



First Presbyterian Church

meets at

292 West Main Street · Newark, DE 19711
302-731-5644 · firstpresnewark.org



August 30, 2026

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Moses and the Burning Bush

*Those who are able may stand

PRELUDE *“Siciliano”*

by Antonio Vivaldi arr. J.S. Bach

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS

“Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.” Romans 12: 9-21

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP - PSALM 105:1-6, 23-26, 45B (responsive)**

O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

O, offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

Then Israel came to Egypt; Jacob lived as an alien in the land of Ham.

And the LORD made his people very fruitful, and made them stronger than their foes,

whose hearts he then turned to hate his people, to deal craftily with his servants.

He sent his servant Moses, and Aaron whom he had chosen.

***Hymn #451 - “Open My Eyes, That I May See”**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (unison)

God of mystery and might, whose wonderful works are to be remembered, move in our lives, change our minds, soften our hearts, direct our feet, that we may follow you more faithfully. Yes, Lord, we seek to follow Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN #582** *“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”* (unison)

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, we confess that our love for you and for others has not been genuine. We have not held fast to what is good, and we have lagged in affection for our brothers and sisters. We have not been patient in suffering, nor have we persevered in prayer. We have repaid evil for evil and have failed to live peaceably with all. Forgive us our sin, free us from fear of the power of evil, and help us trust in the power of your everlasting goodness; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM *“I Will Follow”* by Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Reuben Morgan

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Holy Spirit, who spoke to Moses from the burning bush, speak to us now in the reading and proclaiming of your word. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 3: 1-15 (p.44)

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

2ND SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 4: 1-17 (p.45)

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

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MESSAGE:

SERMON *“From Curiosity to Call”*

***Hymn #52 – “When Israel Was in Egypt’s Land”**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – APOSTLES’ CREED (unison)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting, Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *“Six Variations on the Theme B-A-C-H: Prelude”*
by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

***SONG OF DEDICATION** #710 *“We Lift Our Voices”*

**We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering. Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;
Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.**
**All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you,
we give to you. We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to
you: we are an offering; we are an offering.**

***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 #541** – “*God Be with You Till We Meet Again*”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “*Jerusalem*”

by Hubert Parry

About the Music

Who are you, and where are you from? Names and places are important aspects of our identities, and for Adonai, his name is so important that some find it unutterable, calling himself I AM WHO I AM when addressing Moses, exhorting Moses to lead his people back to the land of their ancestors. The music today, in part, deals with a name, Bach's, and a place, Jerusalem (which William Blake poetically places in England).

A siciliano is a slow Baroque dance form, usually in a minor mode and with a lilting triplet rhythm that places it in the style of pastoral music. Bach, a fan of Vivaldi's who adapted many of the Italian's works, arranged our prelude from one of Vivaldi's concertos. Rimsky-Korsakov, over a century later and in a land much farther away, finds inspiration in the name of BACH, as so many composers have, writing a whole of set of variations on the 4 notes comprising the German master's name (in German musical notation, B = B-flat and H = B-natural); we hear one of these variations. Finally, as did those feet in ancient times, we come to our postlude, Sir Hubert Parry's magnificent setting of William Blake's prophetic poem "Jerusalem," in which he envisions a Jerusalem to be built in "England's green & pleasant Land." For wherever we are, and whoever we are, we can find and erect our personal Jerusalems.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS DONATED BY
RON AND CAROL OLSON
IN HONOR OF OUR 57TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
ANNIVERSARY DATE 8/30/1969**

This Week's Worship – August 30, 2026

Ushers: Wade Catts, Bob Wunder, Mimi Lovelace, Pam Wunder

Liturgist: Nancy Lewis

Closer: Wade Catts

Counters: Kevin Thomson, Mimi Lovelace

Next 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



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 into the 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



September 5th— Presbyterian Woman

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. Refreshments will be served immediately following in Memorial Hall West.

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



First Presbyterian Church

292 West Main Street, Newark, DE 19711
302-731-5644 firstpresnewark.org

Affordable Housing Forum

Memorial Hall West on Sunday, August 30, 2026 at 11:30 am
Lunch will be provided

We will continue the Listening Session with the Housing Forum.

What can we do as a church to spread God's love?

Learn about affordable housing needs in our community.

The Newark Interfaith Co-Leaders will share information on affordable housing actions, options, and opportunities. In addition, Habitat for Humanity and Newark Co-Housing will share their ideas to address these needs. Time is scheduled for questions and discussion.

Note: There is no plan at this time for any use of our church land.

