



# First Presbyterian Church

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## This Week's Worship April 20, 2025

**Ushers:** Carol Aftosmis, Marianne Piser,  
Dave Meyers, Joe Kowalski  
**Liturgist:** Nancy Lewis  
**Closer:** Greg Hills  
**Counters:** Matt Reyne, Joe Huggins  
**Greeters:** Carol Olson

APRIL 18, 2025



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## This Week's Worship April 27, 2025

**Ushers:** Vickie Pierson-Perry, Willee Short, Sarah Huckleberry, Paul Biddle  
**Liturgist:**  
**Closer:** Paul Biddle  
**Counters:** Matt Reyne, Joe Huggins  
**Greeters:** Lynne Reyne, Stephanie Birsall

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### Office Hours

Monday  
Closed  
Tuesday -Friday

Flowers can be dedicated in honor or memory of family, friends and loved ones.

You may keep or donate. A sign-up form 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—Cost \$31.00**

### **Sing a New Song: A History of Music and the Church in the West**

The presence of any element in our worship is the result of millennia of question, debate, acceptance, even compromise, and the matter of music is no different. For four weeks, beginning May 4th, we'll survey the 2000 years of history of music as it relates to Christianity, exploring the different perspectives on the role music should (or should not) play in worship, what kinds of music should be allowed, the interplay between sacred and secular developments in Western music, and so on. This broad overview is designed to educate on the topic, as well as to open questions for yourself about what music and belief means to you. While we will be using Paul Westermeyer's *Te Deum: The Church and Music* as a focus text, it is not required to participate, and while topics of musicology and music theory will be discussed as necessary, the seminars are designed with the musical layperson in mind. Please come join the Adult Discipleship class on Sundays at 11:30 in the parlor of Memorial Hall as Christian Hendricks leads us on a musical journey.

We are planning to celebrate the arrival of Waqif's family on Sunday April 27

Please let Nancy Lewis know if you can bring a salad or a vegetarian dish or a fish dish to a luncheon to be held after church in Memorial Hall.

The family needs many things for their 7 children. They especially need a sewing machine and a pressure cooker. If you can gift one of these please contact Nancy Lewis.

If you can, please bring gift cards that they could use at a grocery store or a clothing store.

Thank you very much for your help with this family.



Join us Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. for a very special Good Friday service in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church Newark.

We will hear compelling testimony from eyewitnesses to our Lord's passion and crucifixion paired with hymns from the Taizé ecumenical Christian monastery along with other music. It is an evening of peaceful, solemn reflection on the price paid by our Lord for our sake and an excellent preparation for the joyful celebration of our Lord's resurrection.

All are welcome to this beautiful and unique worship experience.

JOIN US FOR

EASTER SUNDAY



Sunrise Service - 7 am - Remembrance Garden

Traditional Service - 10 am - Sanctuary

FPC-N's PW CT Search Committee is looking for 2 volunteers

***Available positions include:***

**Program Coordinator:**

Plans the October, December, and June gatherings.

**Moderator Elect:**

Will train under current moderator, stepping in as needed or requested and becomes Moderator the following year.

\*Both positions require taking the lead for the responsibilities listed above  
but come with helpful support, if desired\*

If interested or have questions, please contact Kaitlin Douglas via email  
([douglask@udel.edu](mailto:douglask@udel.edu)) at your earliest convenience

Thank you for your consideration!



The office is looking for a volunteer to join the front desk reception team on Fridays 9:00 am—12:00 pm

Please email the office at [officemanager@firstpresnewark.org](mailto:officemanager@firstpresnewark.org) for more details.



## Board of Directors

As you are all aware, First Presbyterian Newark has decided to rehabilitate and re-open Westminster House to serve as a blessing and to spread the gospel both within the church and the wider community. We are forming a new 501 (c) (3) corporation to oversee the renovations and ongoing use of Westminster House. Membership on the Board of Directors is open to all who are interested in becoming involved in this exciting new chapter in the life of our church. The Board will work closely with the session but will be independent of the session. Once constituted, the Board will elect its own officers, determine meeting times, terms of service, etc. We are hoping to limit the Board to nine members for manageability's sake. If you are interested in serving in this vital capacity, please email Pastor Dan at [pastor@firstpresnewark.org](mailto:pastor@firstpresnewark.org). How exciting it will be to see what God has planned for Westminster House!





**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)**

**A choice pantry in partnership with the Food Bank of Delaware**

[foodforsuccess@firstpresnewark.org](mailto:foodforsuccess@firstpresnewark.org)

**Volunteers are always needed. Use this QR code to  
access the Food for Success Signup Genius**



## **Food for Success Open Dates for 2025**

January	February	March	April
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### **Food for Success Update 3/27/25**

According to the News Journal, *The Food Bank of Delaware was informed Tuesday that President Donald Trump's administration was canceling all 19 truckloads of food poised to provide 900,000 meals to hungry Delawareans.*

About 90% of **Food for Success** food has been donated by USDA. We are seeking guidance and exploring options and resources in this time of great uncertainty. Recognizing increasing food insecurity needs, we will do everything possible to develop realistic plans for the immediate and long term future. As we gather information, we promise to keep you informed. Your insights and prayers for innovative and sustainable solutions will be greatly appreciated.

