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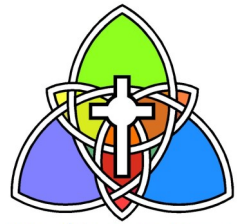


This Week's Worship December 22, 2024

SCRIPTURES: *1 Samuel 2:1-10, Luke 1:39-55*
SERMON GIVEN BY: Pastor Daniel McKenty

USHERS: Joe Huggins, Stan Blair, Julie Blair, Mimi Lovelace
LITURGIST: Bob Wenner
CLOSER: Joe Huggins
COUNTERS: Matt Reyne, Joe Huggins
GREETERS: Sandy Boyce

DECEMBER 20, 2024



Worship Grow Serve

You Tube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMgrr0yHvgO-iUPphSOFgxxA>

Website

www.firstpresnewark.org

Church Calendar

[click here](#)



Online giving
through PayPal

<https://firstpresnewark.org/giving-at-fpc-n/>



Next Week's Worship December 29 2024

USHERS: Ron and Carol Olson,
Ted and Faithe Koser
LITURGIST: Carol Olson
CLOSER: Ron Olson
COUNTERS: Harvey Conner,
Mimi Lovelace
GREETERS: Mimi Lovelace

Office Hours

Monday
Closed
Tuesday-Friday
9:00 am—1:00 pm



Paul & Phyllis Biddle December 17

Urie & Nancy Boulden December 29



**Lois Huggins
Matthew Bowen
Nancy McIlvaine
Paula Berkebile
Marian Bowen
Gloria Zehnacker
Tom Shaw
Nathan Thomson
Crystal Norman
Marie Cowgill
James Guyton
Gail Ferry**

**December 07
December 09
December 09
December 15
December 15
December 16
December 19
December 20
December 21
December 23
December 28
December 31**



THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED TO
The Glory of God



Flowers can be dedicated in honor or memory of family, friends and loved ones.
You may keep or donate. A sign-up form is 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—Cost \$31.00



Piano Lessons

Our music director, Christian Hendricks, is offering piano lessons to folks aged 7+ and of any musical knowledge and ability.

They are \$20 for a half hour and \$35 for a full hour, and will be taught in the sanctuary.

Please contact him at musicdirector@firstpresnewark.org for more details and to set up a time for lessons.

Spotlight on Stewardship

Putting together the 2025 budget has been interesting as well as a challenge. No sooner do we think we have it wrapped up and we get notice of some increase or another.

We do not generally get notice that any cost has gone down.

Once we have the budget finalized, and session approves it, we will let everyone know what our VIF needs will be. That said, we will continue to collect "Commitment Cards" through December. There will be some with the bulletins in case someone needs one.

We are a small congregation with a big heart for mission. On January 5th there will be a special prayer for those who have turned in their cards and committed to sharing their time, talent and treasure with First Presbyterian Church of Newark for 2025.



We are so thankful for the incredible volunteers who are helping *Food for Success* become a valued choice hunger-relief partner of the Food Bank of Delaware.

Starting in January, *Food for Success* will be open Mondays and Fridays from 4 – 6 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th full weeks of each month.

Would you like to volunteer? [Please click here and sign up!](#) Or contact Nancy Lewis, our Volunteer Coordinator, or one of **the *Food for Success Leadership Team*** – Francis Kwansa, Sandy Wenner, Stan Blair, and Marianne Piser



THANK YOU!

Presbyterian Women would like to thank everyone who came out to our Christmas Program, **"Finding Meaning in Christmas."** We hope you had an enjoyable evening.



Thanks to everyone's generosity we raised **\$769 for Shoes That Fit** and **\$861 for Warriors Helping Warriors.**



We would like to also specifically thank Christian Hendricks for enthusiastically playing the piano and lending his gorgeous voice to lead us in singing the hymns.



Thank you to Lydia Circle for providing the delicious cookies and cider.





