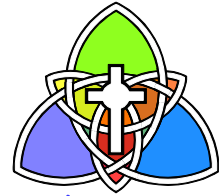




# First Presbyterian Church

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*Worship Grow Serve*

March 22, 2026

## Fifth Sunday in Lent



Jesus raises Lazarus





**\*HYMN #286**

*“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”*

**\*Affirmation of Faith – A Pilgrim People – (unison)**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We proclaim Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen One, confessing him as Lord to the glory of God the Father. In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we acclaim Jesus as the Lord of the Church, the Head over all things, the beginning of a new creation. We acknowledge that we live and work between the time of Christ’s death and resurrection and the final consummation of all things which he will bring. We are a pilgrim people, always on the way towards a promised goal; on the way Christ feeds us with word and sacraments, and we have the gift of the Spirit in order that we may not lose the way. We will live and work within the faith and unity of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, bearing witness to that unity which is both Christ’s gift and his will. We affirm that every member of the Church is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified. Together with all the people of God, we will serve the world for which Christ died. And we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus.**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:**            *“When Jesus Wept”*

by William Billings

**SONG OF DEDICATION: #710**    *“We Lift Our Voices”*

**\*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 BENEDICTION

### SONG OF SENDING:

*“Holy Is the Lord”*

by Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio

**Verse**  
We stand and lift up our hands  
For the joy of the Lord is our strength  
We bow down and worship Him now  
How great how awesome is He

**Pre-Chorus**  
And together we sing  
Ev'ryone sing

**Chorus**  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
The earth is filled with His glory (repeat all)

**Ending**  
The earth is filled with His glory

About the music

“When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound. When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.”

Difficult pleasures and hard-won happiness are not gained without some grief; a new life comes from saying goodbye to the old. When Jesus wept, his tears were washing away the world which caused his beloved Lazarus to die, and in the clearing came a new life for his friend and for us.

*Medley on the Cross* arranges two hymns, “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” and “O Sacred Head Now Wounded,” both of which mingle sadness and hope, pain and possibility. “When Jesus Wept” was written by William Billings, an innovating writer of fuguing tunes from the American Revolutionary period. Fuguing tunes are songs and hymns which either feature or are entirely made of canons/rounds (think “Row, Row, Row Your Boat”).

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DONATED BY

**THE GLORY OF GOD**



**This Week's Worship – March 22, 2026**

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

**Liturgist:** Nancy Boulden

**Closer:** Ron Olson

**Counters:** Harvey Conner, Marianne Piser

**Next Week's Worship- March 29, 2026**

**Ushers:** Carol Aftosmis, Marianne Piser, Kaitlin  
Douglas, Jo Kowalski

**Liturgist:** Rev. Rachel Herbert

**Closer:** Greg Hills

**Counters:** Joe Huggins, Clinton Nanji



**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**



**April 4th — Worship Committee & The UD Community Engagement**

**May 2nd—Hope Dining Room**

**June 6th—Deacons**

**July 11—Band of Brothers**

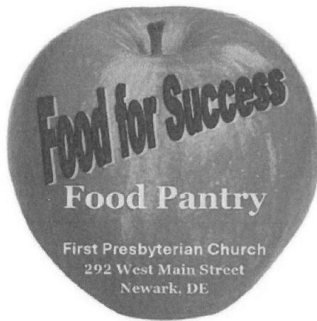
**August 1st—Chancel Choir & Praise Team**

**September 5th—Presbyterian Woman**

**October 3rd—Session**

**November 7th—Worship Committee**

**December 5th—Hope Dining Room**



**A choice pantry in partnership  
with the Food Bank of Delaware**

**An Equal Opportunity Provider**

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

For weather related closings go to  
[www.firstpresnewark.org](http://www.firstpresnewark.org)  
 (Serve/Food for Success)

**Food for Success 2026 Open Dates**

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

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## **LENTEN MUSICAL MEDITATIONS – THURSDAYS @ 1 PM IN THE SANCTUARY – 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.

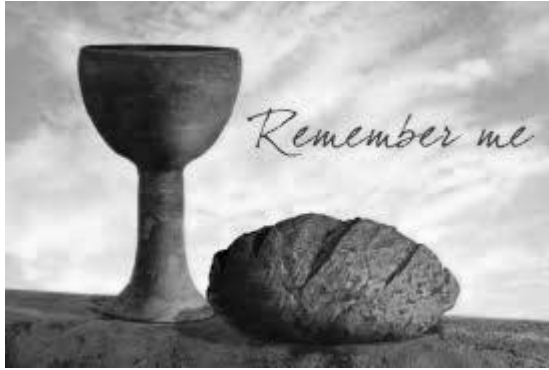
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The praise team is seeking a drummer to join us on Sunday mornings. We gather at 8:45 AM for rehearsal. The church has a digital drum set that we use during services and for our weekly YouTube videos.

If you're interested in sharing your talents, please contact Larry Benson at [praiseleader@firstpresnewark.org](mailto:praiseleader@firstpresnewark.org).

Peace,

Larry



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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.



