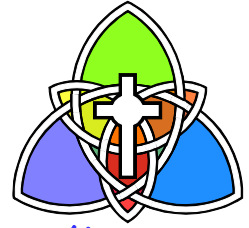




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Worship Grow Serve

June 18, 2023

HAPPY

FATHER'S
DAY!

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

*Those who are able may stand

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks for joining us in worship today. Please sign the red Friendship Pad. If you are a visitor, please share with us your contact information, including your email address, so we can add you to our email distribution list.

*PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

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

I've Got Peace Like A River

Jeffrey Rickard

**I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Psalm 116

One: I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

All: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

One: What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

All: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

*HYMN 51

To Abraham and Sarah

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PRAYER OF THE DAY (unison)

O Lord, like Abraham and Sarah before us, you now call us. We ask that you give us the strength to not only hear your call but also 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 your words, listen to you and to 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.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MESSAGE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

We confess, O God, that too often we have our head in the clouds. We are more comfortable with dreaming of the world as we wish it would be instead of working with you to bring that wish to reality. At times, we find it difficult to claim the power you have given us. Surely you have others more capable to be your witnesses? And so, we continue to gaze heavenwards. Jolt us out of our complacency, O God. Remind us to get a move on. Remind us we have work to do with you. Give us your energy, courage, and vision to be your witnesses to the end of the earth.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

Living Hope

Wickham/Johnson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**God of wisdom, speak again your liberating Word to us today.
By the power of your Holy Spirit, poured into our hearts, make us ready and
willing to respond to your call to us today. Open our eyes; open our hearts.
May we hear your Word read and proclaimed so that our lives and our
witness will be strengthened. Amen.**

SCRIPTURES (PAGES 12,14,790) Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7, Matthew 9:35-37; 10:5-14

Response after each reading: This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Life is a Journey”

Rev. Eric Markman

*(If you have prayer concerns or joys today,
please use our Prayer Request Card and give it to an Usher during this hymn.)*

***HYMN 719**

Come, Labor On

ORA LABORA

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)**

A Declaration of Faith, PCUSA

**We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord in behalf of all
people. Our cries for help and our songs for praise are never for ourselves alone.
We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world and joining
in God’s work.**

**We find guidance in God’s deeds in the past and promises for the future, as they
are witnessed to in Scripture.**

**We affirm that the Lord is at work, especially in events and movements that free
people by the Gospel and advance justice, compassion, and peace.**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Variation on a Theme

**Mark Knopfler, David Bowie
Jim Pierson-Perry**

***SONG OF DEDICATION**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

HYMN 606

**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

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND 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.**

***HYMN 343**

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

GERMANY

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***SONG OF SENDING**

I Love to Praise Him

Jennifer Randolph

**I love to praise Him
I love to praise Him
I love to praise Him
And lift up His holy name**

**I love to praise Him
I love to praise Him**

**I love to praise Him
And lift up His holy name**

**Singing hallelujah
Singing hallelujah
Singing hallelujah
Unto Jesus our Lord
We exalt Him on high**

**I love to praise Him
I love to praise Him
I love to praise Him
And lift up His holy name**

Prayer Concerns/Praises

If you know of someone who is hospitalized, please contact the church office, and let us know. Thank you. Prayer email: prayers @firstpresnewark.org. Prayers will remain in the bulletin for 3 weeks. New names are listed in bold.

Praise:

Gavin Picard-friend of Wenners-cancer free

Music Sunday

Strawberry Picnic

Jim Annett home from Dinanga

Musicians of the church

Sandy Wenner's successful surgery

P W Program

New Leaders in P W

All Graduates

Brian Moore's Successes

Jules and Jan – Summer Nursery

Freedom and our fallen heroes

Message from Dinanga/their prayers for us

PNC submitted first report

Jim Pierson-Perry's gift of technology

Evelyn's continued healing

Healing:

Cathy Colbert

John Brennan-friend of Thomases-heart surgery

Amy Trusheim-friend of Beth Thomas-vision loss

Jane Moore-Afib

Sandy Wenner-knee replacement 6-6

Nancy Douglas(Kaitlin's mother)surgery 6-1

Barb Gallion (Marian Bowen's friend) Bone marrow transplant

Vincent Genevich (friend of Wenner's) for remission

Grief/Sympathy:

The Family of:

Jason Baptiste-Friend of Lovelaces-died 6-12

Comfort and Protection:

Wunder' neighbors-house fire

Jen Barnes Baptiste

Baptiste and Barnes families

Brian-Jane Moore's grandson

Nancy Lewis

Wisdom:

