

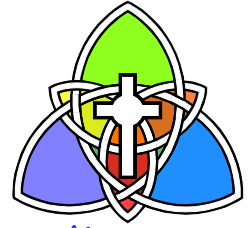


# First Presbyterian Church

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*Worship Grow Serve*

July 2, 2023



*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)*

*Come Now is the Time to Worship*

Brian Doerksen

**Come now is the time to worship  
Come now is the time to give your heart  
Come just as you are to worship  
Come just as you are before your God  
Come (chorus)**

**One day every tongue  
Will confess You are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains  
For those who gladly choose You now  
(repeat chorus)**

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Based on Psalm 13

**All: Our God has dealt bountifully with us.**

One: The night was dark, and God's face seemed hidden.

**All: In sorrow and pain, we cried out to God.**

One: Still we trusted in God's steadfast love.

**All: And now our hearts rejoice in God's salvation!**

## \*HYMN 686

*God of Our Life*

SANDON

**PRAYER OF THE DAY (unison)**

based on Psalm 31 and prayer by Howard Thurman

**Faithful God, you have promised that you will not leave us orphaned, for you are coming to us. Hear the prayers of your people as we call out to you this morning. We pray for the earth you have made. May we treat it with the dignity and respect it deserves. We pray for the church you have lovingly crafted, disciples in every time and place. May we be faithful as you are faithful. We pray for the nations and their leaders. May justice roll down like water as we seek the welfare of all people. We pray for our country, that freedom may continue to reign, and we pray for those in service to our nation - especially those in places of danger. We pray for our communities, the places where we worship and serve. May we entrust our lives and the lives of our loved ones to your providential care. On this weekend we celebrate the independence of the nation in which we live. We also celebrate the strength, ability, and faith you gave the generations that have gone before us to build this nation into a place of opportunity and compassion. We now ask that you guide us that we may still build for a nation every growing in the ways that Christ has called us to love our neighbors – all who are in need – as we love our selves. Amen.**

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH MESSAGE**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

**God of Providence, your faithfulness is from everlasting to everlasting, but we fail to trust. You hold all creation in the palm of your hand, but we take our lives into our own hands more often than we would like to admit. When we trust ourselves more than your grace, forgive us. When we get caught up in our own strivings, relieve us. When we think the world rests on our shoulders, remind us. Call us back to your way. Teach us to turn our lives over to your gracious care. Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (responsive)

One: As a cup of cold water quenches our thirst, God's grace soothes our souls.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia!**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**ANTHEM**

*Mighty to Save*

Morgan/Fielding

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (unison)

**Pour out your Spirit upon us, O God, and upon these words of Scripture,  
that they may reveal to us your eternal Word, our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

**SCRIPTURES** (PAGES 15&791 )

Genesis 22:1-14, Matthew 10:40-42

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

**SERMON**

*Difficult Passages*

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 343**

*Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

GERMANY

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

Brief Statement of Faith

One: We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

**All: Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.**

One: Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

**One: Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

#### CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Hallelujah*

Cohen

#### \*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.***

#### 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: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator, and ruler of the universe. In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power. You made us in your image, setting us in your world to love and serve you and to live in peace with your whole creation. From generation to generation, you have guided us, sending prophets to turn us from wayward paths into the way of righteousness. Out of your great love for the world you sent your only Son among us to redeem us and to be the way to eternal life. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, 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, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. As one of us, he knew our joys and sorrows, and our struggles with temptation. He was like us in every way except sin. In him we see what you created us to be. Though blameless, he suffered willingly for our sin. Though innocent, he accepted death for the guilty. On the cross he offered himself, a perfect sacrifice, for the life of the world. By his suffering and death, he freed us from sin and death. Risen from the grave, he leads us to the joy of new life. Great is the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

One: Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

**Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.**

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**\*HYMN 337**

*My Country, Tis of Thee*

AMERICA

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*SONG OF SENDING**

*Raise a Hallelujah*

Helser/Skaggs/Stevens

**I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies  
I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief  
I raise a hallelujah my weapon is a melody  
I raise a hallelujah Heaven comes to fight for me (chorus)**

