



September 18, 2026

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Next Week's Worship—September 27, 2026

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

Liturgist: Linda Banks

Closer: Greg Hills

Counters: Harvey Conner, Mimi Lovelace



This Week's Worship – September 20, 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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IN MEMORY OF HER MOTHER DOROTHY ROSESSEL



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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, September 20, 2026

1st SCRIPTURE READING

Liturgist say - *Our first scripture reading today comes from Philippians 1: 21-30 (p.953)*

21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. 22 If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! 23 I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; 24 but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. 25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, 26 so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me. 27 Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel 28 without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. 29 For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, 30 since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

2ND SCRIPTURE READING

Pastor says - *Our scripture reading today comes from Matthew 20: 1-16 (p.801)*

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. “About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So, they went. “He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. About five in the afternoon, he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’ ““Because no one has hired us,’ they answered. “He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’ “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

“The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. So, when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’ “But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ “So, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

FPC-N HAT DAY/ RALLY DAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 CELEBRATION

Most worshippers arrived at First Presbyterian Church of Newark. Sunday morning, September 13, 2026 adorned with their hats. The Children listed attentively as they returned from their summer vacations back to Sunday school. As the worshippers departed, they were sent home with tacos.





== 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. —



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

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
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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

Please contact Fe Wright [856-745-8736](tel:856-745-8736) / Febwright@outlook.com

Children's Nativity Service



Refreshments
provided! Plus,
a small gift for
every child.



10-11 am 13 Dec 2026

Everyone is welcome!

RSVP & Inquiries
phone# 856-745-8736

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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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