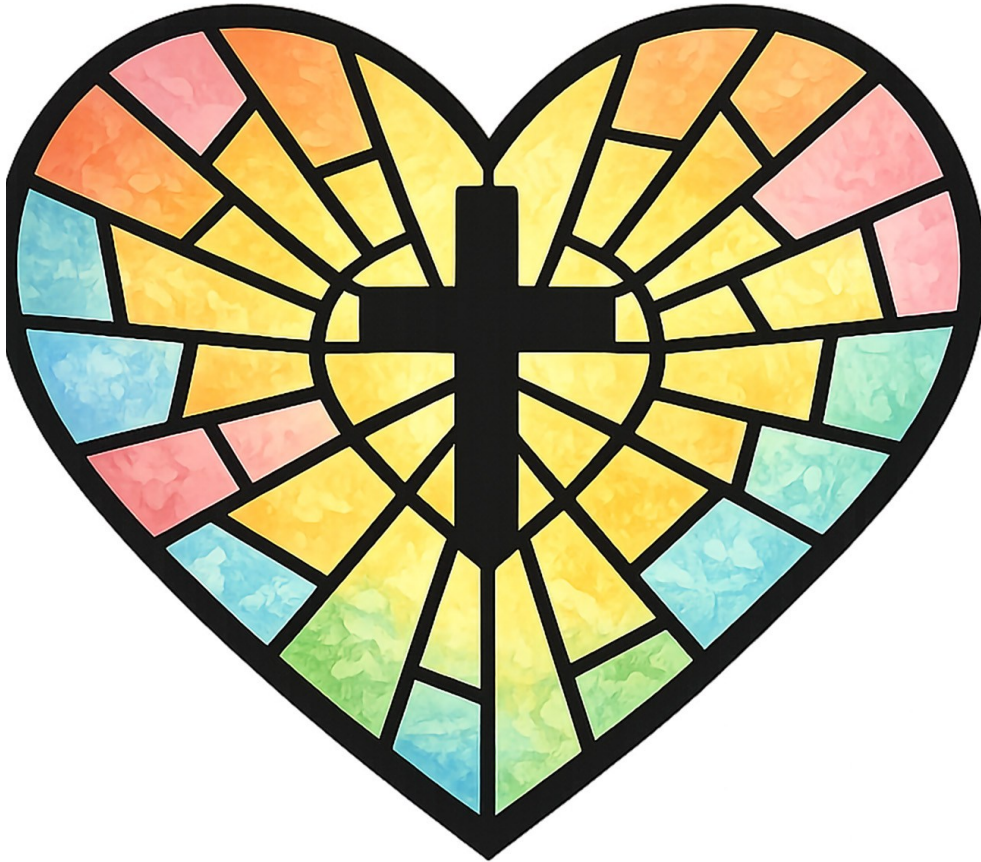




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This Week's Worship – May 3, 2026

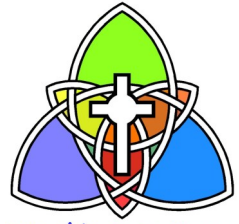
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Liturgist: Lois Huggins

Closer: Greg Hills

Counters: Ron Olson, Marianne Piser

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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 – May 10, 2026

Ushers: Vickie Pierson-Perry, Phyllis Biddle, Sarah Huckleberry Paul Biddle

Liturgist: Melanie Sipko

Closer: Paul Biddle

Counters: Kevin Thomson,
Joe Huggins

Office Hours

Tuesday–Friday

9:00 am—1:00 pm

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DONATED BY

Willee and Paul Short
In celebration of Levi Sinninger for his graduation



Flowers can be dedicated **in honor** or **in memory** of a family member, friend or loved one. You may pick them up after worship 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

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.

Come and join us!!

Our Adult Discipleship Group meets after worship in the Parlor on most Sundays. On April 26 we will begin a new study entitled "Praying the Psalms" by Juanita Ryan. Each independent session focuses on one Psalm with a theme such as gratitude, grief, or distress. These discussions are enjoyable and thought-provoking. Everyone is invited to join us.