**I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm  
Louder and louder you're gonna hear my praises roar  
Up from the ashes hope will arise  
Death is defeated the King is alive**

**I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me  
I raise a hallelujah I will watch the darkness flee  
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery  
I raise a hallelujah fear you lost your hold on me (repeat chorus)**

## ***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:**

**Welcome Hailey-infant daughter of Angela & Walter Opoku**

**Punch On the Lawn**

Wagif's family to arrive soon

World Refugee Day

Congregational Nominating Committee

Gavin Picard-friend of Wenner's-cancer free

Music Sunday

Strawberry Picnic

### **Healing:**

**Sandra Carr-Bob Wenner's cousin-complications after surgery**

**Sally Reutter-Heart surgery 7-12**

**Stacy Wenner-hospitalized**

**Rob Tuttle**

**Marty Gronka-pain**

Beverly Stoudt-stroke

Rick Biddle-Evelyn's friend-heart attack

John Brennan-friend of Thomas's-heart surgery

Amy Trusheim-friend of Beth Thomas-vision loss

Jane Moore

### **Grief/Sympathy:**

**The Family of:**

**Pat Jones-neighbor of Baker's died 6-22**

**Nancy West-friend of Nancy Lewis**

JoAnne McNeely-died 6-19

Jason Baptiste-Friend of Lovelace's-died 6-12

**Comfort and Protection:**

**Elizabeth Angwe-traveling mercies**

**Tom Jones**

Jim McNeely and family

Wade Catts and family

Erin Owens-Jynx 'niece-deployed for 6 months

Wunder' neighbors-house fire

Jen Barnes Baptiste

Baptiste and Barnes families

Brian-Jane Moore's grandson

Nancy Lewis

### **Wisdom:**

**New Elders and Deacons**

**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**

Jim McNeely

Lea McMurtry

Opioid/Fentanyl Crisis

Marian Bowen

Tom Brockenbrough

Rhetta Brighton

Carlton and Martha Tappan

Evelyn Hayes-continued healing

Heather Agnello

**Laura Tuttle**

Betty Dalton

Crystal Norman

Stacy Wenner

Michael Fox

Christi Fox

Phyllis Sisk

Nancy Stevens

**Cathy Colbert**

**Rosemarie Beron**





THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DONATED BY  
Kern and Marianne Piser  
In Celebration of The Marriage of  
Matt Piser & Lauren Manners



**THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP— JULY 2, 2023**

**USHERS:** Vickie Pierson-Perry, Willee Short,  
Sarah Huckleberry, Paul Biddle

**LITURGIST:** David Trujillo

**CLOSER:** Greg Hills

**COUNTERS:** Joe Huggins, Francis Kwansa

**NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP— JULY 9, 2023**

**USHERS:** Wade Catts, Ann Lawrence, Bob  
Wunder, Mimi Lovelace

**LITURGIST:** Rosemarie Beron

**CLOSER:** Wade Catts

**COUNTERS:** Ron Olson, Steve Breffit

## 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:** Today is the last day of – *Three Simple Rules for Living as a Christian* - 6/25. 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.

## **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**

*Are you interested in serving  
on the memorial service  
reception team? Please  
contact the Church Office.*





# Births

IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

*Hailey Nsenkyerene Opoku*  
*Born, June 13, 2023*



**Sunday, July 2, 2023**

10:00 am Worship

Sacrament of Communion

11:30 am JFS Meeting-Gliwa

**Monday, July 3, 2023**

7:00 pm PNC Meeting- Parlors

**Tuesday, July 4, 2023**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

**Wednesday, July 5, 2023**

9:00 am Prayer Group-Zoom

12:00 pm Band of Brothers - Library

7:00 pm Handbells-LS

7:00 pm Troop 56 Comm. Mtg

**Thursday, July 6, 2023**

**Friday, July 7, 2023**

9:00 am Finance/Bill Pay-Zoom

**Saturday, July 8, 2023**

**Sunday, July 9, 2023**

10:00 am Worship

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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