



First Presbyterian Church

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October 11, 2026

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Those who are able may stand

PRELUDE Scenes from Country Life: “*From the Carnival*” by Edvard Grieg

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS

“Consider these things”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** - (responsive)

Praise the LORD!

Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Remember us, O LORD, when you show favor to your people;

Let us know the blessing of your chosen ones and the gladness of those you love.

***HYMN #367** – “*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*”

PRAYER OF THE DAY (unison)

Ever-present God, you never leave us. Help us to stay with you when we are tempted to run away, and keep us seeking after that which is true, that all may know that you are the LORD, our God, a tenacious presence in whatever our reality. Through Christ our Lord we ask this. 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, you are the Lord our God, who brought our ancestors out of slavery in Egypt, and brought us out of slavery to sin. Still, our trust in you is so fragile, so easily displaced by gods of our own making: the god of self-sufficiency, chased at any cost; the god of illusion, pursued in any form. God our redeemer, as you showed mercy to your people when they worshiped a false idol, be gracious to us and forgive us when we fall into temptation, that we may repent and return to worship and serve you alone. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM “God So Loved”

by Ed Cash and Andrew Bergthold

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (unison)

Holy Spirit of God, shine your light upon this Word and into our hearts that we may be enlightened with fresh understanding, and strengthened with new determination to follow wherever you lead. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 25: 1-9 (p. 568)

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

2ND SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 4: 1-9 (p. 955)

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

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MESSAGE “God Sightings”

SERMON “Paying Attention”

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

***HYMN #505 – “The Feast is Ready”**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – (From *A Brief Statement of Faith*) (unison)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal . . . With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *“Who at My Door Is Standing?”* Arr. K. Lee Scott

***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.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SONG OF SENDING #623 – *“I’ve Got Peace like a River”*

Verse 1

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.

Verse 2

I’ve got joy like a fountain;
I’ve got joy like a fountain;
I’ve got joy like a fountain, in my soul.

I’ve got joy like a fountain;
I’ve got joy like a fountain;
I’ve got joy like a fountain, in my soul.

Verse 3

I’ve got love like an ocean;
I’ve got love like an ocean;
I’ve got love like an ocean, in my soul.

I’ve got love like an ocean;
I’ve got love like an ocean;
I’ve got love like an ocean, in my soul.



About the Music

Time to party like it's 1999...BC. The lectionary contrasts two different celebrations, and only one is favored by the Lord. Growing impatient with Moses' return from the mountain, the Israelites turn away from their own divinity and the Lord who gave it to them and cast it all to the Golden Calf and its profane symbolism. But the Lord, then and now, has a different feast prepared for us—if only we would attend.

Scenes from Country Life is a set of three pieces for piano, each a vignette of rustic Nordic living. The final piece, "From the Carnival," begins with a mixture of frivolity and grotesquerie in the minor mode and features echoes of the previous movements, especially the bridal procession of the second piece, before concluding in the major mode with a dance in the style of the Norwegian "halling," echoing the contrast mentioned above and moving from forsaken celebration to eternal rejoicing in the Lord. So, "come, ye thankful people, come," for "the feast is ready" and "who at my door is standing" but the Lord is eager to welcome us to the heavenly banquet where peace flows like a river.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS DONATED BY

STAN AND JULIE BLAIR

IN HONOR OF OUR FAMILY

This Week's Worship – October 11, 2026

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

Liturgist: Kim Raff

Closer: Joe Huggins

Counters: Matt Reyne, Marianne Piser

Next Week's Worship – October 18, 2026

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

Liturgist: Nancy Boulden

Closer: Ron Olson

Counters: Harvey Conner, Joe Kowalski



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



November 7th —UD / Community Engagement Committee

December 5th —Hope Dining Room

VIF Giving Summary

as of August 31

Total VIF giving = \$219,133

VIF Goal for 2026 = \$336,000

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



SPIRITUAL EDUCATION

New Adult Discipleship Study Begins October 4!

On October 4, the Adult Discipleship group started a new topic, “The Kingdom of God”. Many, if not most, of Jesus’ teachings dealt with this topic, but what does it mean? Is it here now or a future utopia? Author Greg Jao says this, “We will explore the nature of God’s reign and how Jesus inaugurates and embodies the Kingdom’s program of renewal and restoration in His life and ministry.”