May 2nd—Hope Dining Room

June 6th—Deacons

July 11—Band of Brothers

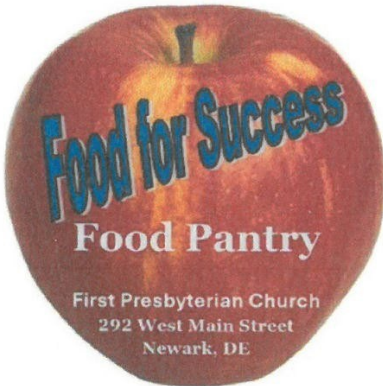
August 1st—Chancel Choir & Praise Team

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
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

JANUARY							FEBRUARY							MARCH							APRIL						
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foodforsuccess@firstpresnewark.org

Wee Fancy Tea

Presbyterian Women members enjoyed a visit to the

Wee Fancy Tea Room

in Peoples Plaza on Thursday, April 16th

They enjoyed socializing while partaking of an afternoon English tea with crustless finger sandwiches, scones and dainty pastries, and a variety of teas in china teacups,



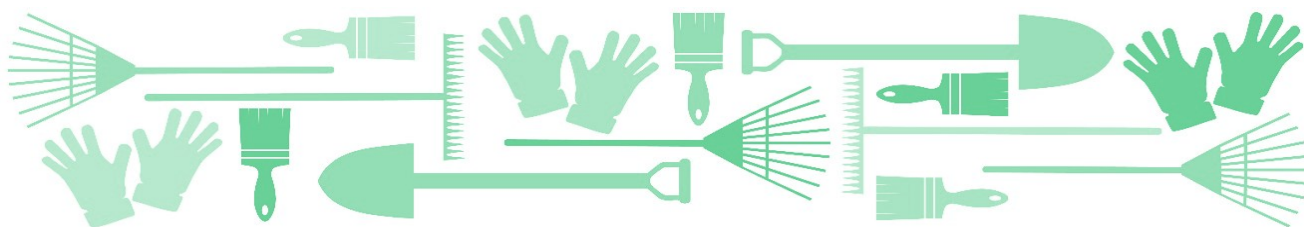
The praise team is seeking a drummer to join us on Sunday mornings. We gather at 8:45 AM for rehearsal. The church has a digital drum set that we use during services and for our weekly YouTube videos.

If you're interested in sharing your talents, please contact Larry Benson at praiseleader@firstpresnewark.org.

Peace, Larry



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.



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

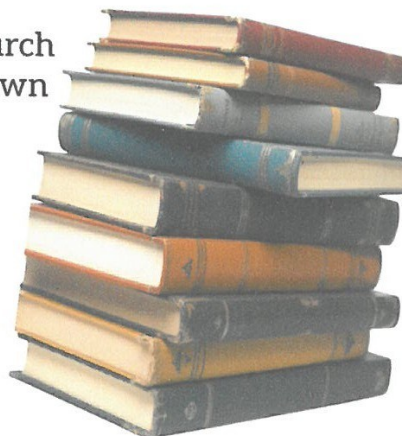


Presbyterian Women

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

Specific Book Categories for Christian College Books

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and Memorial Hall

Thank you for supporting PW in this mission.

**Contact:
 Sandy Wenner
 302-753-5347**

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



First State Flute Choir
Presents

Dancing into Spring

Sunday May 3, 2026 4 PM

St Paul's Lutheran Church
701 S. College Ave, Newark DE 19713

Free Admission with Goodwill Offering
Refreshments Following Concert!



First State Flute Choir

Join us for a Benefit
Concert in Support of
Survivors of Abuse in
Recovery

Saturday, May 9th 3:30PM

**Unitarian Universalist
Society of Mill Creek
579 Polly Drummond Hill Road
Newark DE 19711**

All donations will benefit SOAR which is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing professional mental health services to victims of sexual trauma and their families regardless of their ability to pay. A leader in the field, SOAR also provides education, advocacy and professional development.



DOL + FOOD BANK JOB & RESOURCE EXPO

Come join us for the 1st Annual Food Bank and Department of Labor Job & Resource Fair Expo.

 **May 14th from 11AM - 2PM**

 **Food Bank of Newark**
222 LAKE DR, NEWARK, DE 19702

WHAT TO EXPECT?

- EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
- LIFE, CAREER & SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
- HEALTH SCREENINGS
- DISCOVER CAFÉ (FOOD FOR PURCHASE)
- HEADSHOT PHOTOS



To Register:

Scan the QR code or [click here](#)



We're honored to invite you to a special Memorial Day weekend event.

In partnership with Dock Street Foundation, we are proud to host this rare debut of ***Behind the Lines: A 9/11 Story*** at the Avalon Theatre – *ahead of its national tour and in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of 9/11.*

Behind the Lines is a powerful live performance blending storytelling, music, and theatre. Created by internationally acclaimed jazz trumpeter Dominick Farinacci and combat veteran Jaymes Poling, the show explores the lasting impact of 9/11 through the experiences of Poling and World Trade Center firefighter Bill Spade – the sole survivor of FDNY Rescue Company 5 – revealing a profound bond shaped by service and sacrifice.