This forum is to inform and stimulate ideas and discussions.



Looking for a Drummer!!

The praise team is seeking a drummer to join us on Sunday mornings. We gather at 8:45 AM for rehearsal. The church has a digital drum set that we use during services and for our weekly YouTube videos. If you are interested in sharing your talents, please contact Larry Benson at praiseleader@firstpresnewark.org. Peace, Larry

Looking for Liturgists!!



Help proclaim God's Word by volunteering to be a Sunday worship liturgist! Everyone is invited to help lead our worship service! No prior training or experience is required, and Pastor Dan will answer any questions you may have. Helping to lead worship is a wonderfully fulfilling experience and a wonderful way to deepen your relationship with the congregation and our Lord. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex, and you can also call or text Pastor Dan.

Looking for work!!

An Afghani man who STAR Foundation has been assisting needs employment. This gentleman has applied for but has not received his Green Card. He is handy and is happy to do work around the house such as yard work, helping to move furniture, do simple repairs, etc. The suggested rate of pay is \$20.00 per hour. If you need work done around your home and are interested, please contact Nancy Lewis or the church office. Thank you.



An Afghan family with six kids aged 19 to 7, just moved to Newark this July. Their father passed away in June, and they moved here because they have family in Newark. They need furniture and blankets and towels. The family also really needs school desks for the children.

If you have anything you could donate, please contact Nancy Lewis at 302-598-5021.

Thank you.

HOPE DINING ROOM NEWS

As many of you know our church serves lunch at the Hope Dining Room once per month on the second Monday. We provide a well-balanced hot meal to whomever comes in. Our team includes Willee and Paul Short, Jane McAlpine, Kathleen Jolly, Steve Hardwick, Jim and Vickie Pierson Perry, Stephanie Birdsall, Greg Hills and me.

Our Presbyterian Pasta is delicious, and we generally always have someone come to the kitchen window and thank us and tell us that lunch was good. Along with the pasta, we provide mixed vegetables, a salad, a roll, butter and some cookies (unless we have left over strawberry short cake). Milk is available as well.

Donations are the funding source for our meals. If you are inclined to contribute, please make your checks out to:

First Presbyterian Church Hope Dining Room

There is a mailbox for Hope Dining Room in the office or you can just hand me the check and I will deposit it swiftly.

On behalf of our dining guests, our team thanks you for your generous support.

Mimi Lovelace



Come and join us!!

Adult Discipleship recently began a new short study on the book of Esther. If you've ever found yourself stuck in distressing circumstances and didn't know which way to turn, you can identify with Esther! Come learn more about this remarkable woman, and how her choices can apply to us today.

LUMOS

An ABBA Candlelight Experience

an unforgettable evening of music in an enchanting
indoor setting

First Presbyterian Church of Newark
Newark, DE 07102

Saturday, September 12th

3 Sitzings: 4:30-5:30PM | 6:30-7:30PM | 8:30-9:30PM



Book tickets now!
www.lumos-experiences.com

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



- 3 Shows – 4:30 PM, 6:30 PM and 8:30 PM
- 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
--



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

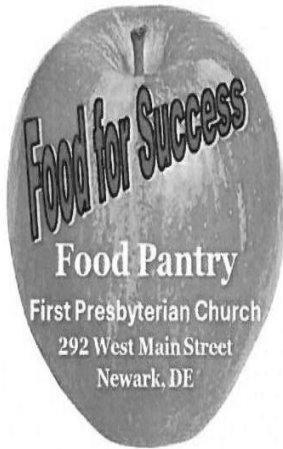
THIS IS A PLAY BY ROBERT ANDERSON SENIOR
REFLECTING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

SCAN FOR TICKETS!



The Glory Grill Cook-out
Immediately Following the Play

SEPTEMBER 26, 2026
2:00 P.M.



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

JANUARY

SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11		13	14	15		17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25		27	28	29	30	31

FEBRUARY

SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8		10	11	12		14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22		24	25	26		28

MARCH

SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8		10	11	12		14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22		24	25	26		28
29	30	31				

APRIL

SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11		13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25		27	28	29	30	

MAY

SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
						2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10		12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24		25	26	27	28	30
31						

JUNE

SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7		9	10	11		13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21		23	24	25		27
28	29	30				

JULY

SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26		28	29	30		

AUGUST

SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9		11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23		25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

SEPTEMBER

SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
			1	2	3	4
5		7	8	9	10	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20		22	23	24		26
27	28	29	30			

OCTOBER

SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

NOVEMBER

SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8		10	11	12		14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22		24	25	26		28
29	30					

