



First Presbyterian Church

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This Week's Worship – July 12, 2026

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

Liturgist: Kim Raff

Closer: Greg Hills

Counters: Kevin Thomson, Kern Piser

July 10, 2026



Worship Grow Serve

You Tube Channel

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

Website

www.firstpresnewark.org

Church Calendar

[click here](#)

Online giving through PayPal



Next Week's Worship – July 19, 2026

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

Liturgist: Nancy Lewis

Closer: Paul Biddle

Counters: Harvey Conner, Joe
Huggins

Office Hours

Tuesday–Friday

9:00 am—1:00 pm

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS WERE DONATED BY

GLORY OF GOD



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

Memorial Service



Celebrate the Life and Legacy of

KEN LEWIS

Saturday, July 25, 2026, from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
in the Sanctuary

Luncheon and reception to follow in Memorial Hall

Acres of Opportunity

Dear First Pres members, please plan to stay after worship service on July 12th to participate in a congregational listening session regarding potential uses of some of our church land. While nothing is planned at this time, Session would like to understand congregational views and gain consensus on what could be considered in the future. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary directly following the service.

As background, our church property is almost 14 acres. Anywhere from 5 to 8 acres of this could possibly be used for a housing ministry, affordable housing, or other projects. We have been approached a few times over the past 10+ years with proposals that were addressed by either Session or the Board of Trustees. At no time, however, was the congregation surveyed to see if there was any interest in pursuing uses for our land versus leaving it untouched.

The listening session on July 12th will give our congregation the opportunity to learn of our land status, talk about potential uses of it, and allow the members to express their opinions and ask questions. Following the listening session, a printed survey will be distributed to each active member allowing them to note their wishes on how our land might be used. Survey responses will be due to the church office by July 22nd, after which time the results will be communicated to all members.

Don't miss this opportunity to let your opinion be heard on potential uses of our church land!

Thank you and best regards,

Jim Pp

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.

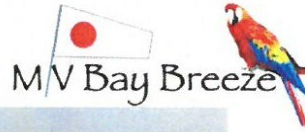
If you are interested in participating—or would simply like to learn more—please contact Patti Kelly via email at PattiLynnKelly@gmail.com.

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

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
down the C& D Canal



When: Saturday, August 1st, 1:30pm – 3:30 pm
(Boat leaves promptly at 1:30pm)

Where: Dock behind and to the right of
Shaeffer's Canal House in Chesapeake City, MD

Cost: \$13

Details: The boat is covered and has tables, chairs and a bathroom.

Snacks and drinks are available for sale.



Dinner(optional): Continue fellowship time over dinner at 3:45pm
at Schaeffer's Canal House for those women interested.
Reservation required and made through Laura Sievert.

Sign-up 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 Schaeffer's**.

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

Pay your \$13 for the boat ride to Laura Sievert

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 began 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.



Presbyterian Women

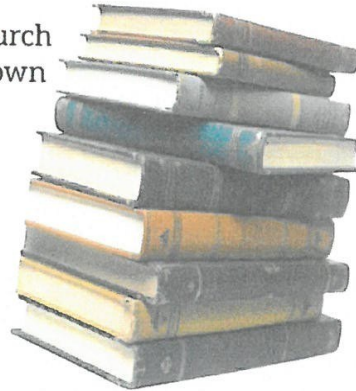
Supporting a **United for the Nations** project by collecting gently used books in support of education in a sensitive region of North Africa.

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

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



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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





July 11th — Band of Brothers

August 1st — Chancel Choir & Praise Team

September 5th — Presbyterian Woman

October 3rd— Session

**November 7th — UD/Community Engagement
Committee**

December 5th — Hope Dining Room

Hi everyone,

Before I left Newark for our lake house I was able to visit my two special people who are on the weekly prayer list and listed on the deacon's care list. Since they are no longer able to attend our worship services they are not known by more recent members.

I saw Carlton Tappan on June 15 at Kurtz Senior Living on Lodge Lane in northeast Wilmington. I call Carlton daily as well. His short term memory is gone and he can no longer carry on a meaningful conversation. However he appreciate my calls and still knows who I am. He was a faithful member of our church serving as usher, deacon, Stephen minister, served at Hope dining room and volunteered at the service desk. He is 96 years old. His wife Martha passed in February 2024. They had no children and he was an only child. My husband Rick and I have been good friends with Carlton for over 40 years. Here is Carlton.



Marty Gronka lives in his home in Windy Hills with his son Steve. He is 99 years 8 months old. He will be 100 on November 3rd. He is hard of hearing and has a skin condition due to cellulitis. His wife Dottie passed quite a while ago. They had 3 sons and an adopted daughter. One son is deceased. Marty still remembers me and can carry on a conversation. I brought him a little Father's Day gift to bring him cheer. He was glad to see me and I was happy I could visit him. Son Steve is pictured with him in the second photo.



Blessings, Judy Agnello



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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The Food for Success volunteers celebrated an early 4th of July as well as the 250th birthday of the United States and “Go USA soccer team”.

Clients visiting the pantry on Monday, June 22nd and Friday June 28th were given a flag and children received some “extra” goodies. A good time was had by all.

Want to volunteer? Scan the QR code to access our Signup Genius and sign up on a day that’s convenient for you. No experience necessary!



July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development	29	30	1 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library	2	3 Office Closed - 4th of July Observance	4
5 Sacrament of Communion 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development	6	7	8 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library	9 12:00pm - 1:00pm Ladies Lunch Bunch 3:00pm - 4:00pm HR Team- MH Library	10	11 8:00am - 9:00am First Breakfast - Band of Brothers
12 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Listening Session	13 12:00pm - 1:00pm Hope Dining Room 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success	14 7:00pm - 9:00pm Deacon's - Library - Zoom 7:00pm - 9:30pm Finance Mtg.- Zoom	15 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library	16	17 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success	18
19 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development	20 7pm - 9pm Session Mtg	21	22 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library	23 10:00am - 11:00am Administrative Mtg - Library	24 12:00pm - 1:00pm Ladies Lunch Bunch	25 11:00am - 12:00pm Celebration of Life for Ken Lewis - Sanctuary 12:00pm - 2:00pm Luncheon & Reception - MWH
26 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development	27 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success	28	29 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library	30	31 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success	1 8:00am - 9:00am First Breakfast - Chancel choir & Praise Team

Affordable Housing Forum Update

The affordable housing forum has been rescheduled from July 26th to August 30th. More information will be provided closer to that date.



Birthdays

Ed Gliwa – 07/01
Carol Olson – 07/02
Karen Baker – 07/04
Ann Ferreira – 07/07
Tom Brockenbrough 07/14
Faithe Koser – 07/14
Rhetta Brighton – 07/15
Judy Macharia – 07/24
Robert Tuttle – 07/26
Phyllis Biddle – 07/26
Donald Coughenour – 7/29
Joan Hourigan – 07/31
James McNeely – 07/31

Anniversaries

Theodore and Faithe Koser – 07/06
Michael and Christi Fox – 07/09
Robert and Pam Wunder – 07/22

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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
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