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This Week's Worship – May 24, 2026

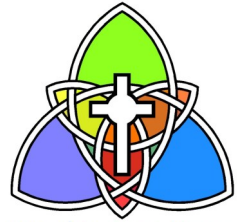
Ushers: Joe Huggins, Stan Blair, Julie Blair, Laura Sievert

Liturgist: Patti Kelly

Closer: Joe Huggins

Counters: Matt Reyne, Mimi Lovelace

MAY 22, 2026



Worship Grow Serve

You Tube Channel

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Website

www.firstpresnewark.org

Church Calendar

[click here](#)

Online giving through PayPal



Next Week's Worship – May 31, 2026

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

Liturgist: Lorraine Conner

Closer: Ron Olson

Counters: Joe Huggins, Clinton Nanji

Office Hours

Tuesday–Friday

9:00 am—1:00 pm



President Abraham's letter to Mrs. Lydia Bixby

Executive Mansion, Washington

Nov. 21, 1864.

Dear Madam,

I have been shown in the files of the War Department a statement of the Adjutant General of Massachusetts that you are the mother of five sons who have died gloriously on the field of battle.

I feel how weak and fruitless must be any word of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the Republic they died to save.

I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

Yours, very sincerely and respectfully,

A. Lincoln

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DONATED BY

**Given by his wife Gloria and their children.
In memory of Dick Prettyman, husband and father.**



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.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED FOR IMMIGRANT FAMILIES

The **Immigrant Justice Committee of New Castle Presbytery**, in conjunction with the **Peace and Justice Team**, urgently asks congregations to provide financial support to meet the emergency needs of immigrant families, whose loved ones have been detained or deported.

Most often the person detained or deported is the family's only source of income. Those left behind are almost always women with young children. Your offering would provide for basic subsistence needs (food, household needs, rent, utilities, and transportation) necessary for the family to survive the trauma of readjusting and re-stabilizing.



NEW CASTLE

New Castle HELP
Makes checks payable to the Latin American Community Center
Memo Line: Emergency Fund for Immigrant Families
403 North Van Buren St. Wilmington DE, 19805



SUSSEX

Sussex HELP
Makes Checks Payable To SussexHELP Fund
Greater Lewes Foundation
P.O. Box 110, Lewes Delaware, 19958



KENT & EASTERN SHORE OF MD

Sussex HELP
Make checks payable to Sussex HELP
Memo Line: Emergency Fund for Immigrant Families
La Esperanza Community Center
216 N Race St., Georgetown DE 19947





June 6th — Deacons

July 11th — Band of Brothers

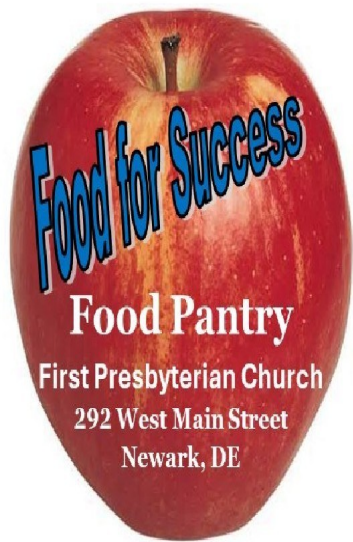
August 1st — Chancel Choir & Praise Team

September 5th — Presbyterian Woman

October 3rd— Session

November 7th — Worship Committee

December 5th — Hope Dining Room



Volunteering is good for you - providing benefits to both mental and physical health!

Help our *Food for Success* food pantry provide supplemental food for community members in need of nourishing meals.

We do on the job training!



Scan the QR code to access the Food for Success Signup Genius app

Food for Success Volunteer Coordinator - Nancy Lewis - nancylewis2011@gmail.com



Food for Success Open Dates for 2026

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

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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

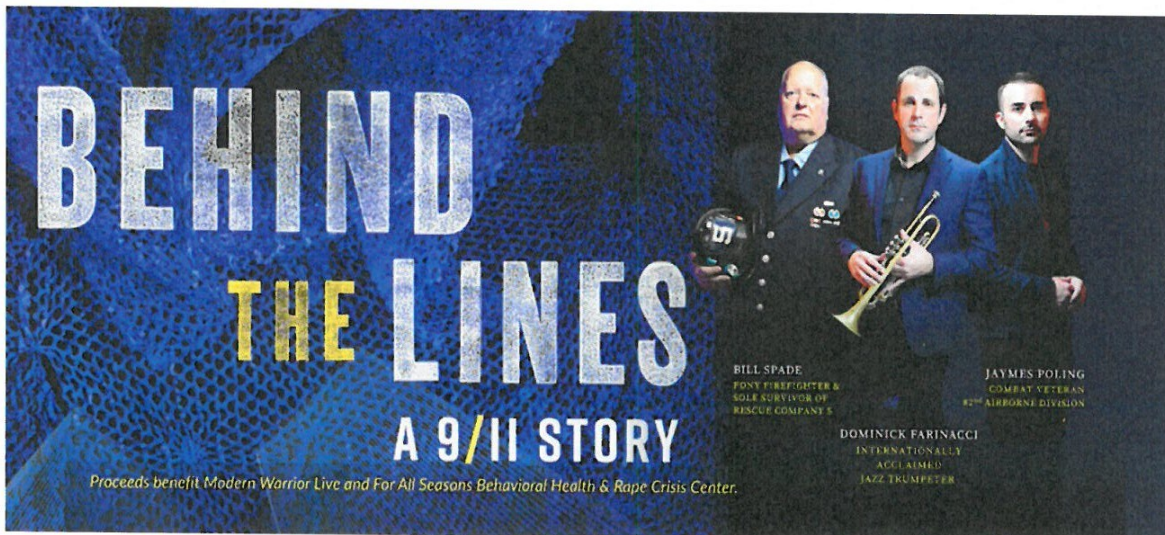
Tickets:

