

First Church of Newark

820 Broad Street | Newark, NJ 07102

THEN DEBORAH SAID TO BARAK, "ARISE,
FOR THIS IS THE DAY THAT THE LORD HAS
DELIVERED SISERA INTO YOUR HAND. HAS
NOT THE LORD GONE BEFORE YOU?" SO
BARAK CAME DOWN FROM MOUNT TABOR
WITH TEN THOUSAND MEN FOLLOWING HIM.

- JUDGES 4:14

MEANWHILE, SISERA HAD FLED ON FOOT
TO THE TENT OF Jael, THE WIFE OF HEBER
THE KENITE, BECAUSE THERE WAS PEACE
BETWEEN JABIN KING OF HAZOR AND
THE HOUSE OF HEBER THE KENITE.

- JUDGES 4:17

Rev. Dr. Carol Lynn Patterson
Pastor

Fourth Sunday

February 22, 2026

11:00 a.m.



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We're On a Mission!

*Growing into mature disciples of Jesus Christ, who are united in the Spirit
by obedience to The Greatest Commandments
and participation in The Great Co-mission.™*

Pastor
Liturgist
Scripture Readers
Minister of Music

Rev. Dr. Carol Lynn Patterson
Elder Yvonne Klubi
Elders Yvette Klubi & Yvonne Klubi
Valarie Adams-Manigault

Prelude

Eric Melton

Invocation

Liturgist

Call to Worship

Congregation

One: When we are at our lowest, God, we cry out to You. We know You hear us.

Many: Let Your ears be attentive, O Lord, to the cry for mercy by Your people.

All: We long for justice and grace.

One: If you kept a record of sins, Lord, who could dare to come before You?

Many: Thankfully, with You, there is forgiveness!

All: Now we can serve You with reverence, O Lord!

One: As people of God, we put our hope in the Lord's unfailing love!

Many: In Christ, we experience redemption and grace.

All: Thank You, Lord, for unshackling us from all that binds us! Praise God for freedom!

Congregational Hymn # 264

At The Cross

***Call to Confession**

Liturgist

Let's ask God to forgive us for what we do and what we fail to do.



Silent Prayers of Confession



***Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

Congregation

Forgiving Lord, we have fallen short time and time again. You have given us Your word, both in scripture and in Son. You have promised us Your presence, both in Spirit and in community. And You have graced us with Your kingdom, both in teaching and in service. Even so, we neglect, ignore, and reject Your purposes for us. We do not love what You love. We do not embrace what You embrace. We do not defend what You have called us to defend. Please have mercy on us, O God of all ages past and all hope for years to come. And with Your gifts, promises, and grace, continue working in our lives so that we might receive full life in Jesus Christ, now and forevermore. Amen.

***Assurance of God's Pardon**

Congregation

One: In Christ's life, ministry, death and resurrection, we are made able to persist, upright and strong!

All: In Christ, our sins are forgiven. Hallelujah! Amen!

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen.

Praise Song

Grateful

Welcome

Liturgist

Passing of the Peace {with a gentle elbow bump}

Congregation

One: The Peace of Christ be with you!

All: Also, with you!

Pastoral Reflections

Pastor Carol

Black History Month Vignette

Patrick Goeh-Akue

***Prayer of Illumination** (in unison)

Congregation

Almighty God, whose Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, as we hear the story of Deborah, Barak, and Jael; please strengthen our hearts to obey You, even when the path is intimidating. Move us from fear to faith so that – like Your people of old – we may walk in the victory You have already prepared for us through Christ Jesus. Amen.

***First Reading**

Psalm 18:1-3 NKJV

Elders Yvette & Yvonne Kluvi

Sermonic Selection

Goodness of God

***Second Reading**

Judges 4:14-24

Pastor Carol

***Sermon Title**

Sometimes It Takes A Sister

Pastor Carol

Sermonic Reflection

Goodness of God

Affirmation of Faith (*The Apostles Creed* in unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord;

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,

Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of God, the Father almighty.

