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October 16, 2026

Worship Grow Serve



This Week's Worship – October 18, 2026

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

Liturgist: Nancy Boulden

Closer: Ron Olson

Counters: Matt Reyne, Joe Kowalski

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Next Week's Worship–October 25, 2026

Ushers: Carol Aftosmis, Marianne Piser, Kaitlin Douglas, Joe Kowalski

Liturgist: Nancy Boulden

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Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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THE GLORY OF GOD



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Chancel Flowers $31.00

Scripture reading for Sunday, October 18, 2026

1st Scripture Reading - *Isaiah 45:1-7 (p. 588)*

1 - Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him— and the gates shall not be closed:
2 - I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron,
3 - I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
4 - For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.
5 - I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me,
6 - so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other.
7 - I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

2nd Scripture Reading - *Matthew 22:15-22 (p. 803)*

15 - Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said.
16 - So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality.
17 - Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?"
18 - But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?
19 - Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius.
20 - Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?"
21 - They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's."
22 - When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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Emergency Request—Can You Help?

Our church Missions and Outreach committee received the following urgent appeal from Pastor Tshibuabua, the pastor of our sister church in the Congo, for funds to help provide medical care for his daughter.

"I am writing to let you know that our eldest daughter, Cele (35 years old), has been very seriously ill—critically so—since last Saturday. She went to a private hospital for treatment for a cough and fever. Yesterday, Monday, she was transferred to a general referral hospital because she was lacking oxygen. She is extremely weak due to anemia and I was informed overnight that a blood transfusion is required.

I am afraid of facing a situation similar to what happened with my wife Chantal who passed 7 years ago. I need prayers and the means to save my daughter's life. I apologize for this unexpected financial burden, but I have no choice. I simply do not understand why my daughter's health is deteriorating so rapidly. Several tests have been performed. Will she need to be transferred to Kinshasa for treatment? No decision has been made yet. Her husband has all but abandoned her; he has been living far from the city of Kananga (350 km away) for over a year."

We ask church members to consider donating to a special fund to be collected for Cele's medical care. Please prayerfully consider this request and bring whatever you can afford to donate to the Tshibuabua family.

Donations may be made through mid-November in the collection plate or to the church office. Checks should be made payable to "Jim Annett", with "for Cele" written in the memo line. Jim will handle the distribution of funds to Pastor Tshibuabua.

Thank you very much.



Finding Myself through Education BY ANASTASIIA VOVCHENKO, Jewish Family Services of Delaware RISE Client My family and I never planned to come to the United States. Like millions of other Ukrainians, we were forced to leave our home because of the war. This became a journey of resilience, growth, and educational achievement. Looking back now, as a graduate of Delaware Technical Community College, I can see how education became both a goal and a source of hope during one of the most difficult periods of my life. My educational journey was interrupted multiple times. First, the COVID-19 pandemic changed the way students learned and created uncertainty about the future. Then, in 2022, war broke out in Ukraine. My university studies came to a stop as my family and I focused on safety. We remained in Ukraine for about a month after the war began before making the difficult decision to leave everything behind. While we were living in the country of Georgia and trying to determine our next steps, a friend of my father from college reached out and offered for our family to come to the United States through the Uniting for Ukraine program. That is how we were able to move and begin rebuilding our lives. We settled in Delaware and gradually started integrating into a new community. Photo provided by Anastasiia Vovchenko We attended a Ukrainian church and connected with Jewish Family Services of Delaware (JFS), an organization which helps refugees and immigrants adjust to life in their new home. At that time, I was unsure whether continuing my education was even realistic. My English writing skills were not strong enough for college-level coursework, and I questioned whether pursuing a degree in the United States was possible. Through JFS, I was connected with English as a Second Language classes at the Language Institute at the University of Delaware. Those classes became a turning point for me. I improved my reading, writing, and speaking skills and gained confidence in my ability to communicate. I began to believe in myself again. JFS also organized many events where my family met volunteers who would become some of our closest friends, including Annette, Ron, Nancy, and Carolyn. From the very beginning, they saw potential in me. They encouraged me to continue my education and reminded me that my experiences and abilities mattered. Their support helped me find the courage to challenge

