



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HEART

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NOVEMBER 2023

# BEAT

*A nurturing community in Jesus Christ reflecting God's love for the world as we  
Worship, Grow and Serve.*



The session is calling a

## SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

immediately after worship on **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5**,  
to act upon the Pastor Nominating Committee's

- † **NOMINATION OF THE NEXT INSTALLED PASTOR**
- † **APPROVE THE PROPOSED TERMS OF CALL**

which will be made available before the meeting.



### **Veteran's Sunday**

*Sunday, November 12th*

We will be honoring all who have served.

Please inform Grace in the church office of your service if you wish to be listed in the bulletin as part of honoring the Veterans that morning. [officemanager@firstpresnewark.org](mailto:officemanager@firstpresnewark.org)



### **Hanging of the Greens**

*Sunday, November 19th*

*After the 10:00 service.*

Come join us as we decorate the Sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas Season. **Lots of volunteers needed!**



## SAVE THE DATE

## Resound, the UD Choir

**Tuesday, December 5th**

**7:00 pm**

**Sanctuary**



## **WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Sunday Worship**

**10:00 am**

**Worship Service**

### **Sunday School**

Begins in Worship  
at 10:00 am

### **You Tube Channel**

[https://www.youtube.com/  
channel/  
UCMgrrt0yHvgO-  
iUPphSOFgxxA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMgrrt0yHvgO-iUPphSOFgxxA)

### **Website**

[www.firstpresnewark.org](http://www.firstpresnewark.org)

### **Church Calendar**

[click here](#)

Online giving through



[https://firstpresnewark.org/  
giving-at-fpc-n/](https://firstpresnewark.org/giving-at-fpc-n/)

### **Office Hours**

**Monday-Friday**

**9:00 am—1:00 pm**



## Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart!

Pastor Eric

Dear Friends,

November is here, a time of thanksgiving and hope for the future! Our stewardship/commitment campaign will start shortly. We need everyone's support for the church to do the continuing excellent mission, worship, praise, Bible Studies, and pastoral care that we are so good at. Also, we will have that very special day of Thanksgiving when we especially thank God for all that God has done for us. And as November comes to an end Advent will begin. It is a special time of celebration, a time of giving thanks and anticipation of a very beautiful time of the year – Advent and Christmas.

Perhaps one of the greatest things we can learn during this month is how to live life being always thankful! One of the characteristics of many of our Biblical characters is to live thankfully. As all of us do, the folks in the Bible also face life's great challenges. God calls Abraham and Sarah on a remarkable journey that takes them through many lands, great difficulties, and times when they did not know if they would survive, but throughout they were thankful to the Lord. Job's life was nearly destroyed and yet he kept his faith, and at the end of all that he had faced he gave thanks to God.

As Jesus was dying in agony on the cross, he cried:

*"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"*

However, what we do not often realize this was the beginning of Psalm 22, which Jesus probably knew by heart. The Psalm continues to describe in grueling detail what Jesus is experiencing, and yet the Psalm moves to this beautiful point:

*But you, O Lord, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid! Deliver my soul from the*

*sword, my life from the power of the dog! Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me. I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: ... From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.*

Jesus was thankful to God in even the worst situation imaginable. Many who passed him by that day did not realize that he was using the 22<sup>nd</sup> Psalm to say that he would be thankful to God in all situations.

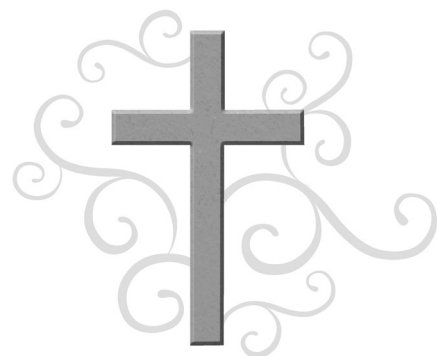
Can we do the same? How easy it is to become angry with God, which is where Jesus started, but unlike our Lord we stay angry with God. Jesus started in anger and moved to thanksgiving. If Jesus could do this in the most difficult time possible, perhaps we can do this with what we face as well. There are a number of ways to face life and all its challenges, one is with indifference, another is anger, or the third can be in thanksgiving to God.

If we move to indifference, or anger our lives become either meaningless or miserable. Sadly, in my lifetime I have met many people who have done exactly that. However, as followers of Jesus we do not have to, and truly should not choose such a course. Rather we should open our hearts and thank the Lord for the love that God has for each of us.

