



September 25, 2026

First Presbyterian Church

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www.firstpresnewark.org

Church Calendar

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Next Week's Worship—October 4, 2026

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

Liturgist: Bob Wunder

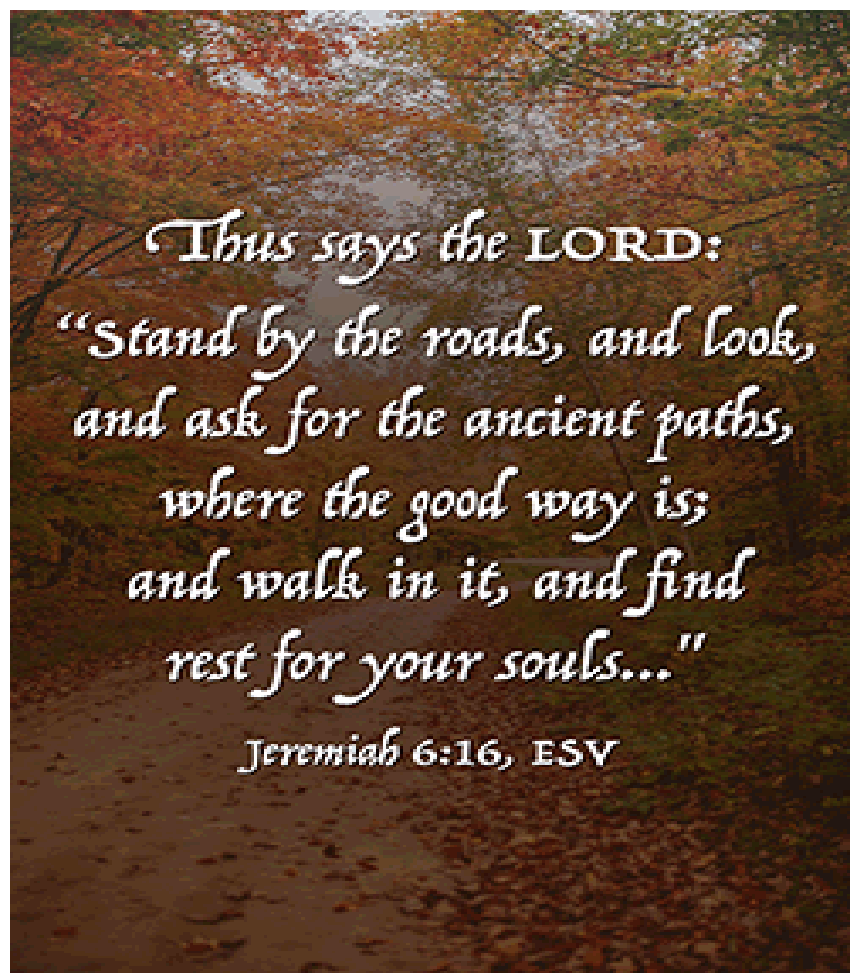
Closer: Wade Catts

Counters: Ron Olson, Kern Piser

Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday

9:00 am to 1:00 pm



This Week's Worship – September 27, 2026

Ushers: Vickie Pierson-Perry, Phyllis Biddle, Sarah Huckeberry, Paul Biddle

Liturgist: Julie Blair

Closer: Paul Biddle

Counters: Kevin Thomson, Joe Huggins

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS DONATED BY
MARK SISK
IN CELEBRATION OF PHYLLIS' BIRTHDAY



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, September 27, 2026

1st SCRIPTURE READING

Our first scripture reading today comes from Exodus 17: 1-7 (P.56)

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?"

But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?"

So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

2ND SCRIPTURE READING

Our scripture reading today comes from Matthew 21: 23-32 (p.802)

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"

Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?"

And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet."

So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?"

They said, "The first."

Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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!



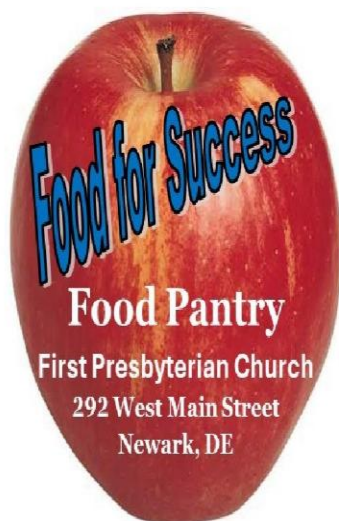
Jan	Session
Feb	Deacons
March	Praise Team
April	UD/Community Outreach
May	Finance Committee
June	Ushers
July	Adult & Children Ed
August	PW CT
September	Worship Committee/ Band of Brothers
October	Hope Dining Hall
November	Choir
December	PW Circle Members



October 3rd—Session

**November 7th —UD / Community
Engagement Committee**

December 5th —Hope Dining Room



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
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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	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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○ 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



<i>Stan & Julia Blair</i>	<i>October 14</i>	<i>26 Years</i>
<i>Don & Kathy Tancredi</i>	<i>October 30</i>	<i>56 Years</i>

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
302-731-5644 or 484-557-9983

