



SEPTEMBER 4, 2026

First Presbyterian Church

meets at

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www.firstpresnewark.org

Church Calendar

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Next Week's Worship—September 13, 2026

Ushers: Ron Olson, Carol Olson, Dan Raff, Kim Raff

Liturgist: Kaitlin Douglas

Closer: Ron Olson

Counters: Matt Reyne, Marianne Piser



This Week's Worship – September 6, 2026

Ushers: Joe Huggins, Stan Blair, Julie Blair, Laura Sievert

Liturgist: Nancy Lewis

Closer: Joe Huggins

Counters: Ron Olson, Francis Kwansa

Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS DONATED BY

DON AND CAROL COUGHENOUR

CELEBRATING 67 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

WEDDING DATE 9/6/1959



Flowers can be dedicated **in honor** or **memory** of a family member, friend or loved one. You may **keep** or **donate them**. Please sign up on the Chancel Flowers Donor Sign-up Form located in the Narthex to indicate your preference.

Checks, *clearly identified for chancel flowers*, may be placed in the weekly offering plate or brought to the church office. Please **note on the check** whether you will *keep or donate both* flowers or *keep one and donate the other*.

Chancel Flowers \$31.00

Scripture reading for Sunday, September 6, 2026

1st SCRIPTURE READING

Liturgist say - Our first scripture reading today comes from Romans 13: 8-14 (p.923)

8 Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. 9 The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” 10 Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law. 11 And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. 12 The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So, let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. 13 Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. 14 Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord. Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

2ND SCRIPTURE READING

Pastor says - *Our scripture reading today comes from Exodus 12: 1-14 (p.51)*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, “This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. Do

not eat the meat raw or boiled in water but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs. Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord's Passover. "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

"This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord—a lasting ordinance.



Affordable Housing Forum Summary

Over forty church members participated in a forum on affordable housing issues and needs in the Newark area, that was held at our church on August 30th. The forum, which was organized by PW Moderator Laura Sievert, featured three presentations followed by a time for questions and was well received by attendees. Possible follow-up actions will be discussed by the Session during its September meeting.

The three presentations are available for viewing by clicking on the following links or, if that does not work for you, go to the church website and look on the **Newsletters and Reports** page under the **News** menu:

[Newark Affordable Housing Update](#) given by Pastor Corey Fields

[Habitat For Humanity](#) given by Rev. Kevin Smith

[Newark Co-Housing](#) given by Ginger Hansen and Jamie Kegerise

A Love Letter to Myself and to my FPC-N Family - September 1, 2026

Dear Friends, Family, and My Beloved Church Family at First Presbyterian Church - Newark,

On September 12th, I celebrate two years in recovery.

As I reflect on this anniversary, my heart is overflowing with gratitude, love, and awe for the journey God has led me on. Two years ago, I stood at the beginning of a path I could not yet see. For many years, I felt lost. I struggled to find purpose and peace. I searched for my place in the world and often wondered if I would ever truly know who I was meant to be.

Looking back now, I can see that God was with me, guiding me all along.

Following a month of inpatient treatment, I found my way to First Presbyterian Church Newark and became a member in late 2024. What I found here was far more than a church. I found a community, friendship & acceptance. I found people who welcomed me with open arms and loved me exactly where I was.

Most importantly, I found faith.

To my family, thank you for never giving up on me. Your patience, encouragement, and unconditional love helped me take the first steps toward healing.

To my husband, Dan, your loyalty has been one of the greatest gifts of my life. You stood beside me in darkness and celebrated each step toward the light. Your steadfast love gave me strength when I struggled to believe in myself.

And to my church family, thank you for helping me fill my cup when it was empty. Thank you for the countless conversations, hugs, prayers, smiles, and acts of kindness that reminded me I was never alone. Your friendship has been a blessing beyond measure.

There have been many sacred moments along this journey. My baptism in April 2025 was one of them. Standing before God and my church family, I publicly embraced the faith that had begun transforming my heart. It was a moment of renewal, healing, and hope that I will treasure forever.

Volunteering with Food for Success opened my eyes to the joy that comes from serving others. Through service, I discovered that healing is not only about receiving help but also

about giving it. Being invited to serve as a Deacon was another milestone I never imagined possible. The opportunity to care for others, offer support, and live out Christ's call to service has deepened my faith and strengthened my recovery in ways I cannot fully express. Through these experiences, God has shown me that purpose is often found in helping others.

Today, I wake up every day with a sense of peace and joy that once felt impossible. I no longer wonder whether my life has meaning. I know it does.

I find happiness in being a Gigi to our beautiful, smart & sweet granddaughter, Amelia. I find fulfillment in being a loving wife, mother, daughter, sister, and friend. I find purpose in serving others and in living a life rooted in faith, gratitude, and hope.

And perhaps the greatest gift of all is knowing that I do not walk alone. God walks beside me each day.