Performance Schedule:

- Saturday, May 23 at 7:00 PM
- Sunday, May 24 at 2:00 PM

VIP Reception: Sunday, May 24 at 12:00 PM

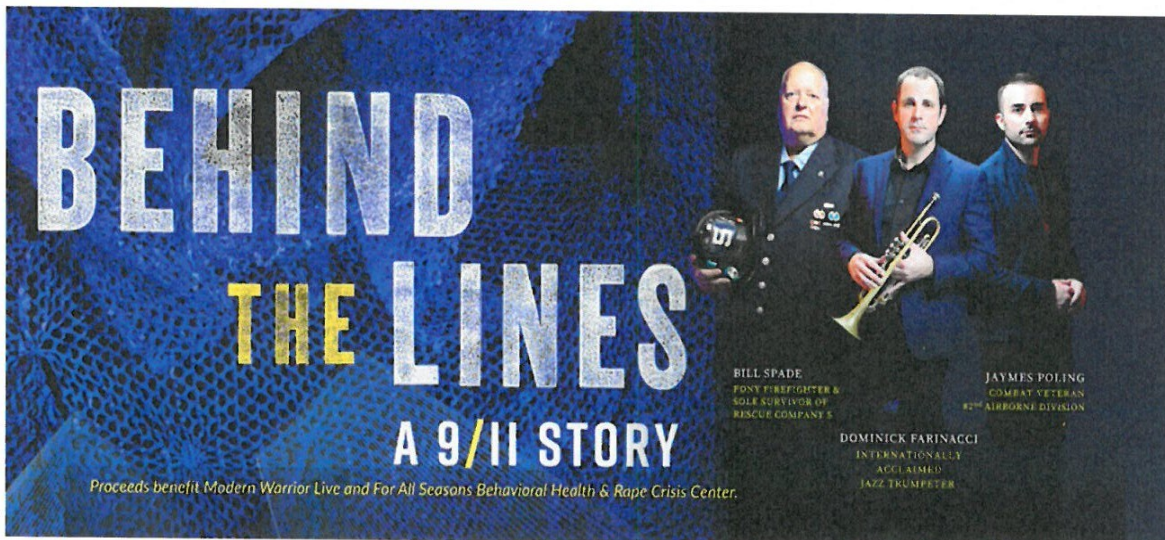
Tickets:

- General Admission: \$50
- VIP: \$100 (includes premium seating + reception)

This impactful performance will benefit **Modern Warrior Live** and **For All Seasons Behavioral Health & Rape Crisis Center** – supporting vital mental health and victim services for children and adults across Maryland including specialized programs for veterans, first responders, and their families.

Get your tickets:

<https://bit.ly/BehindtheLines911>





Strawberry Picnic

Sunday, June 7, 2026

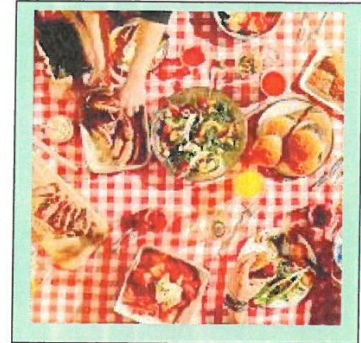


What's in the picnic basket?



Everything Strawberry! Plus...

- Hamburgers
- Cheeseburgers
- Veggie Burgers
- Hot Dogs
- Marinated Chicken
- ...All the fixings!
- Baked beans
- Potato salad
- Macaroni Salad
- Coffee, Iced Tea & Lemonade
- Desserts



DATE: Sunday, June 7, 2026

After Sunday Worship Services



TIME: 12 noon – 3 pm



LOCATION: Memorial Hall West & outside. Bring your own chairs!

(limited picnic tables available)

Attention Church Members

We Need Your Help!

Please see sign-up sheet in the Narthex or your Circle Leader. We need help with:

1. Volunteers to bake a cake
2. Volunteers to prepare the strawberries (details on sign-up sheet)

Strawberry Picnic

Sunday, June 7, 2026



ATTENTION: Church Members — We need your help!

The Strawberry Picnic will be Sunday, June 7, 2026, after Sunday services. We need help on Saturday, June 6th to slice strawberries in Memorial Hall West, starting at 10:30am. We also need volunteers to bake yellow cakes. The cake mix can be bought at the Dollar Store, along with a 9" by 13" pan with a lid. Please wear old clothes and join the fun. We appreciate all of you!

