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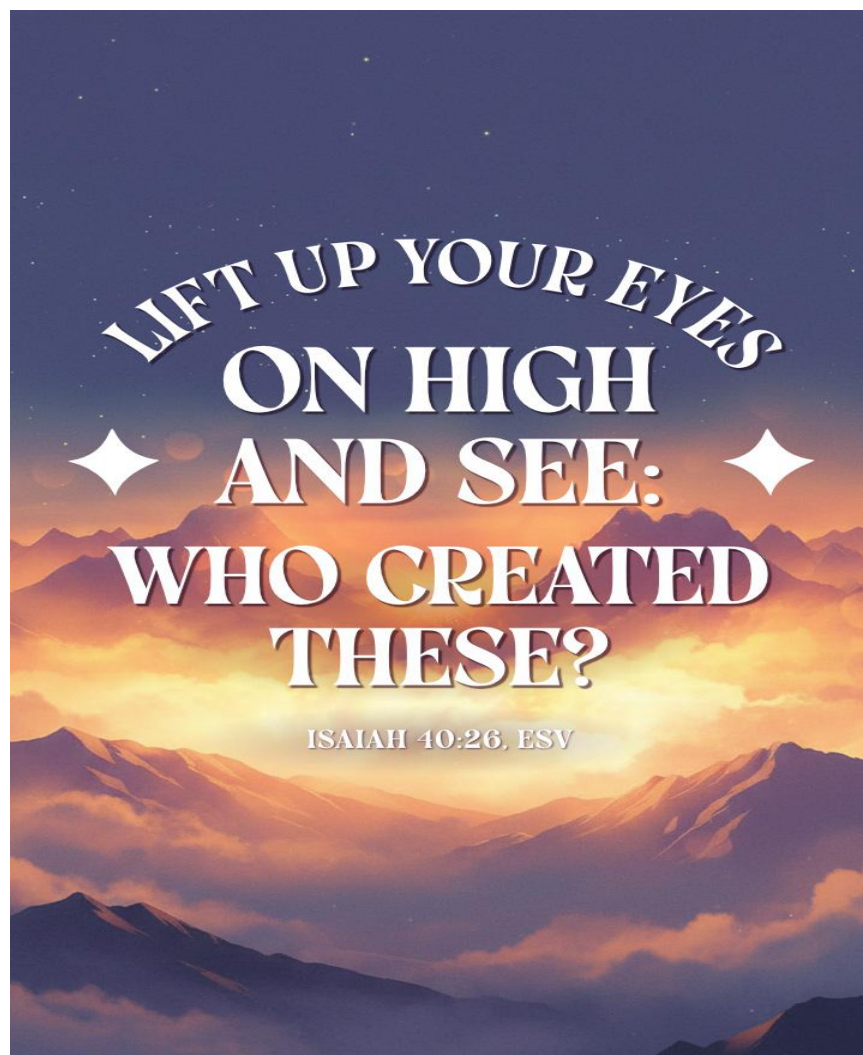
Next Week's Worship—September 20, 2026

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Liturgist: Linda Banks

Closer: Greg Hills

Counters: Harvey Conner, Mimi Lovelace



This Week's Worship – September 13, 2026

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

Liturgist: Kaitlin Douglas

Closer: Ron Olson

Counters: Matt Reyne, Marianne Piser

Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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Scripture reading for Sunday, September 13, 2026

1st SCRIPTURE READING

Our first scripture reading today comes from Exodus 14:19-31 (p.53)

14:19 The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them.

14:20 It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

14:21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided.

14:22 The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

14:23 The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers.

14:24 At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into panic.

14:25 He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

14:26 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers."

14:27 So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea.

14:28 The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained.

14:29 But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

14:30 Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.

14:31 Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

2ND SCRIPTURE READING

Our scripture reading today comes from Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21(p.54)

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

15:2 The LORD is my strength and my might, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

15:3 The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name.

15:4 "Pharaoh's chariots and his army he cast into the sea; his picked officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

15:5 The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone.

15:6 Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power-- your right hand, O LORD, shattered the enemy.

15:7 In the greatness of your majesty you overthrew your adversaries; you sent out your fury, it consumed them like stubble.

15:8 At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up, the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.

15:9 The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.'

15:10 You blew with your wind, the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

15:11 "Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders?

15:20 Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing.

15:21 And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

A NOTE OF THANKS TO MY CHURCH FAMILY

On February 27, 2025, I was diagnosed with a rare and aggressive form of cancer. Since then, we have been going through a journey guided by faith, prayer, and science.

Doctors, nurses, and technicians all played an integral part on my road to recovery; and never for one minute did I feel alone or in despair. Your constant notes of encouragement were ever present and I was always surrounded by God's presence and love. Your prayers were felt every day and they were answered.

I have been in remission for several months now. I will continue to have treatments for the next year, and the final outcome continues to be in God's hands.

I am very blessed to have the support of my family and all of you. Many of you do not know me, but you still prayed; thank you. Most of you know Jim. He has been a rock. He thanks you.

Today I feel hopeful, tomorrow is in God's hands, always I feel grateful. I pray for all of you as you did for me. And I give thanks every day for being part of this wonderful and kind group of people. May the Almighty shower you with blessings always.

With all my love and gratitude.

Loida Wilburn



September 10, 2026

Dear Pastor McKenty,

It was a pleasure meeting you recently at the funeral service for our dear Dr. Evelyn R. ("Lyn") Hayes. Although the circumstances were sad, I appreciated the opportunity to meet you, and I hope you remember me, the person coming in with a walking cane from Mississippi. We joked about the weather, and I hope you don't mind my reaching out about a rather urgent situation affecting a fellow Colombian who is currently studying at the University of Delaware.