To everyone who has prayed for me, encouraged me, supported me, laughed with me, cried with me, and believed in me when I could not yet believe in myself, thank you. Your love has helped me heal. Your friendship has strengthened me. Your presence has been a reflection of God's grace. The peace and joy I experience today are blessings I once never believed were possible. Yet here I am, living a life filled with gratitude, faith, purpose, and hope.

Hope springs eternal in my life today.

As I celebrate this milestone, my prayer is that each of you knows how deeply appreciated you are. Thank you for all you do, not only for me, but for everyone whose life you touch through your kindness, generosity, and service.

May God continue to bless First Presbyterian Church Newark and every person who calls it home. May the Lord keep you safe, healthy, and happy in the days to come. May His grace guide your paths, His love fill your hearts, and His peace sustain you always.

With all my love and gratitude, Kim

"The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy."

Psalm 126:3

God bless you all. ❤️

An ABBA Candlelight Experience - Newark, DE – Saturday, September 12th



- 3 Shows – 4:30 PM, 6:30PM and 8:30PM
- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEWARK, 292 West Main St., Newark, DE 19711
- Tickets Prices: \$27.50 -77.50

Go to: www.lumos-experiences.com

Select **US**

Scroll down to **NEWARK, DE**

Next to Saturday 12th September, select **BUY TICKETS**

Click on **ENTER PROMO CODE**, then a **box appears** before the word **APPLY CODE**, enter **WELCOME15**, which will give you a 15% discount

Select your time and showing and quantity of tickets below

Then click **GET TICKETS**

The next screen requires you to register for a FATSOMA account with your First Name, Last Name, Email and Password. Keep this information for future use.

Electronic tickets should come to your email.

NEW SHOW ADDED: 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
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SEPTEMBER 13TH

CHURCH TACOS AFTER THE SERVICE

BEGINNING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL



Church Members are invited to participate in our
3rd Annual

Hat Day

Sun. Sept 13th

Wear your favorite hat to worship on Rally Day



== ST. JOHN AM CHURCH ==

— Presents... —

LORRAINE
MOTEL

FROM MEMPHIS TO GLORY:
A TRIBUTE TO MLK

THIS IS A PLAY BY ROBERT ANDERSON SENIOR
REFLECTING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

SCAN FOR TICKETS!



The Glory Grill Cook-out

Immediately Following the Play

SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

— 2:00 P.M. —

Harvest FESTIVAL

First Presbyterian Church of Newark

292 West Main St, Newark, DE 19711



Sunday, October 18th, 2026

Immediately Following Worship

11:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Join us for an afternoon of
food, fellowship, fun, and community!

Our Harvest Festival is open to everyone—
not just our congregation.

We warmly invite our friends, neighbors, families,
and the Newark community to celebrate with us!

Church Will Provide:



Turkey



Stuffing



Sides



Beverages



Want to Contribute?

Please bring a salad or
dessert based on your
last name:



A-K:

Bring a Dessert



L-Z:

Bring a Salad

**Fun for
the Kids!**

Children can enjoy
games and activities
throughout the
afternoon.

**Everyone Is
Welcome!**



Come as you are, bring your family
and friends, and enjoy a wonderful
afternoon of food, laughter, and community.

~♡ We hope to see you there! ♡~

Fellowship SNACK SCHEDULE

*Let's fellowship
together!* 

Beginning in **September**,
each month will be
assigned to a specific
group in our church.
That group will bring
snacks on Sundays.

 **SNACKS ARE
SERVED FROM
11:15–11:30 AM**
after the service.

Thank you 
for helping us build
community and
fellowship together!



Jan	Session
Feb	Deacons
March	Praise Team
April	UD/Community Outreach
May	Finance Committee
June	Ushers
July	Adult & Children Ed
August	PW CT
September	Worship Committee/ Band of Brothers
October	Hope Dining Hall
November	Choir
December	PW Circle Members



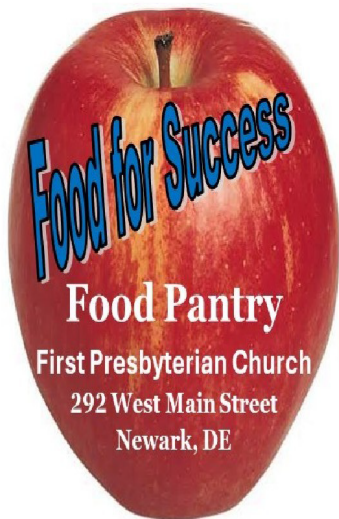
October 3rd—Session

November 7th —UD / Community Engagement Committee

December 5th —Hope Dining Room



A celebration of life for Tom Brockenbrough will be held on September 19th at 11:00 am. All are invited to a luncheon immediately following in Memorial Hall West.



Volunteering is good for you - providing benefits to both mental and physical health!

Help our *Food for Success* food pantry provide supplemental food for community members in need of nourishing meals.

We do on the job training!