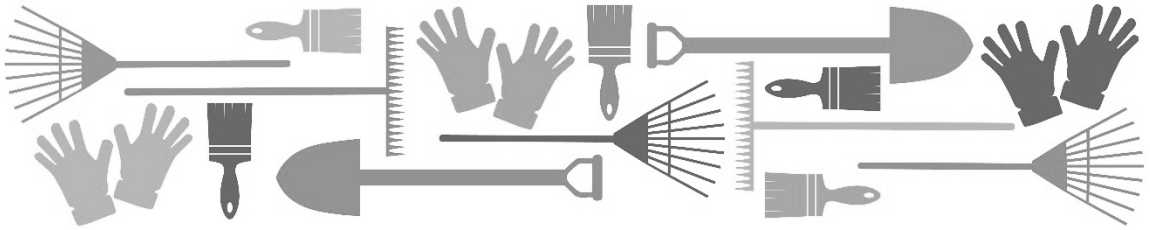
First Presbyterian Church will be holding its Good Friday service April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, at 7p.m. in the sanctuary. Come hear the testimony of witnesses to our Lord's passion and crucifixion, sit in silent meditation, and join in singing hymns from the Taiz'e community of Brothers in France. This 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.



Longtime member of the congregation, Donald Flessner, joined the church triumphant on March 4, 2026. A private family service will be held at Delaware Veteran's Memorial Cemetery on March 24, 2026.



Exciting news for Spring! First Presbyterian's former playground is being converted into a community garden by Girl Scout Troop 15! The Girl Scouts are building the garden with raised beds and a "little pantry" to bless our community. The growth belongs to God, but we are to be the sowers and reapers. If you are interested in helping work in the garden and/or plan its use (rent spaces, fair share spaces, etc) please contact Melody Bock by text 214-316-2543 or email [MelodyBock.counselor@gmail.com](mailto:MelodyBock.counselor@gmail.com)



Dear church family, as I slowly recover, I want to thank you for the outpouring of love through cards, meals, emails, texts, phone calls and most of all prayers. I could feel your loving arms wrapped around me as I heal. The serious injury was one thing but having to be still and non-active has been the big challenge!! Ron and I are so blessed to be part of such a compassionate, caring and loving church family. Thank you, Ron and Carol

# 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 <sup>th</sup>
Joseph and Mallory Kowalski	March 9 <sup>th</sup>

## March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Sacrament of Communion 10-11am Worship(Sanct) 11:30-12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development <b>11:30-12pm Congregational Special Mtg -</b>	<b>2</b> 6-7pm Girl Scout #15 (YR)	<b>3</b> 10-11:30am PW CT Parlor 6:30pm-8:30-BSA Cub Pk Meeting (YR)	<b>4</b> 9-10am Prayer Group-Zoom 12pm-1pm Band of Brothers(Libr) 7pm-8:30pm BSA Troop 56 Mtg (YR) 7-8PM Bells Rehearsal -	<b>5</b> 9am-12pm Library Reserv 7pm-8pm Choir Practice-Choir room	<b>6</b> 9-11am Finance/Bill Pay - Zoom 6:30pm - 8:30pm Cub Pack 56 :PINEWOOD DERBY WKSP	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 10-11:am Worship(Sanct) 11:30am-12:30pm Adult Spiritual Dev.	<b>9</b> 12- 1:00pm Hope Dining Rm 4-6pm Food For Success 6pm-7pm Girl Scout #15- (YR)	<b>10</b> 6:30pm- 8:30pm BSA Cub Pack - Den Mtg(YR) 7-9pm Deacon's - Libr - Zoom 7-9:30pm Finance Mtg.-Zoom	<b>11</b> 9-10am Prayer Group-Zoom 12pm - 1pm Band-Brothers-Library 7-8PM Bells Rehearsal - 7-8:30pm BSA #56 Mtg (YR)	<b>12</b> 9-12pm Library 3-4pm HR Team Library 7-8:00pm Choir Practice-Choir room	<b>13</b> 9:00- 11:00am Finance/Bill Pay - Zoom 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success  P6:30-11:59pm Pinewood Derby set up. Lock-in	<b>14</b> 12:00am - 2:00pm Cub Pack Pinewood Derby Race Day MHW & Kitchen
<b>15</b> 10-11:00am Worship(Sanct) 11:30-12:30pm Adult Spiritual Dev 1-3:00pm Girl Scout#157 Mtg <b>1- %:00pm Newark Community Band (Sanct) -</b>	<b>16</b> 6: 7pm Girl Scout Troop 15- (YR)	<b>17</b> 10-12pm Rachel Cir C MH Gliwa & Ruth Cir-Parlor-Hybrd 1-3pm Eliz Cir - Parlor 6:30-8:30pm BSA Cub Den Mtg (YR) 7-8:30pm Lydia Cir Zoom/Parlor	<b>18</b> 9am-10am Prayer Group-Zoom 12 - 1:00pm Band-Brothers-Library 7-8:30pm BSA #56 Meeting (YR) 7-8PM Bells Rehearsal - Lower Sanctuary	<b>19</b> 9-12pm Library Reserved 7-8pm Choir Practice-Choir room	<b>20</b> 9-11am Finance/Bill Pay - Zoom	<b>21-</b> <b>3-9pm NAWROZ Cel - JFS (MHW &amp; Kitchen)</b> <b>7-8pm Chesapeake Band Spring Concert Sanctuary</b>
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**LIST OF OFFICERS BY CLASS**

**Session Clerk—Jim Pierson Perry**

**Class of 2026:** Lois Huggins, Mimi Lovelace, Jim Pierson-Perry, Don Tancredi

**Class of 2027:** Stan Blair, Melody Bock, Pat Nelson, Bob Wunder

**Class of 2028:** Carolyn Morton, Mark Sisk

**Deacons Moderator—Greg Hills**

**Class of 2026:** Julia Blair, Jennifer Dube, Vickie Pierson-Perry, Willee Short

**Class of 2027:** Kaitlin Douglas, Greg Hills, Darlene Newsom, Melanie Sipko

**Class of 2028:** Kim Raff, Ann Roybal, Pam Wunder

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