José Calet Prado Sánchez is presently in Delaware participating in a short-term English-language training program through the University of Delaware's English Language Institute (ELI), which he will complete during the second half of October. Unfortunately, he has encountered an unexpected housing difficulty just as his wife and their two-year-old daughter are preparing to join him for a short visit.

Before coming to the United States, José and his wife had planned for her and their daughter to visit him from September 20 through October 17. In addition to spending this time together as a family, his wife hopes to use the visit to explore the possibility of pursuing a Master's degree in a STEM field in the United States.

When José arranged his accommodation at the International House (iHouse) Living Learning Community, he did not fully understand that his accommodation would involve a shared room. He currently has a roommate and, consequently, cannot accommodate his wife and young daughter there during their visit. Despite his efforts, he has not been able to find an affordable short-term lease, sublease, or other suitable arrangement where the three of them could stay together comfortably and safely for those few weeks.

I am therefore reaching out to ask whether you might know of someone within the First Presbyterian Church community, or within your broader network, who may have a furnished room, apartment, in-law suite, guest accommodation, or other temporary space that could be made available to this young family from September 20 through October 17 at a reasonable cost. Even a lead or introduction to someone who might be willing to help would be enormously appreciated.

I recognize this is an unusual request, and anyone considering opening a property or home to someone they do not know would understandably want reassurance. For that reason, I am copying Cheryl Ernst, my fellow Rotarian, as well as Rafael Delgado and Dora Marin, fellow Colombian instructors, who know José and can speak to his character and conduct. I would also be very happy to facilitate an introduction or conversation with José directly.

The need is becoming urgent because his wife and daughter are scheduled to arrive on September 20, less than two weeks from now. I thought of reaching out because a church community and its extended network can sometimes identify possibilities that don't appear through conventional rental channels, especially in this critical timeframe and for this specific location on campus.

Thank you very much, Pastor McKenty, for taking the time to read this message. I would be deeply grateful for any guidance, contact, or possibility you might be able to suggest. There is, of course, no expectation that the church itself provide accommodation; we are simply hoping that someone within the wider community might know of a suitable short-term option for José and his family.

With warm regards,

Nelson A. Atchortúa, MD. PhD. MPH. MS.

== 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. —

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

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! ♡~

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



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. All are invited to a luncheon immediately following in Memorial Hall West.

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September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 - 10am Prayer Group-Zoom 12 - 1pm Band of Brothers-Library 7- 8:30pm Bells Practice -Sanct. 7- 8:30pm Troop 56 Mtg - MWH	3 7:00pm - 8:30pm Choir Practice	4	5 8:00am - 9:00am First breakfast - Presbyterian Women
6 Sacrament of Communion WORLD COMMUNION DAY 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development	7	8 ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED 9-1PM City-Newark ELECTRICITY DOWN 4-6PM Food for Success 6:30pm - 7:30pm Cub Pack 56 Den Mtg - MHW 7 - 9pm Deacon's - Library - Zoom 7- 9:30pm Finance Mtg.-Zoom	9 9 -10AM Prayer Group-Zoom 12-1PM Band of Brothers-Library 7-8:30pm Bells Practice-Sanct. 7 -8:30pm Troop 56 Committee Mtg - GLIWA 7-8:30pm Troop 56 Mtg - MWH	10 3:00pm - 4:00pm HR Team- MH Library 7:00pm - 8:30pm Choir Practice	11 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success	12:30-10:30PM LLUMOS ABBA Candlelight Experience
13 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development	14 12:00pm - 1:00pm Hope Dining Room	15 ELECTION DAY 10-12pm Rachel Circle -MH Gliwa and Ruth Circle-Parlor hybrid 1-3pm Elizabeth Circle-Parlor hybrid 7- 8:30pm Lydia Circle- Zoom/Parlor	16 9 -10AM Prayer Group-Zoom 12-1PM Band of Brothers-Library 7-8:30pm Bells Practice-Sanct. 7-8:30pm Troop 56 Mtg - MWH	17 7:00pm - 8:30pm Choir Practice	18	19 11:00am - 2:00pm Tom Brockenbrough Celebration of Life & Luncheon immediately after
20 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development 1:00pm - 3:00pm Girl Scout Troop 157 Meeting 6:30pm - 9:30pm Newark Symphony Chorus & Orch. Rehearsal	21 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success 7:00pm - 9:00 pm Session - Parlor	22	23 9 -10AM Prayer Group-Zoom 10-11:00am Worship Team Mtg - Library 12-1PM Band of Brothers-Library 7-8:30pm Bells Practice-Sanct. 7-8:30pm Troop 56 Mtg - MWH	24 7:00pm - 8:30pm Choir Practice	25 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success	26
27 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development 6:30pm - 7:30pm Newark Symphony Chorus & Orch. Rehearsal	28	29 6:30pm - 8:00pm Cub Pack 56 Mtg/ Recruitment Night-MWH	23 9 -10AM Prayer Group-Zoom 12-1PM Band of Brothers-Library 7-8:30pm Bells Practice-Sanct. 7-8:30pm Troop 56 Mtg - MWH	1 7:00pm - 8:30pm Choir Practice	2	3



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

Christmas Presentation on December 13, 2026

By FPC Kids – Please join in on the FUN – Volunteers Needed!!

Adults

Narrator (kid or adults)

Researcher

Creative coordinator (props and costumes)

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,
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

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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

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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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