Scan the QR code to access the Food for Success Signup Genius app

Food for Success Volunteer Coordinator - Nancy Lewis - nancylewis2011@gmail.com



Food for Success Open Dates for 2026

Dates circled in Green are holidays—Food for Success pantry is closed

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September 2026

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30 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 3:00pm Newark Housing Forum for Congregation	31	1 10:00am - 11:30am PW CT - MH Parlor	2 9 - 10am Prayer Group-Zoom 12 - 1pm Band of Brothers-Library 7- 8:30pm Bells Practice -Sanct. 7- 8:30pm Troop 56 Mtg - MWH	3 7:00pm - 8:30pm Choir Practice	4	5 8:00am - 9:00am First breakfast - Presbyterian Women
6 Sacrament of Communion WORLD COMMUNION DAY 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development	7	8 ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED 9-1PM City-Newark ELECTRICITY DOWN 4-6PM Food for Success 6:30pm - 7:30pm Cub Pack 56 Den Mtg - MHW 7 - 9pm Deacon's - Library - Zoom 7- 9:30pm Finance Mtg.-Zoom	9 9 -10AM Prayer Group-Zoom 12-1PM Band of Brothers-Library 7-8:30pm Bells Practice-Sanct. 7 -8:30pm Troop 56 Committee Mtg - GLIWA 7-8:30pm Troop 56 Mtg - MWH	10 3:00pm - 4:00pm HR Team- MH Library 7:00pm - 8:30pm Choir Practice	11 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success	12:30-10:30PM LLUMOS ABBA Candlelight Experience
13 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development	14 12:00pm - 1:00pm Hope Dining Room	15 ELECTION DAY 10-12pm Rachel Circle -MH Gliwa and Ruth Circle-Parlor hybrid 1-3pm Elizabeth Circle-Parlor hybrid 7- 8:30pm Lydia Circle- Zoom/Parlor	16 9 -10AM Prayer Group-Zoom 12-1PM Band of Brothers-Library 7-8:30pm Bells Practice-Sanct. 7-8:30pm Troop 56 Mtg - MWH	17 7:00pm - 8:30pm Choir Practice	18	19 11:00am - 2:00pm Tom Brockenbrough Celebration of Life & Luncheon immediately after
20 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development 1:00pm - 3:00pm Girl Scout Troop 157 Meeting 6:30pm - 9:30pm Newark Symphony Chorus & Orch. Rehearsal	21 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success 7:00pm - 9:00 pm Session - Parlor	22	23 9 -10AM Prayer Group-Zoom 10-11:00am Worship Team Mtg - Library 12-1PM Band of Brothers-Library 7-8:30pm Bells Practice-Sanct. 7-8:30pm Troop 56 Mtg - MWH	24 7:00pm - 8:30pm Choir Practice	25 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success	26
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September Birthdays

Name	Birthdate
Jacquelyn Land	Sep 03
Spurgeon "Nick" Nickle	Sep 03
Carolyn Morton	Sep 03
David Baker	Sep 06
Seona Stevenson	Sep 07
Janet Macharia	Sep 08
Anna Gliwa	Sep 14
Ruth Griffith	Sep 14
Janet Thomson	Sep 15
Kevin Thomson	Sep 16
Kathy Tancredi	Sep 17
Virginia Murtagh	Sep 19
Marilyn Reyne	Sep 20
David E. Lovelace	Sep 21
John Bock	Sep 21
Phyllis Sisk	Sep 24
Robert Black	Sep 24
Urie Boulden	Sep 26
Carol Coughenour	Sep 27
Marchelle Folks	Sep 27
Beth Marshall	Sep 29

September Anniversaries

Name	Anniversary
Charlean and Brian Ruiter	Sep 04
Carol and Donald Coughenour	Sep 06
Marianne and George Piser	Sep 11
Nancy and Bob Black	Sep 14

Christmas Presentation on December 13, 2026

By FPC Kids – Please join in on the FUN – Volunteers Needed!!

Adults

Narrator (kid or adults)

Researcher

Creative coordinator (props and costumes)

Rehearsal coordinator

Choreography coordinator

Casting Director

Parent support for child actors

Other roles you can volunteer to help with??

Kids

Play roles of: Mary, Joseph, 3 wise men, shepherds, Archangel, angels,
donkey, sheep, camel, cow

Ushers

Card holders: Scenes 1,2,3,4,5

Candy kids to hand out candy canes during intermission

Singer – solo and chorus

Narrator

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Class of 2028: Carolyn Morton, Kern Piser, Mark Sisk

Class of 2029: Lois Huggins, Nancy Lewis, Jim Pierson-Perry

Deacons Moderator—Greg Hills

Class of 2027: Kaitlin Douglas, Greg Hills, Melanie Sipko, Fe Wright

Class of 2028: Judy Agnello, Kim Raff, Ann Roybal, Pam Wunder

Class of 2029: Julia Blair, Jennifer Dube, Sarah Huckleberry

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