- 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>





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>

**DUNK THE PASTOR at the Strawberry Picnic !
Sunday, June 7, 2026, following Church Service**

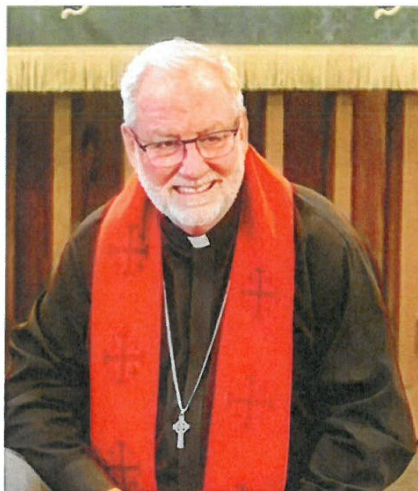
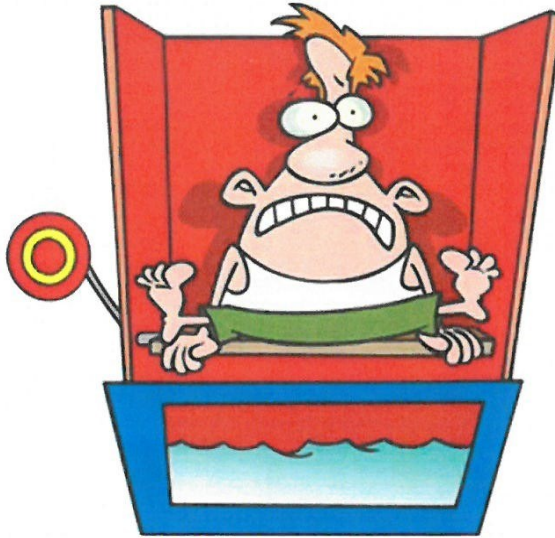
FRIENDLY REMINDER

**PASTOR DAN IS GETTING A
DUNK TANK FOR THE
STRAWBERRY PICNIC!**

Please bring cash to
donate to give our pastor
a dunk!

Who Knows? Maybe
others will volunteer to be
dunked! Do you have
someone in mind?

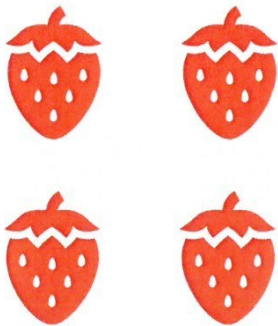
We also welcome you to
contribute to the free-will
offering to help offset the
cost of the picnic.



Bring your
spare
change, your
dollar bills
and join the
fun!

More games
and prizes!

Can't wait
to see you
all there!



JOIN THE FUN! You know you want to!!



Strawberry Picnic

Sunday, June 7, 2026

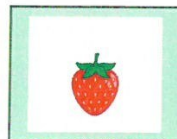
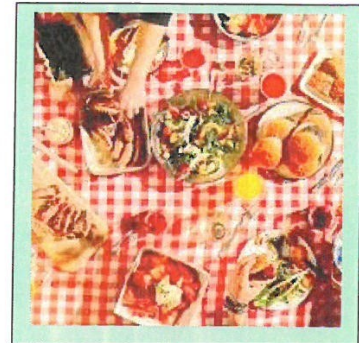
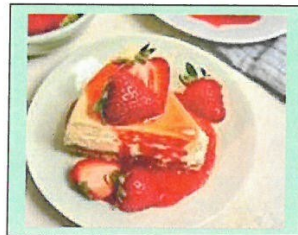


What's in the picnic basket?



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>



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
📍 JUDY JOHNSON FIELD AT DANIEL S. FRAWLEY STADIUM
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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
26 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development	27 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success 6:00pm - 7:00pm Girl Scout Troop 15- (YR)	28 6:30pm - 8:30pm BSA Cub Pack 56 - Pack Meeting (YR)	29 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)	30 10:00am - 11:00am Administrative Mtg - Library 7:00pm - 8:00pm Choir Practice-Choir room	1 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success	2 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

Class of 2026: Julia Blair, Jennifer Dube, Vickie Pierson-Perry, Willee Short

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
302-731-5644 or 484-557-9983