In this season of Thanksgiving let us learn to live our lives in a depth of gratefulness and joy that can change the very being of who we are!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Eric



## Clerk's Corner

Nancy Lewis, Clerk

This month Session was working on many items for the good of the church, including:

- † Approved Trunk or Treat to be held on Saturday October 28
- † Approved purchase of a new laptop computer for the library
- † Approved tree removal behind the Nursing home next to the church
- † Approve removing unnecessary restrictions on the use of money from the Ministry Funds
- † Approval of a modification of the Memorials & Bequests MAP (procedural methods) because the overseeing has been also modified
- † Approved having an Online Option for Session meetings
- † Increase discretionary spending of the President and Vice-President of the Trustees (who are now part of the Session body)



## Refugee News

Nancy Lewis

Our church is encouraging the Non-Profit STAR organization founded by Waqif Shenwari, one of the Afghan refugees we have assisted. He has started a Non-Profit organization to meet some of the needs he sees in the Refugee community in Delaware.

We have also been assisting another Afghan refugee, Zakhil. He needed assistance getting his Green card, and understanding medical notices he received. His health insurance recently changed, and he didn't understand why his old medical health card no longer was accepted. It is the little things that frustrate many of our refugee friends, and our church is supporting these people through this.

Zakhil's family is still in Afghanistan. Thankfully they have not been affected by the earthquake which hit there recently, but they are still waiting for news on how to come to the US. I have attached a picture of his family when he left for the US. Of course, they are 2 years older now.



## Grief Support Group

Please join us on Mondays as we continue our program

*"Hope Beyond Today".*

**10:30 am - Memorial Hall Parlor**

**November 6** - Session 4: Healthy Grief Versus Complicated Grief

**November 20** - Session 5: Counsel From Those Who Have Walked This Journey

**December 4** - Session 6: Now What? Where Do I Go From Here?

For more information please contact Nancy Boulden



## Deacons Deliver!

Flowers are one of the many ways of showing we care about our church family. These are the flowers that are placed on the Communion Table each Sunday.

Encouragement  
Thank You  
Congratulatory  
Sympathy  
Thinking of You  
Special Occasions



Flowers are like friends; they bring color to your world.  
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## Adult Spiritual Development

Do you leave Sunday worship hungry for more of God, or just hungry? Either way, we have you covered! We have a wonderful Adult Spiritual Development group that meets in the Parlor of Memorial Hall for 45 minutes every Sunday after worship. The goal of the group is to grow in our faith and apply Christian principles to daily life. AND we have snacks!

We have just begun a new study by John Ortberg entitled, "The Life You've Always Wanted". Ortberg is always enjoyable and you are sure to enjoy this study. On December 3, we will begin a four week Advent study, entitled, "The Case for Christmas". This will be a great way to fully immerse yourself in the Christmas season.

We hope to see you on Sundays!

Melody Bock (melodybock.counselor@gmail.com)  
Allen Sievert (allen.sievert@yahoo.com)



## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

There will be **NO**  
**Children's Sunday School**  
**on November 26th.**



Daylight-Saving  
Time Ends

**Nov. 5**

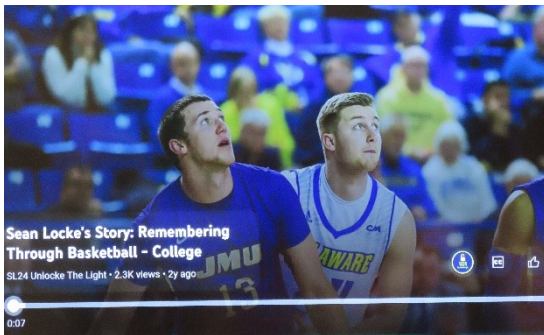




# Thank You!

Presbyterian Women would like to thank everyone who came out to our program to hear Chris Locke give a heartfelt talk about his son, mental illness and Sean's House. A special thank you to Evelyn Hayes for introducing us to Chris Locke and Sean's House.

Thanks to your generosity, we collected over \$700 to support the needs of Sean's House!



So far, we have purchased a sofa, bike rack and chain lock from their wish list and will supply munchies, water and soda in December. Our support will continue throughout the academic year thanks to everyone's generosity.

## Hope Dining Room



Hope Dining Room will again be collecting socks, mittens and gloves to be distributed at our December 11th meeting, as Christmas gifts from First Pres. There will be a box in the narthex and one in Memorial Hall for donations from November 13 through December 4. We thank you, again, for your great generosity.



# THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

PSALM 107: 1 *Give thanks to the Lord for He is good...*



## FALL FUNDRAISER THANK YOU

On behalf of the Presbyterian Women CT, Carol Olson and Pam Wunder would like to extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who cooked soup or chili, baked sweet treats or created baskets! We deeply appreciate your participation in our Fall Fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who helped set up on Friday and clean up on Saturday – what an efficient team of helpers we had! We also thank everyone who came out on the rainy Saturday to purchase these items to support our local and global missions. It was a huge success thanks to you!



