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June

This Week's Worship – June 7, 2026

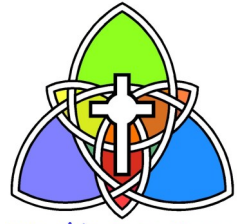
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JUNE 5, 2026



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 – June 14, 2026

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

Liturgist: Greg Hills

Closer: Paul Biddle

Counters: Harvey Conner, Francis Kwansa

Office Hours

Tuesday–Friday

9:00 am—1:00 pm

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS WERE DONATED BY

Dave and Jackie Evers

In memory of Linda Evers Tatnall who died April 28, 2026



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

Help Tell the Story of First Presbyterian Church

Over the coming months, First Presbyterian Church will be embarking on an exciting project to refresh and strengthen how we share our ministry, mission, and community with one another and with the wider world.

Our website and social media presence are often the first introduction people have to our church. They are also important tools for helping members stay connected, find information, register for events, celebrate ministry, and share the many ways God is at work among us.

To help guide this effort, we are forming a Digital Communications Team—and we are looking for volunteers with a variety of interests, talents, experiences, and perspectives.

You do **not** need to be a technology expert to participate. In fact, we are hoping to build a team that reflects the diversity of our congregation.

We are especially looking for people who:

- Enjoy photography or would be willing to help capture images of church life
- Have experience with or interest in social media
- Enjoy creating or editing videos
- Like writing, storytelling, interviewing people, or creating content
- Have experience with websites, technology, or graphic design
- Are willing to help organize information and resources
- Enjoy welcoming newcomers and can help us see the church through fresh eyes
- Have been part of our church family for many years and can help tell our story
- Represent different ages, backgrounds, ministries, and interests within our congregation

We are also looking for members who are willing to be photographed, share their stories, or help us highlight the people and ministries that make First Presbyterian Church such a special community.

Most importantly, we are looking for people who care about helping us communicate who we are, what we believe, and how we serve.

This project will help us better welcome visitors, connect members, support ministries, share information, and tell the story of First Presbyterian Church in a way that is authentic, inviting, and reflective of our mission.

Whether you can serve on the team throughout the project, help with a single photo session, review content, contribute ideas, or simply lend your perspective, we would love to hear from you.

If you are interested in participating—or would simply like to learn more—please contact Patti Kelly via email at PattiLynnKelly@gmail.com.

Join us as we work together to create a digital presence that reflects the warmth, faith, hospitality, and mission of First Presbyterian Church.

THE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

This past Thursday, June 3, 2026, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY held a breakfast in celebration of 40 years in New Castle County. Pastor Dan gave the invocation and several members of FPC-N attended.



Looking for a Drummer!!

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

Looking for Liturgists!!



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.

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 &
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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





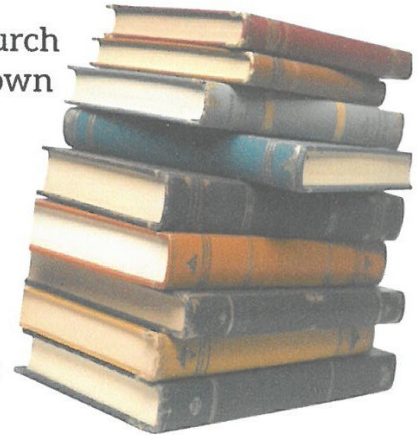
Presbyterian Women

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



June 6th — Deacons

July 11th — Band of Brothers

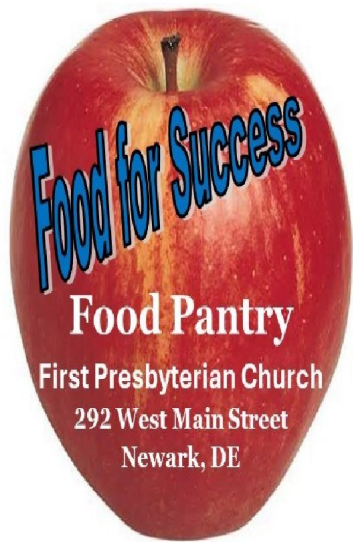
August 1st — Chancel Choir & Praise Team