DECEMBER

SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9		11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23		25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Mallory Kowalski	August 1
Steve Breffitt	August 2
Kern Piser	August 2
Sarah Huckleberry	August 3
Kaitlin Douglas	August 6
Sandy Wenner	August 7
Marianne Piser	August 10
Morgan Habbert	August 12
Dennis Jacobs	August 12
Bob Wenner	August 12
Don Tancredi	August 13
Dave Evers	August 15
Carol Aftosmis	August 16
Matt Reyne	August 16
Brian Ruiter	August 16
Grace Ferry	August 23
Jane McAlpine	August 24
Kenneth Kincaid	August 28
Kim Habbert	August 29
Sally Hamilton	August 30

ANNIVERSARIES

David & Paula Berkebile	August 13, 1966	60 years
Steve & Brenda Breffitt	August 14, 1971	55 years
Harvey & Lorraine Conner	August 14, 1971	55 years
Rick & Judy Agnello	August 20, 1966	60 years
Matt & Lynn Reyne	August 20, 1966	60 years
Russell & Gloria Zehnacker	August 21, 1971	55 years
Ronald & Carol Olson	August 30, 1969	57 years



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
Jacquelyn Land	Sep 03
Charlean and Brian Ruiter	Sep 04
Carol and Donald Coughenour	Sep 06
Marianne and George Piser	Sep 11
Nancy and Bob Black	Sep 14

August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development	27 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success	28	29 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library	30	31 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success	1 8:00am - 9:00am First Breakfast - Chancel choir & Praise Team 1:30pm - 3:30pm FPC-N Women's Chesapeake Boat ride
2 Sacrament of Communion 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development	3	4	5 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library	6	7	8
9 10am - 11am Worship Sanctuary - Ordination & Installations 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development	10 12:00pm - 1:00pm Hope Dining Room 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success	11 7:00pm - 9:00pm Deacon's - Library - Zoom 7:00pm - 9:30pm Finance Mtg.-Zoom	12 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library	13 12:00pm - 1:00 pm Ladies Lunch Bunch 3:00pm - 4:00pm HR Team- MH Library	14 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success	15 11am Evelyn Hayes Memorial (Sanctuary) Luncheon- MWH immediately after.
16 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development	17 7-9PM Session Mtg - Parlor	18	19 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library	20	21	22
23 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development	24 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success	25	26 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library	27 12:00pm - 1:00pm Ladies Lunch Bunch	28 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success	29
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 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library	3	4	5 8:00am - 9:00am First breakfast - Presbyterian Women

Christmas Presentation on Dec 20

by FPC kids..Please join in the *FUN*...volunteers needed !!

ADULTS

- Narrator (Kid or adult)
- Researcher
- Creative coordinator
 - Props/ Costume
- 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
- Play roles of:
 - 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

Please contact Fe Wright 856-745-8736/ Febwright@outlook.com

Worship Services are in compliance with U. S. Copyright Act in accordance with CCLI License Number 311658. Permission to reprint, podcast, and / or stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE with license #A-735612. All rights reserved.

PASTOR: Dan McKenty

Email: pastor@firstpresnewark.org

OFFICE MANAGER: Marchelle Folks

Email: officemanager@firstpresnewark.org

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR: Helen Shores Jones

Email: officeadmin@firstpresnewark.org

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Harvey Conner

Email: finansec@firstpresnewark.org

TREASURER: Allen Sievert

Email: treasurer@firstpresnewark.org

CHOIR DIRECTOR: Christian Hendricks

Email: musicdirector@firstpresnewark.org

PRAISE TEAM LEADER: Larry Benson

Email: praiseleader@firstpresnewark.org

AV TEAM: Andre Corbitt, Dave Evers, Jim Pierson-Perry, and Kerry Slinkard

WEBSITE: www.firstpresnewark.org

PHONE: 302-731-5644

EMAIL: fpchurch@firstpresnewark.org

PRAYER EMAIL: prayers@firstpresnewark.org

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

(Copy link to your web browser)

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK: First Presbyterian Church of Newark

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am- 1:00 pm

LIST OF OFFICERS BY CLASS

Session Clerk—Jim Pierson Perry

Class of 2027: Stan Blair, Melody Bock, Pat Nelson, Bob Wunder

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

**THE MORE THE MERRIER -
COME AND BE A PART OF OUR
CONGREGATION!!**

If you are thinking of joining
our church, we would love to
have you!

Please contact Pastor Dan at
302-731-5644 or 484-557-9983

