us, guiding us in every step we take. And helping us live a life worthy of the calling you have given us. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

**Spirit of God, we build walls and barriers. We assume and stereotype. We devalue difference and stick with what is known and familiar. Forgive our lack of courage. Embolden us to cross boundaries of difference. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that gathers us together and calls us to community. Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)**

**Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, Holy God, that we might hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

2 Kings 5:1-14; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

2 Kings 5:1-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord,

in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

This is the word of our Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Rejoice for Your Names are Written in Heaven

Rev. Eric Markman

\* **HYMN 526**

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*  
Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken; the wine is poured;  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

LINSTEAD

Refrain: Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
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Christ is able to make us one;  
at the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express. (Refrain)

Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God (Immanuel) everywhere! (Refrain)

**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICER**

Mark Sisk to be ordained and installed as Elder.

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison)

Colossians 1:15-20

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross." Amen.**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**ANTHEM**

*Your Great Name*

Nordhoff/Neale

**\* DOXOLOGY**

*“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS**

*As each person is prayed for the minister will say: Lord in Your Mercy, and the people will respond:  
**Hear our prayer.***

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

One: Holy God, Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, with joy we praise you and give thanks to your name.....

Joining with them and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we glorify your name and lift our voices in joyful praise :

**All Sing: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,  
HYMN 565 heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

One: You are holy, O God of Majesty...that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen...  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**All : Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

**THE 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.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**SACRAMENT OF GOD'S GRACE**

*The table of the LORD is open to all believers who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and all children who have been instructed in the meaning of the Sacrament.*

**\* HYMN 338**

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

MATERNA

O beautiful for spacious skies,

for amber waves of grain,

for purple mountain majesties

above the fruited plain!

America! America!

God shed his grace on thee,

and crown thy good with \*brotherhood

from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved

in liberating strife,

who more than self their country loved,

and mercy more than life!

America! America!

God mend thine every flaw;

confirm thy soul in self-control,

thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for patriot dream

that sees beyond the years

thine alabaster cities gleam,

undimmed by human tears!

America! America!

May God thy gold refine

till all success be nobleness

and every gain divine!

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

## 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!

**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.**

### 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.

### Vital Congregations:

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

**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>**

**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.***

**(list updated 6/26/2022)**

### **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 6<sup>th</sup> 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