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

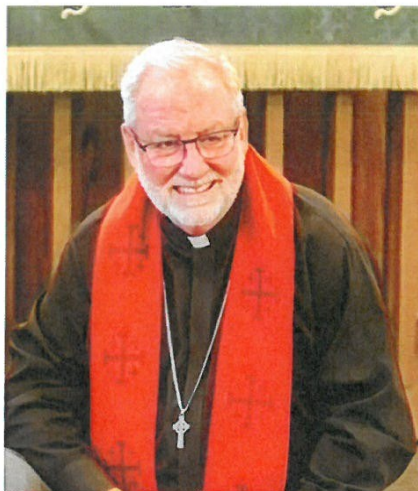
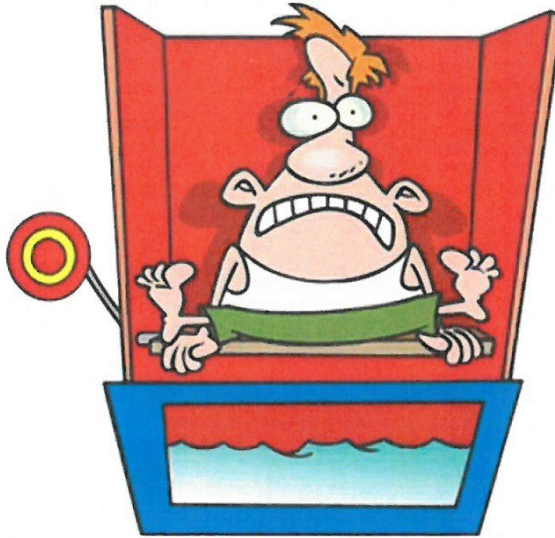
FRIENDLY REMINDER

**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?

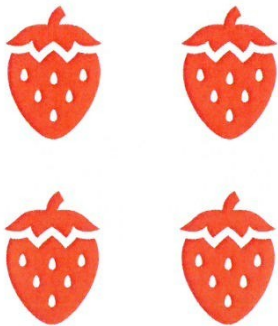
We also welcome you to
contribute to the free-will
offering to help offset the
cost of the picnic.



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

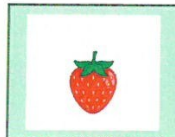
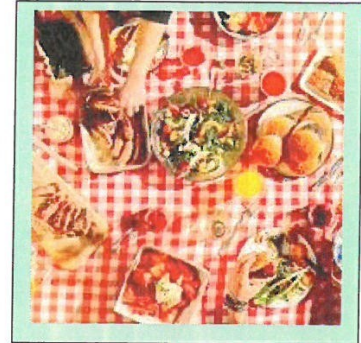


What's in the picnic basket?



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

PHONE #

EMAIL

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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

June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development	1 6:00pm - 7:00pm Girl Scout Troop 15- (YR)	2 10:00am - 11:30am PW CT - MH Parlor 6:00pm PW Women only - dinner MHW	3 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library 7:00pm - 8:30pm BSA Troop 56 Meeting (YR)	4	5	6 8:00am - 9:00am First Breakfast - DEACONS 10:30am - 1:00pm Strawberry Picnic Prep
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BIRTHDAYS

Nancy Boulden	June 02
Garrett Norman	June 03
Ann Roybal	June 03
Evelyn Hayes	June 04,
John Winter	June 07,
Ava Ferry	June 08
Melody Bock	June 11
Cindy Boulden	June 17
Louise Dawson	June 18
Nancy Lewis	June 23
Willee Short	June 23
Harvey Conner	June 27
Lorraine Conner	June 29
Karen Thompson	June 30

ANNIVERSARIES

John & Melody Bock	June 01, 1986
Edward & Agata Gliwa	June 05, 1996
Kenneth & Marilyn Kincaid	June 06, 1965
Mark & Kathleen Sisk	June 12, 1976
Tim & Stephanie Birdsall	June 13, 1970
Kevin & Janet Thomson	June 14, 1980
Jim & Vickie Pierson-Perry	June 25, 1976
Sean & Gail Ferry	June 30, 2001
Wilma-Lee & Paul Short	June 30, 1962

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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am- 1:00 pm

LIST OF OFFICERS BY CLASS

Session Clerk—Jim Pierson Perry

Class of 2027: Stan Blair, Melody Bock, Pat Nelson, Bob Wunder

Class of 2028: Carolyn Morton, Kern Piser, Mark Sisk

Class of 2029: Lois Huggins, Nancy Lewis, Jim Pierson-Perry

Deacons Moderator—Greg Hills

Class of 2027: Kaitlin Douglas, Greg Hills, Melanie Sipko, Fe Wright

Class of 2028: Judy Agnello, Kim Raff, Ann Roybal, Pam Wunder

Class of 2029: Julia Blair, Jennifer Dube, Sarah Huckleberry,

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

