

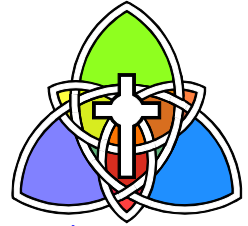


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Worship Grow Serve

March 17, 2024

*I will forgive
their iniquity,
and remember their sin
no more.*

Jeremiah 31:34, NRSV



*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.

PRELUDE

Divinum Mysterium

Russell Broughton

*PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

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

I Exalt Thee

Pete Sanchez Jr.

I exalt Thee

I exalt Thee

I exalt Thee oh Lord

For Thou oh Lord art high above all the earth

Thou art exalted far above all gods

For Thou oh Lord art high above all the earth

Thou art exalted far above all gods

I exalt Thee

I exalt Thee

I exalt Thee oh Lord

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*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Psalms 119:12-16

One: Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes.

All: **With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.**

One: I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.

All: **I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word. Amen.**

*HYMN # 223

When I Survey the Wonderful Cross

HAMMBURG

PRAYER OF THE DAY (unison)

**Holy God, by the cross and resurrection
of Jesus, you lift the suffering world toward hope
and transformation and open the way to eternal salvation.
As we move ever closer to the passion of Christ,
may your law of love be written on our hearts
as he draws all people to himself revealing
your love for the world. Amen.**

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MESSAGE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Redeeming God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart,
and have not loved our neighbors as we ought;
we have strayed from your commandments.
Do not remember our sins, but forgive our iniquities, that we may fix our
eyes on you and sin no more, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

At the Cross

Tomlin, Cash, Armstrong
Myrin, Redman

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Your Word, O God, has power to
change our lives and to create a whole new world.
As we meditate on your word this day, fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we
may treasure your word with our whole hearts and fix our eyes on you.
Amen.**

SCRIPTURES (PAGES 642,875)

Jeremiah 31:31-34 , John 12:20-33

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

SERMON

Is Seeing Believing?

Pastor Dan McKenty

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

***HYMN #792**

There is a Balm in Gilead

BALM IN GILEAD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH(unison)**

Colossians 1:15-20

We believe Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—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 the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from 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 to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

When Jesus Wept

William Billings

***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.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER(unison)

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 #215**

What Wondrous Love is This

WONDROUS LOVE

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Marcel Dupré

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
In Loving Memory of
The Family of Henry and Theresa Seibert

THIS Week's Worship- March 17, 2024

USHERS: Joe Huggins, Stan Blair,
 Julia Blair, Laura Sievert
LITURGIST: Nancy Lewis
CLOSER: Joe Huggins
COUNTERS: Ron and Mimi Lovelace
GREETERS: Ann Roybal,
 Barbara Russell
ORGANIST: Sue Fuhrmann

Next Week's Worship- March 24, 2024

USHERS: Ron Olson, Carol Olson,
 Ted Koser, Faithe Koser
LITURGIST: Nancy Stevens
CLOSER: Ron Olson
COUNTERS: Harvey Conner,
 Francis Kwanza
GREETERS: Carol Aftosmis,
 Carolyn Morton

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.



Year to Date - Comparative VIF Gifting Status (10 Sundays Into Year)

	<u>Year:</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Gifts Received		\$110,225	\$ 101,433	\$ 82,921
Yearly Gifting Goal or Actual Amount		\$336,000	\$ 333,478	\$ 331,815
Gifts Received/Yearly Goal or Actual Amount		32.8%	30.4%	25.0%

24's VIF Gifting % is about 5% higher than mid range of two previous years! Thank You!

Please Note: Year to Date QCD Gifting in 24' is now higher than 23's by about \$10,600



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 24th

Palm Sunday Service

10:00 am -Worship Service

Thursday , March 28th

Ecumenical Community Maundy Thursday Service

7:00 pm – in Memorial Hall West

Friday, March 29th

Good Friday Worship Service

7:00 pm -in the Sanctuary

**Good Friday Service will feature scripture readings and monologues by witnesses to our Lord's passion and hymns from the Taizé community.*

Sunday, March 31st

Easter Sunday Worship Services

7:00 am -Sunrise Service in the Remembrance Garden

10:00 am- Festival Service of Worship in the Sanctuary

Upcoming Musical Events

Apr 27th - 7:00 pm Chesapeake Brass Band Concert
(donation)

HELPING HAND

**Food for the Hungry, Hope for the Homeless
Meeting Ground - Wayfarer's House**

Collection Date: Sunday, March 24, 2024

Top Priority Needs Include:

Coffee, Creamer, Sugar

Mayonnaise, Ketchup

Canned Meats (Tuna, Chicken, Salmon)

Toddler Pull-ups (various sizes)

Gently used Toddler clothes (girls)

Paper Towels, Napkins and Bathroom Tissue

13 Gallon Trash Bags

33 Gallon Trash Bags

Also welcome: checks, made out to:

First Presbyterian Church

Memo line: "Meeting Ground-Wayfarer's House"

Sunday, March 17, 2024

10:00 am Worship

10:15 am children are dismissed for
Sunday School

11:15 pm Adult Discipleship

Monday, March 18, 2024

10:00 am Brain Wise

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

10:00 am PW Circle 1&3

1:00 pm PW Circle 2&4

7:30 pm PW Circle 5

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

9:00 am Prayer Group

12:00 pm Band of Brothers

Thursday, March 21, 2024

4:00 pm HR Team

7:00 pm Choir Practice

7:00 pm Session

Friday, March 22, 2024

Saturday, March 23, 2024

Sunday, March 24, 2024

10:00 am Worship—Palm Sunday

10:15 am children are dismissed for
Sunday School

11:15 am Adult Discipleship

11:15 am Easter Egg Hunt

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LIST OF OFFICERS BY CLASS

SESSION

CLERK —Nancy Lewis

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

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

Class of 2026: Mimi Lovelace, Jim Pierson-Perry, Don Tancredi

DEACONS

MODERATOR: Jane Moore

Class of 2024: Rosemarie Beron, Jane Moore, Darlene Newsom, Nancy Stevens

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

Class of 2026: Julia Blair, Clinton Nanji, Vickie Pierson-Perry, David Angel Trujillo