



First Presbyterian Church

meets at

292 West Main Street · Newark, DE 19711

302-731-5644 · firstpresnewark.org

October 2, 2026



Worship Grow Serve

You Tube Channel

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Website

www.firstpresnewark.org

Church Calendar

[click here](#)

Online giving through PayPal



Next Week's Worship—October 11, 2026

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

Liturgist: Kim Raff

Closer: Joe Huggins

Counters: Harvey Conner, Marianne Piser



This Week's Worship – October 4, 2026

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

Liturgist: Bob Wunder

Closer: Wade Catts

Counters: Ron Olson, Kern Piser

Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS DONATED BY
HARRY SEIBERT
IN MEMORY OF BARBARA AND JULIE SEIBERT



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, October 4, 2026

1st SCRIPTURE READING

Our first scripture reading today comes from Isaiah 5: 1-7 (p.552)

- ¹ Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.
- ² He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.
- ³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.
- ⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?
- ⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.
- ⁶ I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.
- ⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

2ND SCRIPTURE READING

Our scripture reading today comes from Matthew 21: 33-46 (p.803)

- ³³ "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country.
- ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce.
- ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.
- ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way.
- ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'
- ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'
- ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.
- ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"
- ⁴¹ They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."
- ⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?"
- ⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.
- ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."
- ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them.
- ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

SPIRITUAL EDUCATION

New Adult Discipleship Study Begins October 4!

On October 4, the Adult Discipleship group will resume with 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

ALL ARE INVITED

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

First Presbyterian Church Newark, Memorial Hall

“Hear what God is doing to expand his kingdom in some of the most difficult parts of the world for the gospel through Bible Translation and Church Planting”

6:00 pm – Dinner – please bring a dish of your choosing:

- Main course
- Side dish
- Salad

Desert will be provided

7:00 pm – Speaker: Doulos Doulossia

A free will offering will be collected to benefit the mission



Sing For Your Supper

Our friends down the road at Rock Presbyterian Church will host their annual hymn sing and covered dish dinner on Saturday, October 10th, starting at 5:30 pm. All are invited. Please bring your singing voice and a side dish or dessert to share. For more information, please visit their website at rockpres.org.

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

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

VIF Giving Summary

as of August 31

Total VIF giving = \$219,133

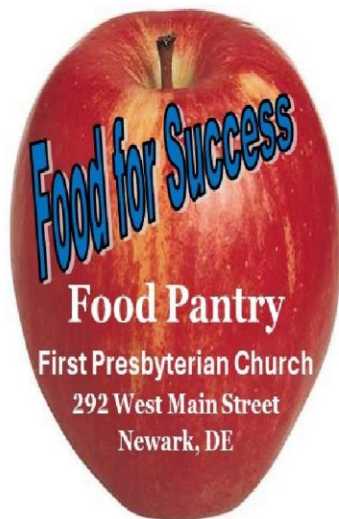
VIF Goal for 2026 = \$336,000

Dear friends,

Rick and I were able to visit Carlton this past Wednesday. We joined him in a Bingo game. He was the lucky winner in covering the entire board with the numbers called. He won \$5.00! After the game we listened to a music program with a vocalist and pianist. We were served snacks. An enjoyable time together! We left him at a domino game. His caregiver keeps him busy and in a routine.

Blessings,
Judy





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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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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○ Jim Pierson–Perry	October 2
○ Jen Blackburn	October 4
○ Ron Olson	October 6
○ Art Trembanis	October 13
○ Jules 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



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ANNIVERSARIES

Stan & Julia Blair

October 14

26 Years

Don & Kathy Tancredi

October 30

56 Years

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