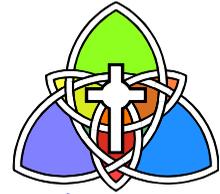




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Worship Grow Serve

March 8, 2026

Third Sunday in Lent



Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

*Those who are able may stand

PRELUDE: *“By the Still Waters”*

By Amy Beach

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS

“He asks for a drink, and he promises a drink. He is in need, as one hoping to receive, yet he is rich, as one about to satisfy the thirst of others.... What is this water that he will give if not the water spoken of in Scripture: With you is the fountain of life? How can those feel thirst who will drink deeply from the abundance in your house?” *Augustine’s Treatise on the Gospel of John (Tract. 15, 10-12, 16-17: CCL 36, 154-156)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (responsive)

O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

The hour is coming and is now here.
In spirit and truth, let us worship God. Amen.

***HYMN #418:** *“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”*

***PRAYER OF THE DAY** (unison)

Lord God, Great I Am, you are living water. As we worship you this day show us who we are: channels of your love and vessels of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN #582:** *“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”* (unison)

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation.

Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM: “*Living Waters*” by Kristyn Getty and Ed Cash

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Living God, through the reading of the Scriptures and by the power of your Spirit, may we hear for ourselves the good news, and believe, because of your Word, that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READNG: John 4: 5-42 (p.864)

Response after reading: This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MESSAGE

SERMON “*She Met a Seventh Man*”

***HYMN #182: “*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*”**

***Affirmation of Faith – (responsive)**

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “*Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land*” arr. Kyle Johnson

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYER CONCERNS

*As each group is prayed for, the minister will say: Lord in Your Mercy, and the people will respond: **Hear our prayer.***

THE LORD’S PRAYER (unison)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

CHARGE AND BLESSING

SONG OF SENDING #853 “*We are Marching in the Light of God*”

We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God;

we are marching in the light of God.

We are dancing . . .

We are praying . . .

We are singing . . .

About the Music:

Pretty straightforward messaging this morning: Jesus is a rock in a weary land, and from him pours water, water everywhere, and every drop is a drink; last week we had water as a force of turbulence and change, today it is still and calming and living and brings refreshment to the body and to the soul.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DONATED BY

THE GLORY OF GOD



This Week's Worship – March 8, 2026

Ushers: Wade Catts, Bob Wunder, Mimi Lovelace, Laura Sievert

Liturgist: Kim Raff

Closer: Wade Catts

Counters: Matt Reyne, Clinton Nanji

Next Week's Worship- March 15, 2026

Ushers: Joe Huggins, Stan Blair, Julie Blair, Pam Wunder

Liturgist: Linda Banks

Closer: Joe Huggins

Counters: Ron Olson, Mimi Lovelace



Flowers can be dedicated **in honor** or **memory** of family member, friend or loved one. You may keep or donate them. You can sign up on the form located in the Narthex.

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

Chancel Flowers \$31.00



Monday and Friday
2nd and 4th full week
of each month
4:00pm to 6:00pm
Memorial Hall
(behind the church)

For weather related closings go to www.firstpresnewark.org

Food for Success Open Dates for 2026

Dates circled in Green are holidays—Food for Success pantry is closed

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HOSTING:

APRIL 4TH WORSHIP COMMITTEE

LENTEN MUSICAL MEDITATIONS – THURSDAYS @ 1 PM IN THE SANCUTARY – STARTING 2/19

A time for reflection and meditation, the Lenten season is upon us. As we seek solace and contemplation in solitude and quiet, so can we in music and gathering. This year, First Presbyterian is offering a weekly series of Lenten Musical Meditations, hosted by the Director of Music, Christian Hendrick hosted by the Director of Music, Christian Hendricks, with Pastor Dan McKenty leading in opening and closing prayers.

On Thursdays at 1 pm during Lent, folks are invited to come to the Sanctuary for music of contemplation and solace, thought and feeling. Participants are invited to engage as they need; music will include some hymns and chants, so you may sing either with your voice, or silently in your hearts. Each gathering will last about half an hour or so.

The praise team is seeking a drummer to join us on Sunday mornings. We gather at 8:45 AM for rehearsal. The church has a digital drum set that we use during services and for our weekly YouTube videos.

If you're interested in sharing your talents, please contact Larry Benson at praiseleader@firstpresnewark.org.