For decisions and insight on Westminster House

Pastor Nominating Committee

Pastor Eric

Session

For our congregation to be open, honest, loving

Olivet Presbyterian Church, Glasgow, DE

Children's Learning Team

Outreach to the community

Long Term Prayer:

Ann Roybal - healing

Doris Brewer – healing from Meniere's

JoAnne McNeely

Jim McNeely

Lea McMurtry

Opioid/Fentanyl Crisis

Marian Bowen

Tom Brockenbrough

Rhetta Brighton

Carlton and Martha Tappan

Evelyn Hayes

Heather Agnello

Laura Tuttle

Betty Dalton

Crystal Norman

Stacy Wenner

Michael Fox

Christi Fox

Phyllis Sisk

Nancy Stevens

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DONATED BY
Pam, Bob, Tommy, and Kevin Wunder
In Loving Memory of Alie Trawbridge and Bill Wunder

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP— JUNE 18, 2023

USHERS: Vickie Pierson-Perry, Ted Koser,
Sarah Huckleberry, Mimi Lovelace

LITURGIST: Judy Agnello

GREETERS: Shirley Hills

CLOSER: Joe Huggins

COUNTERS: Ron Olson, Mimi Lovelace

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP— JUNE 25, 2023

USHERS: Ron Olson, Carol Olson, Ted
Koser, Faithe Koser

LITURGIST:

GREETERS: Nancy Boulden, Lorraine
Conner

CLOSER: Ron Olson

COUNTERS: Matt Reynes, Francis Kwansa

GUEST ORGANIST: Chuck Coles

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHANCEL FLOWERS: Cost **\$31.00** Flowers can be dedicated in honor or memory of family, friends and loved ones. You may keep or donate the flowers. A sign-up form is located in the Narthex. Checks *clearly identified for chancel flowers* may be placed in the offering plate or brought to the church office.

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE THROUGH PAYPAL - or you can mail or drop your offerings off at the church office. Visit our website giving page for details.

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

THE CHURCH CALENDAR can be accessed on our website using the FPC-N Calendar tab on the top of the homepage.

ADULT EDUCATION: We meet at **11:30** in the parlor, with snacks and coffee, and are finished in time for you to go to lunch with your friends... Please come be a part of God working in our church and growing us as individuals. **No homework and no book required! See you Sunday! Join Anytime – *Three Simple Rules for Living as a Christian* - 6/18, 6/25**

Suspicious Emails/Text Messages

Multiple emails and text messages have been sent impersonating Pastor Eric as well as other members of FPCN.

Please use caution if you receive messages requesting abnormal information.

Feel free to contact the church office if you have any concerns.



**Are you interested in serving
as a reception desk
volunteer?**

Call the church office for more
information. **302-731-5644**

Don Tancredi is looking for a helper to assist with some easy odd jobs starting the beginning of June.

This is a light organizing of the old boiler room/ storage room and some other odds and ends.

This work will take place Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays, you pick, about two hours a week.

Call or text Don at 302 293-1695





There will be a **Congregational Meeting Sunday, June 25th** immediately following our service of worship. The purpose of this meeting is to elect Elders and Deacons

Juneteenth

Sunday, June 18, 2023

10:00 am Worship

11:15 am LG&I- Library

11:30 am Adult Bible Study

1:00 pm Girls Scouts-LS Rms 2/4/6

1:00 pm JFS-Gliwa

Monday, June 19, 2023

7:00 pm PNC Meeting- Parlors

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

2:00 pm World Refugee Day -Setup

5:30 pm World Refugee Day

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

9:00 am Prayer Group-Zoom

12:00 pm Band of Brothers - Library

7:00 pm Handbells-LS

7:00 pm Troop 56-MHW

Thursday, June 22, 2023

7:00pm Session-Zoom

Friday, June 23, 2023

9:00 am Finance/Bill Pay-Zoom

Saturday, June 24, 2023

10:00 am Margaret Catts- Visitation

11:00 am Margaret Catts-Memorial Service

12:00 pm Margaret Catts – Service Reception

Sunday, June 25, 2023

10:00 am Worship

-Congregational Meeting -following worship

11:30 am Adult Bible Study

11:30 am JFS Meeting-Gliwa

LIST OF OFFICERS BY CLASS

SESSION

CLERK OF SESSION—Nancy Lewis

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

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

Class of 2025: Joe Kowalski, Nancy Lewis, Mark Sisk

DEACONS

MODERATOR: Jane Moore

VICE MODERATOR: Norma Salomon

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

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

Class of 2025: Judy Agnello, Stephanie Birdsall, Jan Huckleberry, Bob Wenner

TRUSTEES

PRESIDENT: Ron Olson

VICE PRESIDENT: Ken Lewis

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

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

Class of 2025:

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