On an upbeat note, please **mark your calendars for these upcoming events, which will be held in Memorial Hall!**

- **May 8, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.** UD students who have completed Dr. Jane Case's *Civil Discourse* program will share key concepts for engaging with others from different perspectives, backgrounds and cultures.
- **May 17, 11:30 - 1:30:** Food for Success End of Semester/Academic Year Celebration, provides an opportunity for you to get to know and share experiences with those who have benefited from *Food for Success* this year.

~The *Food for Success* Leadership and UD/FPC/Community Engagement Teams – Francis Kwansa, Sandy Wenner, Stan Blair, Marianne Piser, Ann Roybal, Kern Piser & Pat Nelson





<i>Wade Catts</i>	<i>April 6</i>
<i>Greg Hills</i>	<i>April 6</i>
<i>Camilla Kowalski</i>	<i>April 7</i>
<i>Stan Blair</i>	<i>April 15</i>
<i>Sonia Choi</i>	<i>April 19</i>
<i>Judy Baker</i>	<i>April 22</i>
<i>Shirley Hills</i>	<i>April 23</i>
<i>Samuel Trembanis</i>	<i>April 24</i>
<i>Nicole Habbert</i>	<i>April 28</i>
<i>Mike Beron</i>	<i>April 30</i>



<i>Sean &amp; Sandra Prather</i>	<i>April 8</i>
<i>Fred &amp; Louise Dawson</i>	<i>April 13</i>
<i>David &amp; Karen Baker</i>	<i>April 18</i>
<i>David &amp; Denise Murray</i>	<i>April 24</i>

## April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development	<b>31</b> 6:00pm - 7:00pm Girl Scout Troop 15- Youth Room LS	<b>1</b> 10:00am - 11:30am PW CT - MH Parlor 6:30pm - 8:00pm Girl Scout Troop 157 Leader Meeting- MHW	<b>2</b> 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 10:00am - 11:00am Admin Meeting- Library 12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers- Library 7:00pm - 8:00pm Bell Choir Practice - LS 7:00pm - 8:30pm BSA Troop 56 Meeting	<b>3</b> 9:00am - 12:00pm Library Reserved 7:00pm - 8:00pm Choir Practice-Choir room	<b>4</b> 9:00am - 11:00am Finance/Bill Pay - Zoom	<b>5</b> 8:00am - 9:00am 1st Saturday Breakfast- MHW
<b>6</b> Sacrament of Communion 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development 1:00pm - 3:00pm Girl Scout Troop 157 Meeting- MHW	<b>7</b> 6:00pm - 7:00pm Girl Scout Troop 15- Youth Room LS	<b>8</b> 6:00am - 9:00pm City of Newark Election MHW 6:30pm - 7:30pm Cub Pack 56- 7:00pm - 9:00pm Deacon's - Library - Zoom 7:00pm - 9:30pm Finance Mtg.-Zoom	<b>9</b> 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers- Library 7:00pm - 8:00pm Bell Choir Practice - LS 7:00pm - 8:30pm BSA Troop 56 Committee 7:00pm - 8:30pm BSA Troop 56 Meeting	<b>10</b> 9:00am - 12:00pm Library Reserved 7:00pm - 8:00pm Choir Practice-Choir room	<b>11</b> 9:00am - 11:00am Finance/Bill Pay - Zoom 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 10:00am - 11:00am Palm Sunday Service - Sanctuary 11:00am - 12:00pm Easter Egg Hunt - Lower Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development	<b>14</b> 12:00pm - 1:00pm Hope Dining Room 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success 6:00pm - 7:00pm Girl Scout Troop 15- Youth Room LS	<b>15</b> 10:00am - 12:00pm Rachel Circle -MH Gliwa and Ruth Circle- Parlor hybrid 1:00pm - 3:00pm Elizabeth Circle - Parlor hybrid 7:00pm - 8:30pm Lydia Circle-Zoom/Parlor/hybrid	<b>16</b> 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers- Library 7:00pm - 8:00pm Bell Choir Practice - LS 7:00pm - 8:30pm BSA Troop 56 Meeting	<b>17</b> 9:00am - 12:00pm Library Reserved 4:00pm - 5:00pm HR Team- MH Library 5:30pm Maundy Thursday Potluck - MHW 7:00pm - 8:00pm Choir Practice-Choir room	<b>18</b> 9:00am - 11:00am Finance/Bill Pay - Zoom 6:30pm Good Friday Service - Sanctuary	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 7:00am - 8:00am Easter Sunrise Service - Remembrance Garden 10:00am - 11:00am Easter Sunday Service (traditional) - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development 1:00pm - 3:00pm Girl Scout Troop 157 Meeting	<b>21</b> 6:00pm - 7:00pm Girl Scout Troop 15- Youth Room LS 7:00pm - 9:00pm Session -Zoom/ Library	<b>22</b> 6:30pm - 7:30pm Cub Pack 56-MHW	<b>23</b> 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers- Library 7:00pm - 8:00pm Bell Choir Practice - LS 7:00pm - 8:30pm BSA Troop 56 Meeting	<b>24</b> 9:00am - 12:00pm Library Reserved 7:00pm - 8:00pm Choir Practice-Choir room	<b>25</b> 9:00am - 11:00am Finance/Bill Pay - Zoom 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success	<b>26</b>
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Tuesday—Friday 9:00 am- 1:00 pm

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

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