Worship With Us

*Christmas Eve
December 24th at 8:00 pm*

*Lessons and Carols
December 29th at 10:00 am*

**Christmas Eve and Lessons and Carols
will be held in the sanctuary*



Charitable Giving THROUGH YOUR IRA

The IRA charitable transfer is a great way to make a gift to a mission or ministry that you care about. Consider making the most of your IRA as you plan your required annual minimum distribution. Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) are gifts to charities made directly from an individual retirement account. This is an easy, tax-advantaged way for Presbyterians to support their favorite mission or ministry.

Requirements

- Donor must be 70 1/2 or older at the time the distribution is made
- The distribution must be otherwise taxable distribution from an IRA (other than an ongoing SEP or SIMPLE IRA)
- Distributions must be made **directly to an organization** eligible to receive tax deductible contributions (certain exclusions apply)
- \$105,000 annual limit
- Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) are reported on your Form 1040 tax return in the section for IRA distribution

Benefits

- Can satisfy Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) in year QCD is made
- QCD amount is not included in the donor's adjusted gross income, helping to potentially avoid increased taxes or higher Medicare premiums
- Provides donors that use the standard deduction a tax efficient way to make a charitable gift
- May help to avoid capital gains taxes on appreciated assets.

EXAMPLE

Sandra, 71, wants to make a contribution to her local church. She has \$500,000 in her IRA and she wants the contribution to be \$20,000. She can authorize the administrator of her IRA to transfer \$20,000 to her church. Since the QCD is excluded from income, Sandra will not be eligible for a charitable income tax deduction, but she will still receive tax savings. The \$20,000 distributed to her church will be counted toward her annual minimum required distribution and she will not pay income tax on the portion given to charity.





Celebrating

THE LIFE OF

Lea McMurtry

January 11, 2025

at 1:00pm

In the Sanctuary

December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sacrament of Communion 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development 1:00pm - 3:00pm Girl Scout Troop 157 Meeting- MHW	2 10:30am - 11:30am Grief Group - Parlor 6:00pm - 7:00pm Girl Scout Troop 15- Youth Room LS	3 10:00am - 11:30am PW CT - MH Parlor 6:00pm - 7:00pm PW Christmas Program -Set up 6:30pm - 7:30pm Cub Pack 56-MHW 6:30pm - 8:00pm Girl Scout Troop 157 Leader Meeting- MHW 7:00pm - 8:00pm PW Christmas Program -Sanctuary	4 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 10:00am - 11:00am Admin Meeting- Library 12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers- Library 7:00pm - 8:00pm Bell Choir Practice - LS 7:00pm - 8:30pm BSA Troop 56 Meeting	5 9:00am - 12:00pm Library Reserved 7:00pm - 8:00pm Choir Practice-Choir room	6 9:00am - 11:00am Finance/Bill Pay - Zoom	7 UD Rehearsal - Sanctuary 8:00am - 9:00am 1st Saturday Breakfast- MHW 3:00pm Blue Christmas Service - Parlor
8 UD Carols by Candlelight 3pm and 5:30 -Sanctuary 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development	9 12:00pm - 1:00pm Hope Dining Room 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success 6:00pm - 7:00pm Girl Scout Troop 15- Youth Room LS	10 8:00am - 4:00pm NAWC Holiday Food Program-MHW 6:30pm - 7:30pm Cub Pack 56-MHW 7:00pm - 9:00pm Deacons - Library - Zoom 7:00pm - 9:30pm Finance Mtg.-Zoom	11 8:00am - 4:00pm NAWC Holiday Food Program-MHW 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers- Library 7:00pm - 8:00pm Bell Choir Practice - LS	12 8:00am - 4:00pm NAWC Holiday Food Program-MHW 9:00am - 12:00pm Library Reserved 7:00pm - 8:00pm Choir Practice-Choir room	13 8:00am - 4:00pm NAWC Holiday Food Program-MHW 9:00am - 11:00am Finance/Bill Pay - Zoom 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success	14 8:00am - 4:00pm NAWC Holiday Food Program-MHW
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Tuesday—Friday 9:00 am- 1:00 pm

If you are thinking of joining
our church, we would love to
have you!

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