\*\*\*\*\*PW Circle Sisters\*\*\*\*\*

Remember our Thank Offering is collected during our November Circle Meetings



**Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> 7:30PM**

Saint John the Baptist/Holy Angels Catholic Parish

at Holy Angels Catholic Parish

82 Possum Park Rd, Newark, DE 19711





## Behind the Scenes With the AV Team

Jim Pierson-Perry

Every Sunday—religiously (pun intended)—the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church—Newark fills with sound. Spoken liturgies, hymns, sermons, anthems, and more, all combine to lift the congregation in praise and worship. At the same time, the sound and video are streamed over the internet to remote participants, as well as recorded for later viewing. This is made possible by the audio-visual (AV) team, who works each week to ensure that every word and musical note are heard and the video is on target and clear.

The team is made up of church member volunteers and one paid professional, who provides expert level sound mixing and engineering ability. Dave Evers oversees video operators and their training, while Jim Pierson-Perry oversees the audio side.



**FPC-N AV Team:** Jim Pierson-Perry, Andre “Dre” Corbitt, Dave Evers, Nathan Nanji, Beth Marshall, Ted Koser. **Not available:** Kaitlin Douglas and Laura Sievert.

Work begins at 8 am every Sunday with initial set-up of the audio mixer, speakers, and all audio inputs. Depending on the service, anywhere from 10 to 22+ different audio sources (mics and musical instruments) will be used. Loudness settings are adjusted during rehearsal of the music team to ensure all parts are heard and fit together well. Our audio professional Andre also crafts more advanced settings for each input’s equalization, panning, compression, etc., as well as for the overall mix output, to ensure a consistent and pleasing sound.

Andre actually gets to do this twice: once for in-sanctuary sound and a separate mix for the livestream sound. This is because some sounds do not need mics within the sanctuary—e.g., organ—but must be properly miked and mixed for the livestream. In addition to these two mixes, our audio system also provides two extra, different mixes: one so that the choir can hear what is being said and a different mix to an assisted hearing system under the sanctuary floor that feeds spoken word audio to attendees with hearing aids.

Once the service starts, the audio and video operators follow the bulletin just like producing a live TV show. Individual audio inputs must be muted when not needed to avoid extraneous noises, then turned back on just before use.



## AV TEAM Continued...

The video operator controls four cameras to set up the best view for the next step in the service, then seamlessly blends from one camera angle to another. The operator uses a controller with joystick and knobs to move each camera up down, left, right, and zoom in or out as needed. This is easy when someone is standing still but becomes tricky when tracking Pastor Eric as he walks about giving the sermon.

While the AV Team's primary work is to support Sunday worship services, it is also called upon to support other activities such as PW events in the sanctuary, weddings, and memorial services. In a recent example, a memorial service was livestreamed to family and friends as far away as Ireland who were not able to attend in person.

The AV Team is proud to help with worship service and other events. We have come a long way from early days back in Covid time when we would marry audio recordings with video from a single hand-held camcorder. Our system today is pretty much state of the art. Please feel free to stop back to the AV control booth—after worship service—and see it for yourself!



## Upcoming Musical Events

First Presbyterian church regularly offers a number of community and regional concerts in our spacious sanctuary. Please join us to enjoy a wide array of wonderful vocal and instrumental music coming your way over the next months!

### Fall 2023 Season

Nov 11<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 pm Newark Symphony Band (donation)

Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5:00 pm University of Delaware Carols By Candlelight (\$\$)

Dec 10<sup>th</sup> - 3:00 pm Newark Community Band Holiday Concert (donation)

Dec 17<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 pm Chesapeake Brass Band Holiday Concert (donation)



### Winter-Spring 2024 Season

Feb 24<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 pm Newark Symphony Orchestra Concert

Mar 17<sup>th</sup> - 3:00 pm Newark Community Band 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Concert

Apr 27<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 pm Chesapeake Brass Band Concert (donation)

(\$\$) Ticket required from the University of Delaware School of Music.

For more information, please contact the church office (302)731-5644 or the UD events calendar at <https://www.music.udel.edu/events/calendar> or call (302) 369-3466.





The Newark Area Welfare Committee (NAWC) operates a food pantry out of the Newark United Methodist Church on main street. This food pantry is operated by the all-volunteer team at NAWC. The pantry is open all year round for one hour on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of each week. Each of the days the pantry is open a set of two volunteers typically provision between 3-9 individuals who have come to obtain food for their families. The volunteers help each visitor by stocking bags of food from the pantry's shelves, refrigerator, and freezer. The pantry is setup to allow our visitors to "shop" from our shelves of food and secure perishable food items from our refrigerator and freezer. NAWC's food pantry is USDA and Delaware Food Bank approved with food supplies chosen to include nutrient rich choices.