The study will run for 10 weeks. Each week is a separate topic, so please join us even if you can’t attend every Sunday. We hope to see you after Worship in the Parlor for this enjoyable and interesting study.

— Allen Sievert

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! ♥~



COME HELP US SUPPORT
OUR MISSIONS

Sat. Nov. 14th

Time: 10 AM – 1 PM



Presbyterian Women Fall Fundraiser



Soup Chili
Bake Sale
Basket Raffles



Cash only: Soup/Chili: 1 for \$12 or 2 for \$20. Baked Goods: Price varies.

Proceeds will be used to support missions such as NCP Guatemala Project,
Newark Area Welfare, Hope Dining Room, Friendship House and more.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

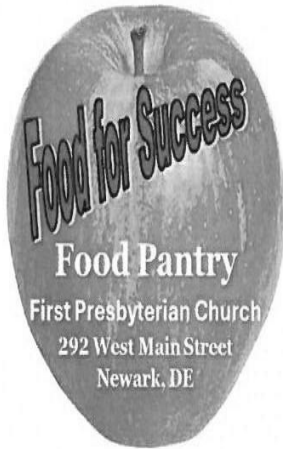
It's coming back! Just like last year!

Do you have a favorite soup or chili recipe?

This is your opportunity to donate quarts (containers provided) of your creation
to our PW fall Fundraiser!

HOW?

- Stop by the office and pick up empty quart containers and labels from Marchelle after 9/29.
(They will also be in the Narthex on Sundays beginning SEPT 27th)
- Sign up: your name, type of soup/chili, # of quarts and contact info
- Cook your delicious soup/chili before Nov. 13th
- Soups can be made fresh/refrigerated, stored frozen at home or in the MH Kitchen freezer.
- Soup/Chili, baked goods need to be dropped off to MH kitchen on Fri., Nov 13th 9am-1pm.
- Questions: Contact Pam Wunder (302)588-4481 or Carol Olson (302)593-0734



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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October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 6:30pm - 7:30pm Newark Symphony Chorus & Orch. Rehearsal	28	29 6:30pm - 8:00pm Cub Pack 56 Mtg/ Recruitment Night-MWH	30 9am - 10am Prayer Group-Zoom 12pm - 1pm Band of Brothers-Library 7pm - 8:30pm Bells Practice - Sanctuary 7pm - 8:30pm Troop 56 Mtg-MWH	1 7:00pm - 8:30pm Choir Practice	2	3 8:00am - 10:00am First Saturday Breakfast - Session
4 Sacrament of Communion 10am - 11am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development-"The Kingdom of God" 6:30pm - 9:30pm Newark Symphony Chorus/Orch. Rehearsal	5 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success	6 10:00am - 11:30am PW CT - MH Parlor 6:00pm - 8:00pm PW Dinner Program MHW 6:30pm - 7:30pm Girl Scout Troop 157 Meeting - GLIWA	7 9-10am Prayer Group-Zoom 12pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library 7pm - 8:30pm Bells Practice-Sanctuary 7pm - 8:30pm Troop 56 Mtg-	8 3:00pm - 4:00pm HR Team- MH Library 7:00pm - 8:30pm Choir Practice	9 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success 6:15pm - 9:45pm Newark Symphony Chorus/Orch. 7pm - 8:30pm Troop 56 Com. Mtg Gliwa	10 5:30pm - 6:30pm Annual Hymn Sing Cover dish - Rock Presbyterian Church
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October

BIRTHDAYS

○ Jim Pierson–Perry	October 2
○ Jen Blackburn	October 4
○ Ron Olson	October 6
○ Art Trembanis	October 13
○ Julles Stevenson	October 18
○ Julie Blair	October 20
○ Bill Thompson	October 20
○ Brenda Breffitt	October 22
○ Jan Huckleberry	October 26
○ Helen Shores Jones	October 27
○ Judy Agnello	October 29
○ Fred Dawson	October 29
○ Allen Sievert	October 30
○ Lucia Merrick	October 31



October

ANNIVERSARIES

Stan & Julia Blair

October 14

26 Years

Don & Kathy Tancredi

October 30

56 Years

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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
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