



First Presbyterian Church

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This Week's Worship— February 15, 2026

Ushers: Ron Olsen, Carol Olsen, Dan Raff, Kim Raff

Liturgist: Pam Wunder

Closer: Ron Olsen

Counters: Ron Olsen, Mimi Lovelace

FEBRUARY 13, 2026



Worship Grow Serve

You Tube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMqrt0yHvgOjUPphSOFgxxA>

Website

www.firstpresnewark.org

Church Calendar

[click here](#)

Online giving through PayPal



Next Week's Worship- February 22, 2026

Ushers: Carol Aftosmis, Marianne Piser, Katlin Douglas, Joe Kowalski

Liturgist: TBD

Closer: Greg Hills

Counters: Harvey Conner, Marianne Piser

Office Hours

Tuesday–Friday

9:00 am—12:00 pm

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DONATED BY

THE GLORY OF GOD

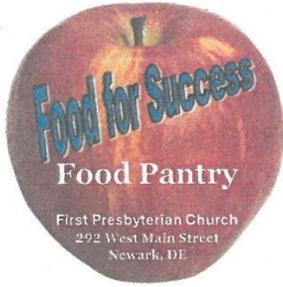


ALTAR flowers

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



Food for Success Open Dates for 2026

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

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

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foodforsuccess@firstpresnewark.org

An Equal Opportunity Provider

A choice pantry in partnership with the Food Bank of Delaware



March 7th

Session

Deacons

How They
Serve and
Strengthen
the Church

The Board of Deacons is concerned with the special needs of our congregation, with welcoming visitors and providing fellowship opportunities for the congregation. **Please let the Deacons know if there is a need for a home or hospital visit, a meal delivery or ride to an appointment.** Since care of our congregation should not be limited to the Deacons, we hope you will consider putting your name on a list showing your willingness to visit someone in need, provide a meal or offer a ride. **You can contact Ann Roybal, the Care Coordinator, or sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. We all know from experience that both the doer and the receiver will be blessed. Ann Roybal may be reached at 302-368-8539 or**

Help Needed on the Buildings and Ground Committee

Session recently created a Buildings and Grounds Committee with responsibility to oversee the care and repair of our buildings and grounds at First Pres, as well as conduct long-range planning for upcoming needs or opportunities. This committee reports to Session and is chaired by Don Tancredi. It will fill a gap previously covered by the Trustees.

We now need church members to join the committee and volunteer their time and talents. While folks with practical knowledge of plumbing, carpentry, electrical wiring, etc. would be a blessing, we also need people who can devote time to research and planning. If you would be willing to help, or even just to find out more about the committee, please contact Don at dtancr7168@aol.com or (302) 293-1695. Thank you!



Notice of FPC-N Annual Congregational Meeting

Our annual congregational meeting will be held on Feb 15th in the sanctuary, immediately following the worship service. This meeting will not be livestreamed.

The 2025 annual report will be sent to all members via email and available on the church website (www.firstpresnewark.org) one week prior to the annual meeting. Please review the report and bring your questions and comments to the meeting. Printed copies of the report will not be provided.

Please contact Jim Pierson-Perry, Clerk of Session, if you have any questions.

Thank you.

First Presbyterian Church

Dear Members and Friends of First Pres Church

As announced by email yesterday, the Adult Spiritual Education team has created a survey to understand how people would like to participate and what topics would be of interest. The survey is available in printed form, which also will be provided at church.

For those interested, the survey is now available online. If you click on the link below, you will be taken to the survey site.

<https://fpcplayground.org/adult-christian-education-survey/>

The survey will only take a few minutes of your time and the results will be very helpful to the Adult Ed team as they develop plans for future sessions.

If you use the on-line approach, it is not necessary to do the printed version. Please, however, do complete the survey one way or the other.

Thank you,

Melody Bock and Allen Sievert

Co-Chairs of FPC-N Adult Spiritual Education

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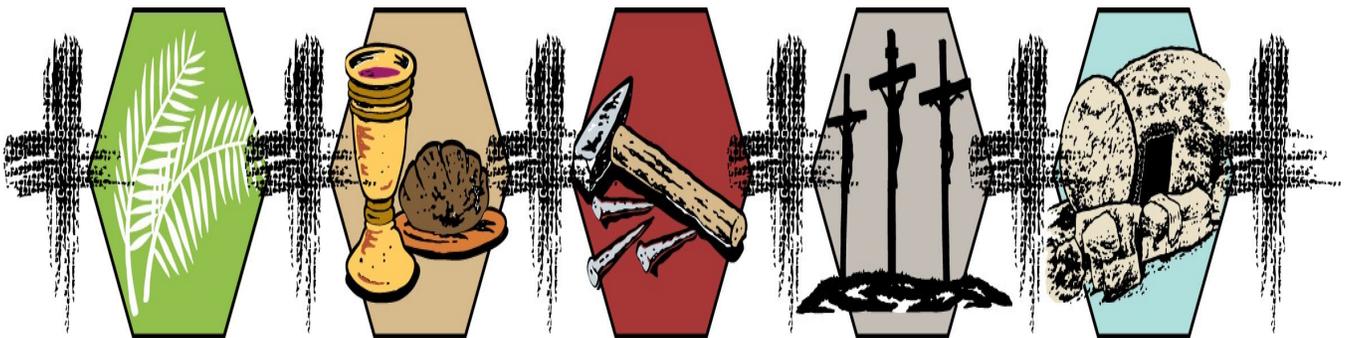
LENTEN MUSICAL MEDITATIONS