***NAWC is inviting any interested persons to volunteer and help support the operation of our food pantry.*** Volunteering for 1 hour a month or more is welcomed and appreciated! Your help will allow us to continue making a difference. The food pantry has over the last 4 months provisioned food for 728 individuals and their families. We are making a difference and your support can continue that effort in our community!

***To sign up for the food pantry simply email Frank Henshaw @ [foodcupboard@newarkareawelfare.org](mailto:foodcupboard@newarkareawelfare.org)***

## Chancel Flowers

**Cost \$31.00**

Flowers can be dedicated in honor or memory of family, friends and loved ones.

Please see sign up sheet located on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

***Checks clearly identified for chancel flowers may be placed in the offering plate or brought to the church office.***



## Helping Hands

***Food for the hungry and hope for the homeless***

The recipient for November's food collection will be

**Meeting Ground  
Wayfarer's House**

- Bags distributed Sunday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>
- Collection taken Sunday, Nov. 26<sup>nd</sup>

Please look for priority needs in your Sunday bulletin.

Don't have time to shop but would still like to help? Checks are welcome, made out to: "First Presbyterian Church." Memo line: "Meeting Ground."



- 1 Paul Biddle
- Denise Murray
- 3 Marty Gronka
- 4 Dick Hourigan
- 7 Don Blackburn
- Melissa Huffman
- 9 Steve Hardwick
- 10 Sandra Prather
- 11 Jane Moore
- 12 Kathy Farnum
- 13 Logan Blackburn
- Cassie Malgiero
- Vickie Pierson-Perry
- 16 Russ Zehnacker
- 18 Ronald Mehan
- 19 Anne Thomson
- 22 Pam Wunder
- 26 Polly Sheaffer
- Carlton Tappan
- 27 Janet Belles
- 30 Sean Ferry

#### November 4

Bob & Sandy Wenner

#### November 6

Wayne & Sonia Choi

#### November 7

Jeff & Cindy Rogers

#### November 8

Greg & Shirley Hills

#### November 18

Joe & Lois Huggins

#### November 23

Brian & Marie Cowgill

#### November 24

Robert & Laura Tuttle

#### November 29

Ron & Annette Mehan

Welcome:

**Abigail, born October 5, 2023**

to Jinlan Dong and Rob Piser  
Grandparents are Marianne and  
Kern Piser

**Mark Robert Shaeffer,  
born October 14, 2023**

Janet Myers 4th great-grandson

If we are missing you from the birthday or anniversary list, please let us know!

Contact Grace in the church office -

[officemanager@firstpresnewark.org](mailto:officemanager@firstpresnewark.org)

**THE DEADLINE FOR THE  
DECEMBER/JANUARY  
HEART BEAT IS  
NOVEMBER 15**

#### Prayer Concerns or Needs?

You can use the prayer card in the pews, contact the church office or use our prayer email:

**[prayers@firstpresnewark.org](mailto:prayers@firstpresnewark.org)**

Please let us know if you would like them kept confidential.





## Christmas Memorials 2023

The Christmas season is a time when people remember and honor loved ones. Our church provides two opportunities to appreciate and recall special people during the holiday season. The traditional poinsettias will be in the sanctuary on December 17<sup>th</sup>. You may pick up your poinsettia(s) after the Christmas Eve service you attend on December 24<sup>th</sup>. The cost for each poinsettia is \$15.00. An alternate choice will be to make a contribution to local mission. We have not selected this year's recipient yet.

You may pay with cash or check made payable to: First Presbyterian Church. On the memo line of the check please indicate "*Poinsettia*" or "*Local Mission*."

Please complete the attached form. Send the form and payment to First Presbyterian Church or place both in the offering plate by **DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>**. All memorials received by the deadline will be acknowledged in the church bulletin. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 731-5644.

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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to: \_\_\_\_\_ donate a poinsettia \_\_\_\_\_ contribute to local mission

Wording: (Choose 1 per donation)

♦ Given in memory of loved ones \_\_\_\_\_

by \_\_\_\_\_

♦ Given in loving memory of \_\_\_\_\_

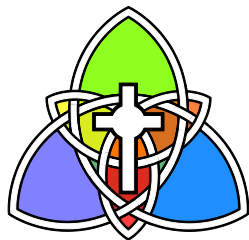
by: \_\_\_\_\_

♦ Given in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

I will \_\_\_\_\_ will not \_\_\_\_\_ pick up my poinsettia (s) after the Christmas Eve service I attend.

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***Sunday Worship***

***10:00 a.m.***

***Children's Sunday School***

***Begins in worship at 10:00 am***

***Interim Pastor***

***Rev. Eric Markman***

***[pastor@firstpresnewark.org](mailto:pastor@firstpresnewark.org)***

***cell: 603-770-3239***

**We seek to be vibrantly active messengers of hope, bringing the caring presence of Jesus Christ and love of God into our community and the wider world.**