Peace,

Larry

**Presbyterian Women
Make Fleece Blankets for Foster Children
February 28, 2026**





We are looking forward to welcoming 26 EFL (English as a Foreign Language) teachers from 22 different countries on a Department of State-sponsored Exchange program in March! **One goal of their program is to experience different US cultures and lifestyles through one of the most universal forms of hospitality - hosting a meal in a home!**

We are looking for families who would be willing to host 1 or more participants for a meal in their home.

When: Friday, March 13th (exact timing TBA, but pick up around 6pm)

Where: Your home! (pick up & drop off at the Hyatt on Main Street) Participants will be staying at the Hyatt on Main Street.

If you are interested in hosting, or have any questions, please respond to Rebecca Johnson (becalee@udel.edu). Please share this request with others who may be able to help out, and thank you!

Thank you for your support, which makes vital programs like this possible for ELI.

Nigel

PS - In case you have any special connections or requests, here's the complete list of countries represented: Albania, Algeria, Belarus, Brazil, Cameroon, Costa Rica, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Japan, Kenya, Madagascar, Mongolia, Nepal, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Russia, Taiwan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Senegal, Central African Republic

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43rd Anniversary Concert

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3:00 PM

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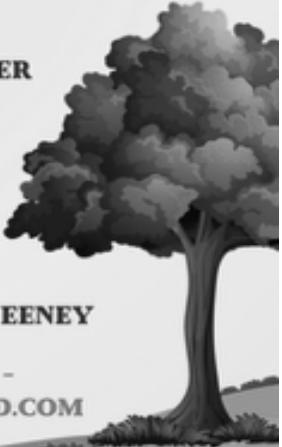
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Concert is free - Donations gladly accepted - Ample Parking



CRITICAL MASS - TODD STALTER
AN IRISH RHAPSODY - CLARE GRUNDMAN
BRIGHTON BEACH - WILLIAM LATHAM
CHANT AND JUBILO - W. FRANCIS MCBETH
ON A HYMN SONG OF PHILIP BLISS - DAVID HOLSINGER
THE PHANTOM REGIMENT - LEROY ANDERSON
SECOND SUITE IN F - GUSTAV HOLST
MELODIOUS THUNK - DAVID BIEDENBENDER
TRIBUTE TO THE COUNT - ARR. SAMMY NESTICO
NATIONAL EMBLEM MARCH - EDWIN BAGLEY
POP AND ROCK LEGENDS: THE BEATLES - ARR. MICHAEL SWEENEY

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EASTER 2026

Once again flowers will adorn our sanctuary on Easter morning, Sunday, April 5th.

You may wish to donate an Easter flower *in memory of* or *in honor of* a special person(s).

This year, we will be selling lilies, tulips and hyacinths.

Orders will be accepted through Wednesday, March 18th
to be recognized in the Easter bulletins.

Please make your checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and indicate "Easter Flower" on the memo line. Please place your order form and check in the offering plate using a pew envelope or church-offering envelope.

If you prefer, the order form and check may be mailed to: 292 West Main Street, Newark, DE 19711 or returned to the church office.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 731-5644.



Easter Lilies, Tulips and Hyacinths are \$13.00 each

(please choose one)

I will pick-up my flower after the worship service.

I will not pick-up my flower, but would like it to be given to the sick, shut-ins or bereaved.

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PHONE: _____

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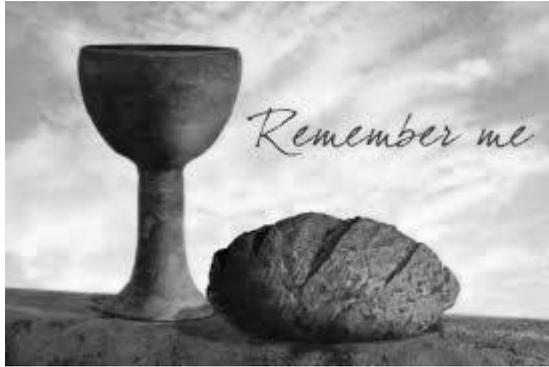
_____ I wish to purchase _____ Lily _____ Hyacinth _____ Tulip Total Paid: _____

WORDING: (Choose one per donation)

■ *In loving memory of* _____
given by _____

■ *In memory of loved ones by:* _____

■ *In honor of* _____
given by _____



The congregations of First Presbyterian Newark and St. John's A.M. Church will be worshipping together at a Maundy Thursday agape feast and Tennebrae service Thursday, April 2nd, 2026, in Memorial Hall West from 5-7 p.m. It will be an evening of prayer, sacrament, scripture, and song. A wonderful agape dinner is planned, and we are so blessed to be able to share this evening with the congregation of St. John's A.M. church who will be our guests for the evening. The church will supply the fried chicken and meatballs and the good folks from St. John will be bringing the drinks and desserts. You all will be supplying the sides and salads. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. Last year's dinner and service were very well received, and we look forward to a time of fellowship with St. John's as we journey together with our Lord to his passion and glorious resurrection.



