First Presbyterian Church

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October 23, 2026

Worship Grow Serve



This Week's Worship – October 25, 2026

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

Liturgist: Kaitlin Douglas

Closer: Greg Hills

Counters: Harvey Conner, Francis Kwansa

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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMgrt0yHvgOjUPphSOFgxxA

Website

www.firstpresnewark.org

Church Calendar

click here

Online giving through PayPal

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Next Week's Worship–November 1, 2026

Ushers: Vickie Pierson-Perry, Phyllis Biddle, Sarah Huckleberry, Paul Biddle
Liturgist: Lois Huggins
Closer: Paul Biddle
Counters: Kevin Thomson, Kern Piser

Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS DONATED BY

KAITLIN DOUGLAS

IN CELEBRATION OF CHRIS AND NANCY'S ANNIVERSARY



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 25, 2026

1st Scripture Reading - *Deuteronomy 34:1-12 (p. 168)*

1 Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite
Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan,
2 all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea,
3 the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar.
4 The Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, "I
will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there."
5 Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command.
6 He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to
this day.
7 Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not
abated.
8 The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses
was ended.
9 Joshua, son of Nun, was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the
Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.
10 Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face.
11 He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt,
against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land,
12 and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight
of all Israel.

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

2nd Scripture Reading - *Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 (p. 476)*

Psalm 90:1-6
1 Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from
everlasting to everlasting you are God.
3 You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."
4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.
5 You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;
6 in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.
Psalm 90:13-17
13 Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants!
14 Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
15 Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.
16 Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.
17 Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands— O prosper
the work of our hands!

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Venture In Faith (VIF) 2027

Stewardship is the cultivation, management, and distribution of God's bounty to us as individuals and families; and the Church's provision of God's gifts made available by God's people. Each year First Presbyterian Church asks its members to review what they have given with an eye toward meeting any unmet personal goals, as well as increasing gifts for greater support of God's work by the Church.

We build our stewardship through donations of time, talent, and treasure.

- We can commit our time to serve on boards and committees, as well as organizations that benefit and serve our brothers and sisters in the local community and throughout the world.
- We can commit our talents to perform the tasks and projects necessary to maintain and build the places where we worship and spread the Good News.
- We can commit our treasure to meet the expenses of organizing, teaching, and articulating the Gospel for a world that so desperately needs to understand and live by it.

By financial support, member volunteer efforts, and the sharing of facilities, First Pres Church has contributed toward meeting the needs of the community and the world. Examples of these include, but by no means are limited to, the following: Hope Dining Room, Food for Success pantry, the recovering communities, missionary efforts around the world, our sister church in Dinanga, alternative gift market, refugee family resettlement, and Scouts of America.

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Newark asks that you give prayerful thought and consideration to what you believe our church could and should be doing to feed, clothe, shelter, prepare, and inspire those who do not have enough. Share with the Session the opportunities you see, and express your commitment of time, talent, and treasure for 2027 on the attached Venture In Faith form.

And always remember the words of the late Dr. Ed Gliwa, a saint of First Pres, "Give until it feels good."

Venture In Faith (VIF) 2027 Pledge Form

Please complete this form and return it by placing in the collection plate, giving it to the church office, emailing to fpchurch@firstpresnewark.org, or mailing to First Presbyterian Church, 292 West Main Street, Newark, DE 19711. Your response will help the church plan its activities and outreach efforts for the coming year. It is not necessary to sign this form. Your commitment is between you and God.

Time: Hours per week_____ or per month_____

Talent: Work on projects described_____ or units completed_____

Treasure: $_____ per week / per month / per quarter / other

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Newark, DE thanks you for your prayerful commitment

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.

FPC-N Congregation enjoying the Fall Festival













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

COME HELP US SUPPORT 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.

Memorial Hall West & Kitchen
First Presbyterian Church – Newark
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pw@firstpresnewark.org

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.

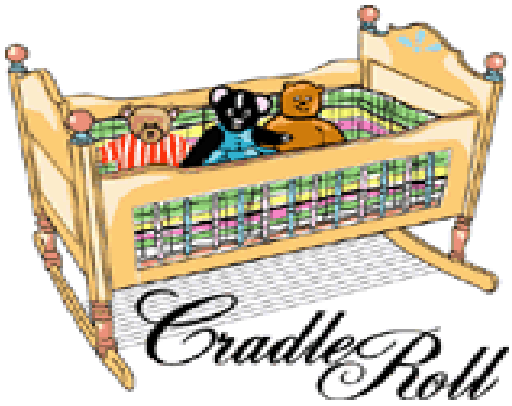
These will be given to those in need during our turn to provide a free lunch in December.

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**

FREE BABY FURNITURE

- MINT-CONDITION CRIB AND CHANGING TABLE IS AVAILABLE



- If interested, please call the church office (302) 731-5644 and leave a message.

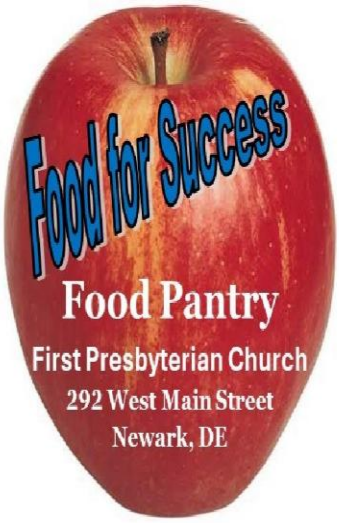
FIRST COME…FIRST SERVE

VIF Giving Summary

as of September 30

Total VIF giving = $233,532

VIF Goal for 2026 = $336,000



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
18 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary **11:00am - 3:00pm Harvest Festival - MWH** 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development-"The Kingdom of God" 1:00pm - 3:00pm Girl Scout Troop 157 Meeting **6:30pm - 9:30pm Newark Symphony Chorus & Orch. Rehearsal**	**19** *4:00pm - 6:00pm* *Food for Success* *Session meeting* *7:00pm - 9:00pm*	**20** 10:00am - 12:00pm Rachel Circle -MH Gliwa and Ruth Circle- Parlor hybrid 1:00pm - 3:00pm Elizabeth Circle - Parlor hybrid 7:00pm - 8:30pm Lydia Circle- Zoom/Parlor	**21** 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**	**22** **7:00pm - 8:30pm Choir Practice**	**23** *4:00pm - 6:00pm* *Food for Success*	**24** 6:00pm - 9:30am UD Chorale Concert
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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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