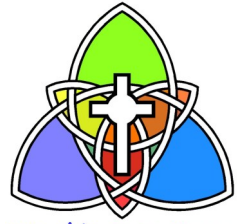




# First Presbyterian Church

meets at  
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MAY 15, 2026



Worship Grow Serve

You Tube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMgrr0yHvgOjUPphSOFgxxA>

Website

[www.firstpresnewark.org](http://www.firstpresnewark.org)

Church Calendar

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## This Week's Worship – May 17, 2026

**Ushers:** Wade Catts, Bob Wunder, Mimi Lovelace, Pam Wunder

**Liturgist:** Teyton Pressley

**Closer:** Wade Catts

**Counters:** Harvey Conner, Stan Blair

## Next Week's Worship – May 24, 2026

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

**Liturgist:** Patti Kelly

**Closer:** Joe Huggins

**Counters:** Matt Reyne, Mimi Lovelace

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Office Hours

Tuesday–Friday

9:00 am—1:00 pm

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DONATED BY

**Tim and Stephanie Birdsall**  
**In celebration of Stephanie & Scarlet Malgiero's Birthdays!!**



ALTAR  
flowers

**Flowers** can be dedicated **in honor** or **memory** of a family member, friend or loved one. You may keep or donate them. 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**

## **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.



**June 6th — Deacons**

**July 11th — Band of Brothers**

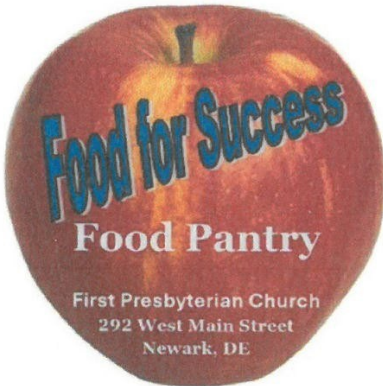
**August 1st — Chancel Choir & Praise Team**

**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**  
**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

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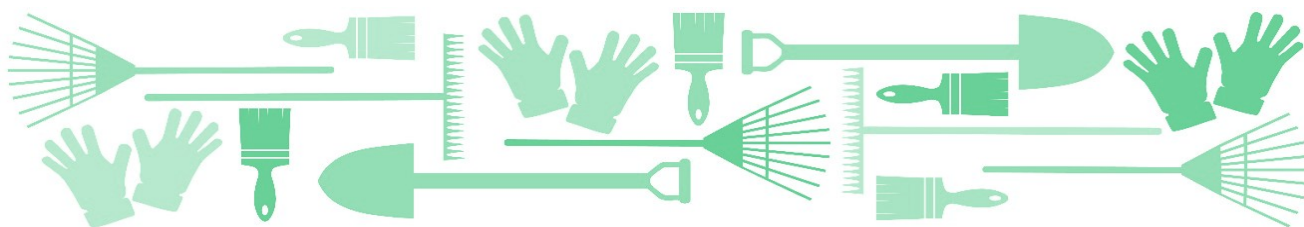
The praise team is seeking a drummer to join us on Sunday mornings. We gather at 8:45 AM for rehearsal. The church has a digital drum set that we use during services and for our weekly YouTube videos.

If you're interested in sharing your talents, please contact Larry Benson at [praiseleader@firstpresnewark.org](mailto: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](mailto:MelodyBock.counselor@gmail.com)

# Inviting all Ladies of FPC-N

(You do NOT have to be in PW)

**What:** A 2-hour boat ride on the M/V Bay Breeze



**When:** Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 1:30pm – 3:30 pm  
(Boat leaves promptly at 1:30pm)

**Where:** Dock behind and to the right of the  
Schaffer's Canal House.

**Cost:** \$13

**Details:** The boat is covered and is equipped with tables and chairs and a bathroom. Snacks and drinks are available for sale.



**Dinner<sup>(optional)</sup>:** Continue the fellowship time over dinner at 3:45pm at Schaffer's Canal House for those women interested. Reservation required and made through Laura Sievert.

**Sign-up by May 19<sup>th</sup> for the boat ride** by calling Laura Sievert (302 545-6736) and add your name to Laura's list for the reservation for the **optional dinner at Schaffer's**.

This event is for just the **women** of the church.

Pay your \$13 for the boat ride to Laura Sievert or  
your Circle Leader (6/2)

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 25<sup>th</sup> 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

