



SEPTEMBER 23, 2022

# First Presbyterian Church

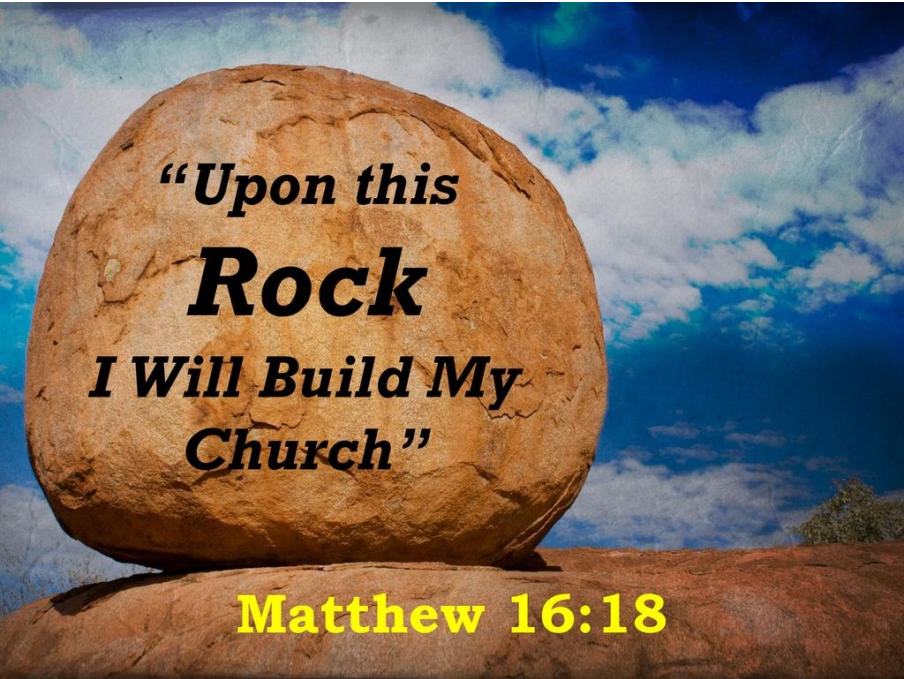
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## Communicator

*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!.



You Tube Channel  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMgrr0vHvgO-iUPphSOFgxxA>

Website  
[www.firstpresnewark.org](http://www.firstpresnewark.org)

Church Calendar  
[click here](#)



Online giving  
through  
PayPal

<https://firstpresnewark.org/giving-at-fpc-n/>

**Return to the newly renovated Sanctuary!**  
**Join us for our "Soft" Opening**

**Scripture:** Jeremiah 31:31-34; 1 Corinthians 3:9-11; Matthew 7:24-25;  
Matthew 16:13-18  
**Sermon:** *Built On The Rock*  
**Given By:** *Rev. Eric Markman*

**Ushers:** Vicki Pierson-Perry, Carol Aftosmis, Paul Biddle,  
Steve Breffitt  
**COUNTERS:** Harvey Conner, Joe Huggins  
**LITURGIST:** Jim Pierson-Perry  
**CLOSER:** Kern Piser  
**GREETER:** Nancy Stevens

OCTOBER 2, 2022

**Ushers:** Ron Olson, Ted Koser, Ann Lawrence, Willee Short  
**COUNTERS:** Matt Reyne, Francis Kwansa  
**LITURGIST:** Melody Bock  
**CLOSER:** Ron Olson  
**GREETER:**

### Office Hours

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



**SUNDAY SCHOOL starts  
this Sunday!  
For Kindergarten  
through Grade 5**

Parents should bring their youth and children to the church service with them. After the first prayer, the children, youth, and parents will be asked to come down to the chancel. After a short message to children and youth, they will be taken down stairs for their lesson.

**“Dropping the Weight of the Past to Move Boldly  
into the Future”.**

With Rev. Dr. Leonard Hedges-Geotl

Workshop sign up sheets are located outside the office during the week and in the narthex on Sunday. *Please sign up for one of the sessions on either Saturday or Sunday. (there is a limit of 8 people per session, please write one name per line.)* These will be in-person meetings in the office library.

**Presbyterian Women  
Invite Everyone to a Potluck Dinner  
Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>  
At 6:00 pm in Memorial Hall West**



**Speaker at 7:00 pm  
Vlad Cerbov**

From: Jewish Family Services  
He will talk about JFS refugee resettlement activities for Afghan families with which our church is participating.

**Presbyterian Women’s Fall Fair  
Saturday, October 8th—9AM-2PM**

**For donations contact:**

- Kitchen Items**—Circle 1: Pat Steele, Beverly Stout
- Holiday and Crafts**—Circle 2: Shirley Hills, Lucia Merrick
- Kids Corner**—Circle 3: Carolyn Morton, Ann Roybal
- Attic Treasures and Jewelry**—Circle 4: Rosemarie Beron and Anne Lewis
- Baked Goods**—Circle 5: Jackie Evers, Nancy Black, Annette Mehan

*The Grief Support Group* will begin Monday, September 26th at 10:30am in Memorial Hall Parlors. You are also welcome to join via Zoom using the following link:



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82370729214>

Contact Nancy Boulden for more information.