myself and explore opportunities for higher education. We first looked into attending the University of Delaware, but because I had AUGUST 2026 | JEWISH LIVING DELAWARE | ShalomDelaware.org not completed high school in the United States, obtaining scholarships was difficult. Although that was disappointing, it helped me with discovering Delaware Technical Community College, which became the perfect place to begin my educational journey in America. At Delaware Tech I chose to major in Business Marketing. It was one of the best decisions I could have made. Not only did I study marketing, but I also developed knowledge in accounting, management, and other areas of business. The college worked hard to create an environment where all students felt welcome. Even being a foreigner, I genuinely felt that I belonged there. Delaware Tech also offered a strong support system. I took advantage of tutoring services and leadership opportunities that helped me grow both personally and professionally. Along the way, I built real relationships with instructors and classmates who supported my success. One of the most valuable aspects of the program was the opportunity to complete an internship. Through Delaware Tech, I interned with AI Whoo School, where my supervisor taught me about entrepreneurship, project management, and marketing. He trusted our team with meaningful responsibilities and allowed 10 us to take the lead on projects. That experience gave me practical skills and confidence that will benefit me throughout my career. During my two years of college, JFS continued to support me. Knowing that I could always turn to them for guidance made a tremendous difference. Their encouragement extended beyond academics and reminded me that I was never alone in my journey. In May 2026, I graduated from Delaware Technical Community College with a degree in Marketing. It was a moment of pride not only for me but for everyone who had supported me along the way. My journey has not been easy. I have had to learn a new language, adapt to a new culture, and navigate an unfamiliar educational system. Despite that, through every challenge I have learned that education can open doors and create opportunities, even when circumstances seem impossible. Most importantly, I learned that success is never achieved alone. My family, my boyfriend, my friends, the Ukrainian community, and Jewish Family Services provided the encouragement and support I needed to complete my degree. Their belief in me helped me believe in myself. The war forced me to leave my home, but it did not take away my determination to learn, grow, and build a future. Education helped me to find myself again and I am grateful for all the people who have supported me.

United for Nations: Dan Lins presentation













SPIRITUAL EDUCATION

On October 4, the Adult Discipleship group began 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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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**

FPCN Presbyterian Women Fall Fundraiser

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OUR MISSIONS



Sat. Nov 14, 2026



Time: 10 AM – 1 PM

Cash Only



Soups & Chili

1 for $12 **2 for $20**





Bake Sale

Prices vary

Basket Raffles

Piano music provided by Matthew Shuman

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

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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



November 7th —UD / Community Engagement Committee

December 5th —Hope Dining Room

Give the Blessing of Warm Feet

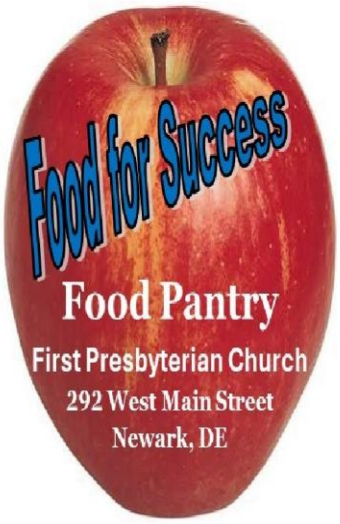


We are collecting donations of new men's socks between now and the end of November.

These will be given to those in need during our turn to provide a free lunch in December.

Please bring your donations to church and put them in the red tote that you will find in the narthex. Thank you for your kindness and care.

- **The FPC Hope Dining Room Team**



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
11 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development-"The Kingdom of God" **6:30pm - 9:30pm Newark Symphony Chorus & Orch. Rehearsal**	**12** 12:00pm - 1:00pm Hope Dining Room	**13** Church office closed 7:00pm - 9:00pm Deacon's - Library - Zoom 7:00pm - 9:30pm Finance Mtg.-Zoom	**14** 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library **7- 8:30pm Bells Practice-Sanctuary** **7pm - 8:30pm Troop 56 Mtg-MWH**	**15** **7:00pm - 8:30pm Choir Practice**	**16** **6:15pm - 9:45pm Newark Symphony Chorus & Orch. Rehearsal**	**17** Harvest Festival - MWH Set-up
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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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Class of 2028: Carolyn Morton, Kern Piser, Mark Sisk
Class of 2029: Lois Huggins, Nancy Lewis, Jim Pierson-Perry

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Class of 2028: Judy Agnello, Kim Raff, Ann Roybal, Pam Wunder
Class of 2029: Julia Blair, Jennifer Dube, Sarah Huckleberry

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COME AND BE A PART OF OUR
CONGREGATION!!

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