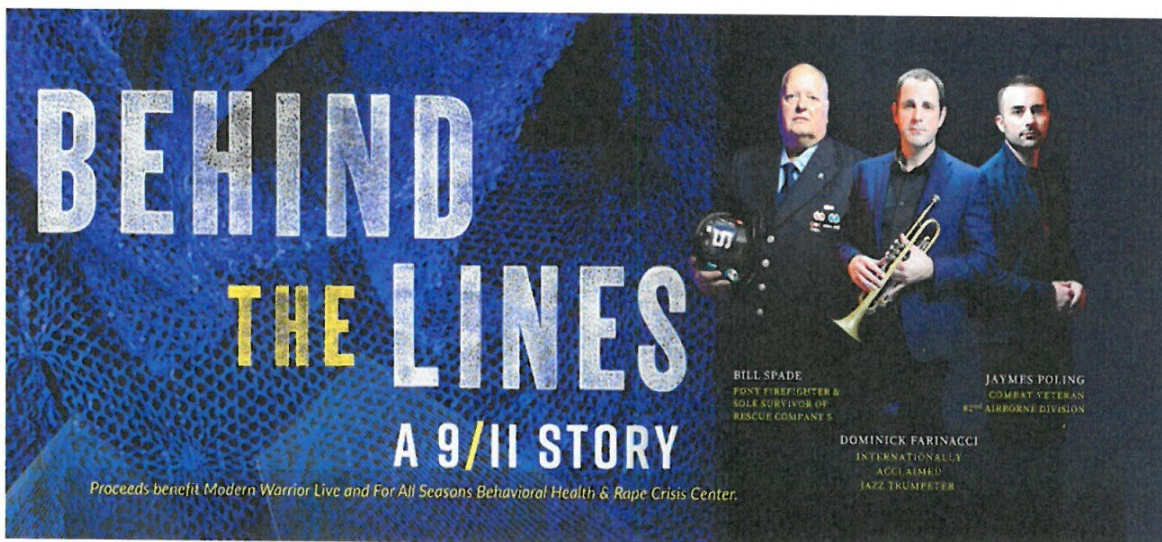
**Tickets:**

- 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>





New Castle Presbytery

Announces

**Batter up!**

Please celebrate with the recently expanded staff that now includes:  
Rev. Casey Carbone and Rev. Sarah Craven - New Associate Presbyters

***NCP STAFF ON  
THE ROAD*** →

Join us at the Ballgame

Tues., 6/2/26 with  
first pitch at 6:35 p.m.



**807 SHIPYARD DRIVE  
WILMINGTON, DE**

Get your free tickets at the link below!!

<https://newcastlepresbytery.breezechms.com/form/ee7cbf27876644124>



# Strawberry Picnic

Sunday, June 7, 2026

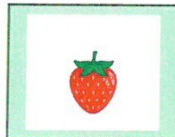
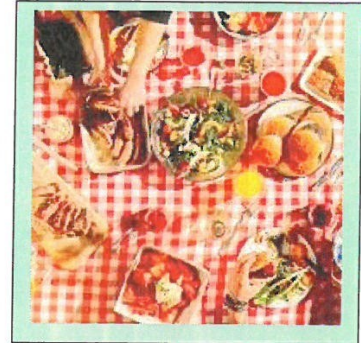


## What's in the picnic basket?



## 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> between  
10:30am and noon.

Date 6/6/26

NAME

PHONE #

EMAIL

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

Date 6/6/26

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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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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](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](mailto:jennquarlesm@gmail.com).

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



**Where:** Meet at the Liberty Bell on the Green in Dover at 2 p.m.

**Wear:** LIFE green t-shirts or clothing

Donate onesies to DE pregnancy centers by using the QR code:



**Let's show Delaware LIFE is a HUMAN RIGHT**

## 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



**MAX PELLEGRINO**  
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**WILMINGTON BLUE ROCKS**  
HIGH-A AFFILIATE | WASHINGTON NATIONALS  
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# BLUE ROCKS

## FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT

### FRIDAY JUNE 26TH

VS FREDERICK

**GAME TIME @ 6:35PM | GATES OPEN @ 5:45PM**

**ENJOY A PANEL OF BLUE ROCKS  
PLAYERS DISCUSSING THEIR FAITH &  
POSTGAME FIREWORKS**



**FOR GROUPS OF 20 OR  
MORE PEOPLE**

**UPPER BOX: \$13  
FIELD BOX: \$16**



**MAX PELLEGRINO**

**302.472.5700 MPELLEGRINO@BLUEROCKS.COM**



**MAY**  
**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

***BIRTHDAYS***

Alexis Carroll	May 5
Jackie Evers	May 9
Geri Jacobs	May 12
Sandy Boyce	May 17
Joseph Kowalski	May 17
Linda Banks	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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development	<b>27</b> 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success 6:00pm - 7:00pm Girl Scout Troop 15- (YR)	<b>28</b> 6:30pm - 8:30pm BSA Cub Pack 56 - Pack Meeting (YR)	<b>29</b> 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 12- 1pm Band of Brothers-Library 7- 8pm Bells Rehearsal(L Sanct) 7pm - 8:30pm BSA Troop 56 Mtg (YR)	<b>30</b> 10:00am - 11:00am Administrative Mtg - Library 7:00pm - 8:00pm Choir Practice-Choir room	<b>1</b> 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success	<b>2</b> 8:00am - 10:00am First Breakfast - hosted by HOPE DINING ROOM
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## LIST OF OFFICERS BY CLASS

**Session Clerk—Jim Pierson Perry**

**Class of 2026:** Lois Huggins, Mimi Lovelace, Jim Pierson-Perry, Don Tancredi

**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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**Class of 2027:** Kaitlin Douglas, Greg Hills, Darlene Newsom, Melanie Sipko

**Class of 2028:** Kim Raff, Ann Roybal, Pam Wunder

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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