From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the universal Church, the communion of saints,

The forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers for the People

Pastor Carol

The Model Prayer (in unison)

Congregation

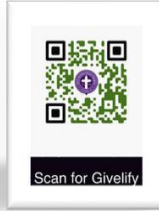
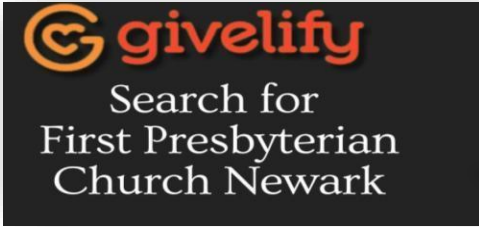
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Joy of Giving

Offertory

God Is

Three (3) Ways to Present Tithes and Offerings: Basket | Givelify | Text-to-Give



*Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*Prayer of Dedication

Liturgist

Announcements & Benediction

Pastor Carol

Recessional

Let the Church Say Amen

*No Walking at This Time



Congratulations To

Ruling Elders Class of 2028: Elders - Elect James Russell and Elder Bessie Lee Watts

Deacon Class of 2027: Deacon-Elect Karrell Fairweather

Deacons Class of 2028: Deacons-Elect Salomine Ekambi & Victorine Mensavi

Nominating Committee: Doris Abebe, Komlan Goe, Celesta Goeh-Akue,
Ayele Kessouagni, Emmanuela Kisseem & Elder Jeanette Oliver



THE POSITIVE COMMUNITY

PRESENTS

THE 7TH ANNUAL

GREAT AMERICAN EMANCIPATION DAY *Awards Celebration*



FEBRUARY 28



2:00 - 6:00 PM

Robert Treat Hotel

50 PARK PL, NEWARK, NJ



CO-HOST
JENNIFER
JONES AUSTIN



CO-HOST
REVEREND
JACQUES DEGRAFF

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Our Honorees



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DR. LLOYD
WILLIAMS

FOUNDER OF HARLEM WEEK;
GHCC CHAIRMAN

POSTHUMOUS MILDRED C. ERUMP
LOVING SERVICE AWARD

RT. REVEREND
REGINALD T.
JACKSON

BISHOP AME CHURCH

CRISPUS ATTUCKS MEDAL OF FREEDOM

CONGRESSIONAL
BLACK CAUCUS

REP. YVETTE D. CLARKE
CHAIR, CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS
CONGRESSIONAL AMERICAN CALCIUS
AND
MEMBERS OF CBC

TOUCHED-A-RS AWARD

EDOLPHUS
"ED"
TOWNS JR.

FORMER U.S.
CONGRESSMAN (1983-2018)



DR. CLEMENT ALEXANDER PRICE AWARD

JUNIUS
WILLIAMS, ESQ.

ATTORNEY; OFFICIAL HISTORIAN,
CITY OF NEWARK; FORMER
DIRECTOR, ABBOTT LEADERSHIP
INSTITUTE (RUTGERS
UNIVERSITY-NEWARK)

AMERICAN HERITAGE AWARD

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF NEWARK

REV. DR. CAROL LYNN
PATTERSON

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF NEWARK

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2nd Karelle Fairweather

8th Akosua Abrokwa

25th Johnny Wilson

If your name is not on the birthday list, please send your information to admin@1stchurchnewark.org

Sermon Notes

Date: _____ Scripture: _____

Title: _____

Preacher: _____

Notes: _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Membership

Seeking a church home? Prayerfully consider First Church. See Welcome Desk.

Serve in our Worship Ministries

Gifted singers interested in our *Praise Team*, see Valarie Adams-Manigault.
Gifted dancers interested in the *FPC Praise Dancers*, see Elder Yvonne or Yvette

Adult Sunday School @ 10 a.m. | Studying the Book of Revelation

Book Club on Mondays @ 7:30 p.m.

Reading the Bible-in-a-Year. All are welcome! Please see Elder Aprile for details.

Tuesday Prayer Call @ 7:00 p.m. | 1 (564) 888-5493 ~ Access Code 527822

The Sacrifice of Prayer Call on Wednesdays @ 6 a.m. | 1 (774) 300-8669

GROW Bible Study: God's Rhema on Wednesdays @ 7 p.m. via Zoom

Register on our website

Black History Month

Unexpected Strength Series in February | Dramatic Presentation 2/22 @ 1 p.m.

Intercessory Prayer

To request healing or bereavement prayer, call the church office
(973) 642-0260 or email care@1stchurchnewark.org

Virtual Worship | See last Sunday's Service on YouTube @1stchurchnewarknj

Session (Ruling Elders & Committees)

Class of 2025
Aprile Booker-Russell (2)
Congregational Care
Rev. John Bugg (1)
Missions & Outreach

Class of 2026
Yvonne Kluvi (1)
Stewardship & Finance
Kossi Botobikpissi (1)
Buildings & Grounds

Class of 2027
Yvette Kluvi (1)
Worship
Aisha McCallum (2)
Human Resources
Josey Wynette (1)
Faith Formation

Deacons

Class of 2025
Matilda Asare (2)
James Russell (2)

Class of 2026
Alba "Gigi" Egoh (2)
George Smith (2)
Komlan Goe (1)
Godwin Botobikpissi (1)

Class of 2027
Genevieve Goeh-Akue (1)