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 Hendricks 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.





Mardi Gras Pancake Supper

Date **Tuesday, February 17, 2026**

Shrove Tuesday (also known as Pancake Tuesday or Pancake Day)

...is the final day of Shrovetide, which marks the end of the pre-Lenten season. Lent begins the following day with Ash Wednesday. Shrove Tuesday is observed in many Christian countries through participating in confession, the ritual burning of the previous year's Holy Week palms, finalizing one's Lenten sacrifice, as well as eating pancakes and other sweets.

Time **5pm – 7pm**

Pancakes for Dinner?

The term *Mardi Gras* is French for "Fat Tuesday", referring to the practice of the last night of eating richer, fatty foods before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season, which begins on Ash Wednesday. Many Christian congregations thus observe the day through eating pancakes

Location **Memorial Hall West**

Join us for pancake eating and fellowship!

In some Christian countries, especially those where the day is called *Mardi Gras* or a translation thereof, it is a carnival day, the last day of "fat eating" or "gorging" before the fasting period of Lent.



- MENU**
- ❖ Pancakes (gluten-free option available)
 - ❖ Sausage
 - ❖ Toppings:
 - Syrup
 - Strawberry & Blueberry sauce
 - Fresh Fruit (strawberries, blueberries, bananas & melon)
 - Whipped Cream
 - ❖ Various Juices



Presbyterian Women invite all Women of FPCN to join us for an afternoon of Painting & Fellowship



Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Time: 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Where: Painting with a Twist
400 Suburban Drive
Newark, DE 19711

What: 16x20 Canvas of Painting shown

Cost: \$40.00 (which is \$5 off)

Must Pre-register by Feb. 12th

How: Contact Laura Sievert

302-545-6736

lauralsievert@gmail.com



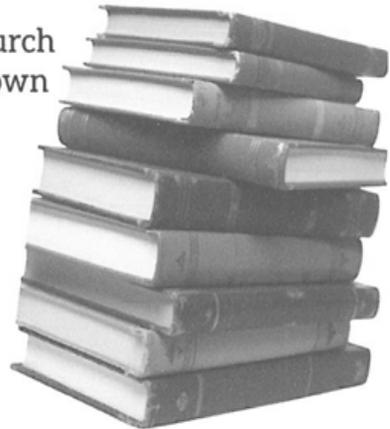


Presbyterian Women

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
Christian Education	OT/NT Commentaries
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

February

BIRTHDAYS

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Ella Trembanis	February 1	Isabela Merrick	February 16
Mimi Lovelace	February 3	Peggy Hester	February 18
Barbara Russell	February 3	Harry Seibert	February 18
Annette Mehan	February 3	Catherine Macharia	February 19
Anne Lewis	February 8	Cathy Colbert	February 20
Annette Mehan	February 8	Nancy Wooten	February 21
Barry Baker	February 10	Michael Fox	February 23
Melanie Sipko	February 11	Fiona Gowers	February 23
Sarah Trembanis	February 11	Anna Ngwe Nji	February 23
David Berkebile	February 12	Tim Birdsall	February 24
Francis Kwansa	February 13	Rosemarie Beron	February 26
Andrew Blackburn	February 15		

February

ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis & Geri Jacobs	February 1
Jerry & Hanne Holt	February 16
Jeffrey & Lucia Merrick	February 19

February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sacrament of Communion 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development	2 6:00pm - 7:00pm Girl Scout Troop 15- (YR)	3 10 - 11:30am PW CT - MH Parlor 6:30pm - 8:30pm BSA Cub Pack - Den Meeting (YR)	4 9- 10am Prayer Group-Zoom 12pm 1:00pm Band of Brothers -Library 7:00pm - 8:30pm BSA Troop 56 Meeting (YR)	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 9:00am - 10:00am First Saturday Breakfast - PW Hosting
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If you are thinking of joining
our church, we would love to
have you!

Please contact Pastor Dan at
302-731-5644 or 484-557-9983