First Presbyterian Church will be holding its Good Friday service April 3rd, 2026, at 7p.m. in the sanctuary. Come hear the testimony of witnesses to our Lord's passion and crucifixion, sit in silent meditation, and join in singing hymns from the Taiz'e community of Brothers in France. This deeply spiritual and moving service is dedicated to our Lord's sacrifice and prepares our hearts and minds for the joy and the glory of Easter morning.



Help proclaim God's Word by volunteering to be a Sunday worship liturgist! Any and all are invited to help lead our worship service! No prior training or experience is required, and Pastor Dan will answer any questions you may have. Helping to lead worship is a wonderfully fulfilling experience and a great way to deepen your relationship with the congregation and our Lord. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex, and you can also call or text Pastor Dan.

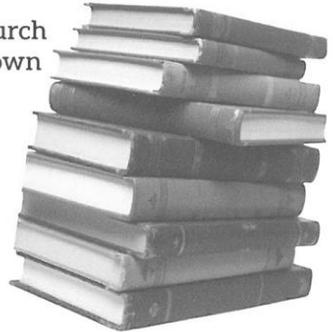


Presbyterian Women

Supporting a ***United for the Nations*** project by collecting gently used books in support of education in a sensitive region of North Africa.

UFTN builds long-term trusting partnerships with local church leaders as they accomplish projects to commission in their own contexts. They are helping to :

- Start a Christian College
- Continue bible translation in 30 languages
- Distribute radios and audio bibles
- Catalyze a radio station in a difficult location
- Strategize to fulfill the Great Commission



For more information about **United for the Nations** go to:
www.unitedforthenations.org

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and Memorial Hall

Thank you for supporting PW in this mission.

Contact:
Sandy Wenner
302-753-5347

Specific Book Categories for Christian College Books

Bible Atlas	Historical Theology
Books of Law	History of the Church
Christian Apologetics	Homiletics
Christian Counseling	Methods of the Bible Teaching
Christian Discipleship	Missions
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Christian Ethics	OT/NT Dictionaries
Christian Leadership	OT/NT Introduction
Christian Marriage and Family	OT/NT Survey
Christian Music and Worship	OT/NT Theology
Christian Philosophy	Pastoral Counseling
Church Administration	Pastoral Letters
Church Planting and Missions	Personal Ministry Preparation
Conflict Management and Resolution	Preaching
Cross Culture	Spiritual Formation
Encyclopedia (historical and theological)	Synoptic Gospel
Evangelism and Church Growth	Systematic Theology
Guides to the Bible	Theology of Doctrines
Hermeneutics	Wisdom Literature

MARCH



Gwen Angalet	March 06
Marilyn Kincaid	March 06
Conner Dube	March 08
Nora Malgiero	March 08
Tyler Dube	March 09
Ted Koser	March 11
LeeAnn Powell	March 11
Mark Sisk	March 11
Jane Nickle	March 14
Jynx Stevenson	March 14
Jim Annett	March 18
Laura Tuttle	March 18
Charlean Ruiter	March 23
Joe Huggins	March 24
Bob Wunder	March 25
Marian Leibfried	March 26

ANNIVERSARIES

Judy and Barry Baker	March 7 th
Joseph and Mallory Kowalski	March 9 th

March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sacrament of Communion 10-11am Worship(Sanct) 11:30-12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development 11:30-12pm Congregational Special Mtg -	2 6-7pm Girl Scout #15 (YR)	3 10-11:30am PW CT Parlor 6:30pm-8:30-BSA Cub Pk Meeting (YR)	4 9-10am Prayer Group-Zoom 12pm-1pm Band of Brothers ((Library) 7pm-8:30pm BSA Troop 56 Mtg (YR)	5 9am-12pm Library Reserv 7pm-8pm Choir Practice-Choir room	6 9-11am Finance/Bill Pay - Zoom 6:30pm - 8:30pm Cub Pack 56 :PINEWOOD DERBY WKSP	7
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LIST OF OFFICERS BY CLASS

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Deacons Moderator—Greg Hills

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