**Helping Hand  
Collection September 2022  
Newark Area Welfare**

**Bags handed out September 18th,  
Collection date September 25th**

*Food for the hungry and hope for the homeless*

Priority needs include: Breakfast cereal/Instant Oatmeal, Spaghetti sauce, Peanut butter, Jelly, Ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard, Pancake mix and syrup, Instant potatoes, Instant rice, Soup of all kinds, Canned Fruit Boxed Desserts (cookies, cake, brownies.) We welcome, checks made out to: “First Presbyterian Church”, memo line “Newark Area Welfare.”

- **Adult Sunday School is Sunday mornings in the Parlors following worship.** Please join David Lovelace and/or Melody Bock to dive deeper into Pastor Eric’s sermon and the scripture verses read in service.
- **Our Circle of Care** is sponsoring an Afghan friend, fluent in English, wanting to earn income by assisting older adults in need of assistance. In order to contact him, please contact Carolyn Morton.
- **Dear Friends of our Congo Partnership,** The NCP Dinanga Committee is thrilled after a long hiatus due to COVID to plan another visit to our partners in the Democratic Republic of Congo. [Please click here](#) to read details about the planned trip along with an application form. You can also contact Jim Annett with any questions.
- **Presbyterian Women will continue to collect school supplies** for Albert H. Jones Elementary School through October 3rd. Collection boxes will be located in Memorial Hall outside the office and in the narthex.

## Message from the Human Resources Committee

Jerry Holt

As announced last Sunday, Worship and Human Relations are working to identify the specific requirements for worship music leadership and begin the process to hire a person who meets those requirements. We are trying to accomplish this in a way that:

- Produces meaningful worship music,
- Builds on the congregational support expressed in the response to the recent music preference survey and in the recent expression of increased interest in participation,
- Respects the contributions of current contributors, the contemporary music team, choir, and
- FPC can support financially both now **and** when a new pastor is called and installed;

so that our traditional Presbyterian worship of God at FPC will be enhanced, thereby strengthening our fulfillment of God's mission for us.

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### *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](mailto:prayers@firstpresnewark.org) Prayers will remain in the bulletin for 3 weeks. New names are listed in bold.*

#### Praise:

**We're back in the Sanctuary, Sunday School starting**

#### Healing:

Ted Trowbridge-continuing treatment of MG, Brenda Breffitt, Rick Emerick (Jane Moore's friend) cancer/healing, Syntche Tsibuabua (Pastor T's daughter) medical care and healing, Phyllis Sisk-rehab, Sam Lyness, **Paula Berkebile-heart attack**

#### Grief/Sympathy:

##### **The Family of:**

Andy Abrahamson (friend of Pastor Eric)

**Services for Esther Reutter** will be held at 11:00am Saturday, October 1st. Visitation begins at 10:00am.

#### Comfort and Protection:

Pastor Tshibuabua-our Dinanga Family, Protection from Covid, Donna Thachik, Marianne Piser, Pat Steele, Laraine Riccio (friend of Nancy Stevens)-**Nancy Lewis**

#### Wisdom:

Pastor Eric, Westminster House, Olivet Presbyterian Church, FPC Mission Study Committee, Children's Learning Team, Session, Outreach to the community

#### Long Term Prayer:

Marian Bowen, Tom Brockenbrough, Betty Thompson, Doris Brewer, Rhett Brighton, **Lea McMurtry**, Carlton and Martha Tappan, **Evelyn Hayes**, Heather and Ellie Agnello, Laura Tuttle, Betty Hoagey, Margaret Catts, Betty Dalton, **Crystal Norman-hearing loss**, **Stacy Wenner-praise-tumor is shrinking**, Michael Fox, Rosemarie Beron, **Bill Lewis**

**Interim Pastor**

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

**Worship Team**

Larry Benson, Praise Team Music Leader  
Carol Olson, Worship Chair

**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  
Carol Olson 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

***This Week's Schedule***

**Sunday, September 25, 2022**

**Worship returns to the Sanctuary!**

**10:00am** Worship  
**11:00am**-Adult Learning-Parlors  
**12:30pm** Confirmation Class  
**1:00pm** JFS-Gliwa

**Monday, September 26, 2022**

**10:30am** Grief Group-Library  
**6:30pm** Cub Pack-MHW

**Tuesday, September 27, 2022**

**7:00pm** Trustees-Zoom

**Wednesday, September 28, 2022**

**9:00am** Prayer Group-Zoom  
**7:00pm** Troop 56—MHW

**Thursday, September 29, 2022**

**7:00pm** Session-Zoom

**Friday, September 30, 2022**

**9:00am** Finance/Bill Pay-Zoom

**Saturday, October 1, 2022**

**10:00am** Esther Reutter Visitation-Sanctuary  
**11:00am** Esther Reutter Memorial Service-Sanctuary. Reception following in Memorial Hall

**Sunday, October 2, 2022**

**10:00am** Worship  
**12:30pm** Confirmation Class  
**1:00pm** Girl Scouts-LS  
**1:00pm** JFS-Gliwa

**2022 VIF Budget Status—Giving Budget \$343,200**

	<b>9/18/2022</b>	<b>9/11/2022</b>	<b>9/4/2022</b>	<b>8/28/2022</b>
Estimated 2022 VIF Giving	\$297,965	\$294,960	\$299,082	\$305,774
Estimated 2022 VIF Shortfall	<b>\$ 45,235 13.2%</b>	<b>\$ 48,240 14.1%</b>	<b>\$ 44,188 12.9%</b>	<b>\$ 37,426 10.9%</b>