If you have any questions, please call Kim Raff (610) 563-6794 or
Pam Wunder (302) 588-4481

I WILL BAKE A CAKE. Please print your name, phone number & email below.
Bring your cake to the Memorial Hall kitchen on Saturday, June 6th between
10:30am and noon.

Date 6/6/26

NAME

PHONE #

EMAIL

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

I WILL HELP TO PREPARE THE STRAWBERRIES. Please print your name,
phone number & email below. Meet us in Memorial Hall kitchen on Saturday,
June 6th at 10:30 am.

Date 6/6/26

NAME

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Circle Leaders: Please keep one copy and put the other sheet in one of our mailboxes in the church office.

Thank you, in advance, for your time, commitment and dedication to our Church Community! We appreciate you all.

Kim Raff and Pam Wunder



Walk for Life

Tuesday, June 9th from 2:00pm to 4:00pm
The Green, 410 Legislative Ave, Dover, DE 19901

Join Delaware Right to Life for the 2026 Walk for Life in Dover on Tuesday, June 9th, from 2:00 pm to 4:00pm. We will meet at the Liberty Bell replica, located at the western end of the Green on Federal Street. After a few remarks we will proceed to Legislative Hall's East Steps for a short program of speeches before using the remaining time to meet with legislators to urge them to defeat anti-life bills.

As we did with last year's baby shoes, we would like to support Delaware's Pregnancy Centers in their good work of helping mothers choose life. This year we ask that our Pro-Life Community donate onesies by using this link:

https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/Q8NRHPISXK0W?ref=cm_sw_r_apin_ggr-subnav-share_9QD98KQD6QXXMY7JYY94_1&language=en-US

All donations will go to the same place and will be distributed to the pregnancy centers after the Walk for Life.

Look for our billboards about the Walk for Life to go up in May throughout the state. At the event, we will provide water and fans, but if you need to sit please bring a camp chair for the gatherings. We hope to keep things short and moving, but it may again be hot, so please dress and prepare accordingly.

Proposed agenda for the day:

- 2:00 pm - meet at Liberty Bell for introductory remarks, pick up fans and water, then walk the block and a half to Legislative Hall; signs provided or bring your own
- 2:30 pm - gather at East Steps of Legislative Hall for short program of speakers; any in person donations of onesies may be collected here where there will be a small display
- 3:15 p.m. - head inside to meet with legislators and urge them to support pro-life bills; a bullet list of talking points will be on the back of the fans we give out
- 4 p.m. - return home

Anyone interested please contact Jennifer Quarles at 302-722-0386 or email her at jennquarlesm@gmail.com.

For more events <https://derighttolife.org/events>

2026 Wilmington Blue Rocks Faith & Family Night

Dear First Presbyterian Team,

I hope this message finds you well! My name is Max, and I'm reaching out on behalf of the Wilmington Blue Rocks. We would love to invite your congregation to join us for our 3rd Annual Faith & Family Night on Friday, June 26th at the ballpark. This special evening continues to grow each year as we bring churches and communities together for a night centered around fellowship and fun in a family-friendly environment.

Following the game, we will host a 15-minute panel featuring Blue Rocks players, offering a moment of reflection and encouragement for those in attendance. The evening will then conclude with a post-game fireworks show, making it a memorable experience for guests of all ages.

This is a great opportunity for your church to plan a summer outing, connect outside of regular services, and spend quality time together as a community.

We offer group ticket options and would be happy to help make the experience seamless for your members, whether you're planning for a small group or your entire congregation. If you're interested in reserving seats or learning more, please feel free to reply to this email or contact me directly at 302-472-5700. I'd be glad to assist and answer any questions. We hope to welcome your church family to the ballpark on June 26th for a special night of faith, family, and fireworks.

Blessings,

Max Pellegrino





MAY
Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Alexis Carroll	May 5
Jackie Evers	May 9
Geri Jacobs	May 12
Sandy Boyce	May 17
Joseph Kowalski	May 17
Wanda Reese	May 18
Stephanie Birdsall	May 20
Scarlett Malgiero	May 20
Jim Newsom	May 21
Adalyn Jane Bedford	May 26
Jerry Holt	May 29
Jim Wilburn	May 31

ANNIVERSARIES

Dick & Joan Hourigan	May 6	31 Years
Mike & Rosemarie Beron	May 11	52 Years
Bill & Karen Thompson	May 14	38 Years
Dave & Jackie Evers	May 30	56 Years
Fiona Gowers & Jim Annett	May 31	46 Years

May 2026

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Class of 2028: Carolyn Morton, Mark Sisk

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THE MORE THE MERRIER -
COME AND BE A PART OF OUR
CONGREGATION!!

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

Please contact Pastor Dan at
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