



First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday in Lent



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

MARCH 20, 2026



Worship Grow Serve

You Tube Channel

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMqrt0yHvgOjUPphSOFgxxA)

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Website

www.firstpresnewark.org

Church Calendar

[click here](#)

Online giving through PayPal



Next Week's Worship—March 29, 2026

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

Liturgist: Rev. Rachel Herbert

Closer: Greg Hills

Counters: Joe Huggins, Clinton Nanji

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 **in memory** of a family member, friend or loved one. You may pick them up after mass or donate them. You can sign up on the form that 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 \$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

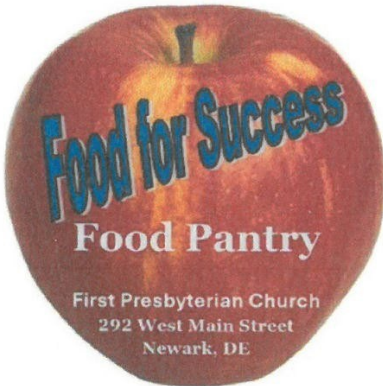
November 7th—Worship Committee

December 5th—Hope Dining Room

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 at ann.roybal@gmail.com.**



A choice pantry in partnership
with the Food Bank of Delaware
An Equal Opportunity Provider

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
(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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foodforsuccess@firstpresnewark.org

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.

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

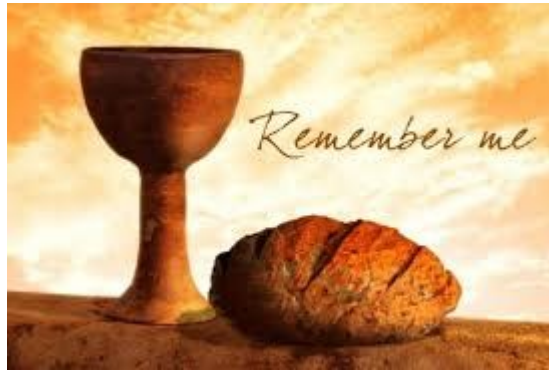


30TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT



March 21, 2026 - 7:00 pm
Newark First Presbyterian Church
Newark, Delaware





The congregations of First Presbyterian Newark and St. John's A.M. Church will be worshipping together at a Maundy Thursday agape feast and Tenebrae 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.



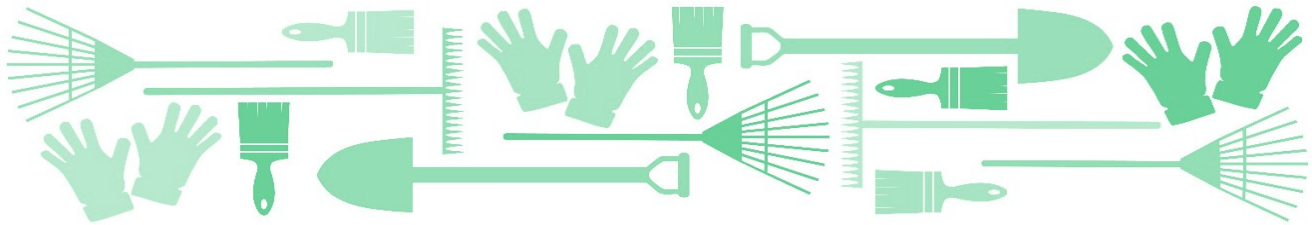
First Presbyterian Church will be holding its Good Friday service April 3rd, 2026, at 7p.m. in the sanctuary. Come hear the testimony of witnesses to our Lord's passion and crucifixion, sit in silent meditation, and join in singing hymns from the Taiz'e community of Brothers in France. This deeply spiritual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



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



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 7th

Joseph and Mallory Kowalski March 9th

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
8 10-11:am Worship (Sanct) 11:30am-12:30pm Adult Spiritual Dev.	9 12- 1:00pm Hope Dining Rm 4-6pm Food For Success 6pm-7pm Girl Scout #15-(YR)	10 6:30pm- 8:30pm BSA Cub Pack - Den Mtg(YR) 7-9pm Deacon's - Libr - Zoom 7-9:30pm Finance Mtg.-Zoom	11 9-10am Prayer Group-Zoom 12pm - 1pm Band-Brothers -Library 7-8:30pm BSA #56 Mtg (YR)	12 9-12pm Library 3-4pm HR Team Library 7-8:00pm Choir Practice-Choir room	13 9:00- 11:00am Finance/Bill Pay - Zoom 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success -	14 12:00am - 2:00pm Cub Pack Pinewood Derby Race Day MHW & Kitchen
15 10-11:00am Worship(Sanct) 11:30-12:30pm Adult Spiritual Dev 1-3:00pm Girl Scout#157 Mtg 1- %:00pm Newark Community Band (Sanct) -	16 6: 7pm Girl Scout Troop 15 - (YR)	17 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	18 9am-10am Prayer Group-Zoom 12 - 1:00pm Band-Brothers -Library 7-8:30pm BSA #56 Meeting (YR) 7-8 PM Bells Rehearsal (LS)	19 9-12pm Library Reserved 7-8pm Choir Practice-Choir room	20 9-11am Finance/Bill Pay - Zoom P6:30-Midnight Pinewood Derby set up. Lock-in	21- 3-9pm NAWROZ Cel - JFS (MHW & Kitchen) 7-8pm Chesapeake Band Spring Concert Sanctuary
22 10-11:00am Worship(Sanct) 11:30-12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development	4 - 6:00pm Food For Success 6-7:00pm Girl Scout Troop 15 - (YR)	24 7-4pm PW Painting With Twist (400Suburban Dr, Newark) 6:30-8:30pm BSA Cub Pack Mtg (YR)	25 9-10am Prayer Group-Zoom 12-1:00pm Band- Brothers (Libr) 2-4pm UD/FDC/ Community Engagmt - Parlors 7pm-8:30pm BSA #56 Mtg 7-8PM Bells Rehearsal(LS)	26 9-12pm Library Reserved 7-8pm Choir Practice-Choir room	27 9-11am Finance/Bill Pay - Zoom 4-6:00pm Food For Success	28 1 -5:00pm Shirley Hills Birthday Party - West & Kitchen
29 10-11am Worship (Sanct) 11:30- - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Dev	30 6-7:00pm Girl Scout # 15-(YR)	31 6:30-8:30pm BSA Cub# 56 – Pack Mtg M	1 9-10am Prayer Group-Zoom 12-1pm Band of Brothers-Library 7:00pm - 8:30pm BSA Troop 56 Meeting (YR) 7-8PM Bells Rehearsal (LS))	2 9-12:00pm Library (Resrvd) 5-7pm Maudy Thurs. Agape Feast 8pm Choir Practice Choir room	3 GOOD FRI-DAY (Holiday – Office clsd 9-11:00am Finance/Bill Pay - Zoom	4

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If you are thinking of joining
our church, we would love to
have you!
Please contact Pastor Dan at
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