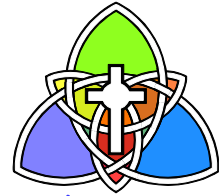




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*Worship Grow Serve*

April 19, 2026

Year A Third Sunday of Easter



The Road to Emmaus

\*Those who are able may stand

**PRELUDE:** March from “*The Magic Flute*”

by W.A. Mozart

### **WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS**

“I believe that whether we recognize him or not, or believe in him or not, or even know his name, again and again he comes and walks a little way with us along whatever road we are following. And I believe that through something that happens to us, or something we see, or somebody we know, who can ever guess how or when or where? He offers us the way he did at Emmaus, the bread of life, offers us new hope, a new vision of light that not even the dark world can overcome.”

Frederick Buechner

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Followers of Jesus, by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

**Alleluia!**

By his rising we are free from the fear of death.

**Alleluia!**

By his love we are made new in the living and enduring  
Word of God.

**Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*HYMN #247**

*“Now the Green Blade Rises”*

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

**Almighty God, Jesus, our risen Lord, was made known to the disciples in the breaking of the bread. Open the eyes of our hearts that we may recognize his presence, and with his disciples cry, “The Lord has risen, indeed!” Through Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the power of the Holy Spirit. 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)**

**Almighty God, our world is filled with corruption: power disguises itself as truth; convenience masquerades as goodness; selfish pleasure imitates love. We confess to you, O God, that we have been caught in the web of the world's sin. By the power of the Holy Spirit, save us from these deceptions and free us for glad obedience, that we may see the joy of Jesus' resurrection and receive the promise of everlasting life. Amen.**

## **SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

### **PASSING THE PEACE**

**ANTHEM: "At the Cross (Love Ran Red)"** by Tomlin, Cash, Myrin, Armstrong, Redman

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)**

**Lord, you opened the meaning of the Scriptures to the disciples on the road to Emmaus and set their hearts ablaze. By the power of your Spirit kindle our hearts as we hear your word proclaimed, that we may receive you with joy. Amen**

**1ST SCRIPTURE READNG: 1 Peter 1: 3-9 (p.983)**

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

**2ND SCRIPTURE READNG: Luke 24: 13-35 (860)**

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

## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH MESSAGE**

**SERMON "An Experience to be Shared"**

**\*HYMN #762**

*“When the Poor Ones”*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – APOSTLES CREED (UNISON)**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting, Amen.**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “*Old Irish Blessing*”**

by Denes Agay

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

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

**Amen**

**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.**

**\*HYMN #835**

*“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”*

**CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE: “Grand Jeu”**

by Jean-François Dandrieu

- About the Music

We’re off on the road to Emmaus (with regards to Crosby and Hope), and on our journeys we have Jesus as a companion, even if we aren’t aware of it.

Our prelude is a march from Mozart’s last opera, *The Magic Flute*. In the preceding scene, the prince Tamino is told by two guards that those who wander this path to wisdom and initiation must bear the tribulations of fire and water. He is then reunited with his love, Pamina, and together they pass through the trials which this march we hear accompanies; they succeed and there is rejoicing.

Blessings upon blessings we find along the way, as the road rises-up to meet us with the wind at our backs in “Old Irish Blessing.” Then we close with more music of delight, a “great game” for organ by Baroque-era French composer Jean-François Dandrieu, a celebrated organist and member of the Chapelle royale under King Louis XV.

## **Looking for a room!!**

A female college student from Afghanistan who STAR Foundation has been helping is in need of housing. If you or anyone you know has a spare bedroom and is willing to have this lovely girl stay with you, please contact Nancy Lewis or the church office. Thank you.

## **Looking for work!!**

An Afghani man who STAR Foundation has been assisting needs employment This gentleman has applied for but has not received his Green Card. He is handy and is happy to do work around the house such as yard work, helping to move furniture, do simple repairs, etc. The suggested rate of pay is \$20.00 per hour. If you need work done around your home and are interested, please contact Nancy Lewis or the church office. Thank you.



Dear Church Family,

Many thanks for the prayers, cards, texts and phone calls you sent during my recent surgery and recovery. Thanks too for sending me the flowers from the altar one Sunday. That was a great surprise and having them delivered by the official church comedian, Greg Hills, and his lovely wife, Shirley, were an added bonus. I remember so many of you fondly!

May God continue to bless you and keep you.

*Beth Thomas*

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DONATED BY

**Ron and Annette Mehan**  
**In memory of our daughter Laura.**



**This Week's Worship – April 19, 2026**

**Ushers:** Joe Huggins, Stan Blair, Julie Blair, Laura Sievert

**Liturgist:** Nancy Lewis

**Closer:** Joe Huggins

**Counters:** Kevin Thomson, Kern Piser

**Next Week's Worship – April 26, 2026**

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

**Liturgist:** TBD

**Closer:** Ron Olson

**Counters:** Ron Olson, Joe Huggins



**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**



**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**



## Food for Success Pantry

### Operational Data for March 2026

Month	#of Families	# in Home	Adult	Children
Mar '26	107	180	154	26

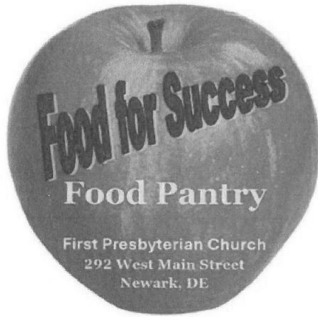
#### Highlights:

1. The breakdown of families served, number of adults, and number of children has remained about the same since December 2025.
2. We continue to serve fresh fruit and vegetables at the pantry from the Food Bank. We supplement the Food Bank supplies with perishable foods such as bread, eggs, milk, and margarine, which we purchase from local grocery stores, like Aldi and Walmart. We continue to distribute personal hygiene products from Kim Raff that are in high demand.

#### Expense breakdown:

Food Bank (50% cost sharing)	\$ 95.49
Aldi	\$ 257.71
Walmart	\$ 38.28
Shop Rite	\$ 11.90
Food Lion	\$ 25.06
Total for March	<u>\$ 428.44</u>

3. The cost-sharing amount we paid to the Food Bank was higher in March, and the cost from the retail stores was less. The protein items provided by the USDA are slowly returning to what we had in early 2025: chicken, shrimp, Cornish hen, and varieties of fish.
4. We continue to fund our food purchases beyond the free USDA food largely with the **Ignite grant** from the Presbytery, and for that, we are grateful. For March, we only spent \$428.44 from our allocation of \$1,166.67.
5. We continue to serve a substantial number of non-UD clients with young children, especially on Fridays. Several are from Newark and Wilmington.
6. We're thankful for the continued volunteer support from FPCN, Bank of America employees, students from UD's ELI program, and members of the UD faculty. They assist with transportation and unloading, prepping, and ensuring the shelves are fully stocked before we open. One local community member volunteer has shown himself to be a committed supporter of our mission with his regular contributions of great quantities of fresh and shelf-stable food items and his time.



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

**JANUARY**

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## BIRTHDAYS

- Laura Sievert April 5
- Wade Catts April 6
- Gregory Hills April 6
- Patti Kelly April 8
- Kim Raff April 10
- Stan Blair April 15
- Judy Baker April 22
- Shirley Hills April 23
- Mike Beron April 30

## ANNIVERSARIES

- Sean & Sandra Prather April 8
- Fred & Louise Dawson April 13
- David & Karen Baker April 18

## April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 10-11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development	30 6:00pm - 7:00pm Girl Scout Troop 15- (YR)	31 6:30pm - 8:30pm BSA Cub Pack 56 - Pack Meeting	1 9-10am Prayer Group-Zoom 12-1:00pm Band Brothers(Libr) 7-8pm Bells Rehearsal (Low Sanctuary) 7-8:30pm BSA Troop 56 Meeting (YR)	2 9am-12pm Library Rsvp 5-7pm Maundy Thur Agape Feast 7-8pm Choir Practice-Choir room	3 <b>GOOD FRIDAY (Holiday - Off Closed)</b> 9-11am Finance/Bill Pay - Zoom 11:30-1:30pm Reaching 4 Personal Freedom (AA) - GLIWA 7-8:00pm Good Friday Svc	4
5 7:8am Easter Sunrise Svc 10-11am Easter Worship- Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development	6 EASTER MONDAY 6:00pm - 7:00pm Girl Scout Troop 15- (YR)	7 ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED 10:00am - 11:30am PW CT - MH Parlor	8 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library 7:00pm - 8:00pm Bells Rehearsal (Low Sanctuary)	9 9-12:00pm Library Rsvp 3-4:00pm HR Team Library 7-8:00pm Choir Practice-Choir room	10 9:00am - 11:00am Finance/Bill Pay - Zoom	11
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**Class of 2027:** Stan Blair, Melody Bock, Pat Nelson, Bob Wunder

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

**Deacons Moderator—Greg Hills**

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