First Church of Newark

820 Broad Street | Newark, NJ 07102

Edler Aprile Booker-Russell, Pulpit Supply

Rev. Dr. Carol Lynn Patterson, Pastor

Second Sunday

August 9, 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	Rev. Dr. Carol Lynn Patterson
Liturgist	Elder Bessie Lee Watts
Scripture Readers	Kirk Lambert & Elder Kossi Botobikpissi
Minister of Music	Valarie Adams-Manigault

Prelude Eric Melton

Call to Worship Congregation

One: Jesus says, "Do not be anxious about anything."
Many: In every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, we present our requests to God.
One**:** We bring our worries and our burdens to the Lord.
Many: We lay our heavy loads at the Lord's feet with grateful hearts.
One**:** When we do this, the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.
All: Let us worship the God of peace who is near to us today!

Invocation Liturgist

Congregational Hymn #378 *Just A Little Talk with Jesus*

***Call to Confession** Liturgist

In Philippians 4, we are called to take everything to God in prayer. This includes our inadequacies, our fears, our anxieties, our shortcomings, and our sins. Let us take our burdens to God in prayer.

Silent Prayers of Confession

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

God of Peace, we admit that we have carried fear and doubt instead of trusting You. Today, we bring our heavy burdens and specific needs to You in prayer. We come boldly to Your throne of grace to cast our cares on You, knowing that You care for us. We're grateful for Your constant care and goodness. Please let Your deep peace guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

***Assurance of God's Pardon** Congregation

One: Our heavenly Father assures us that He will sustain us through every season in life!

All: Our souls are anchored in Christ Jesus, where we find grace, peace and forgiveness. Amen.

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. Amen.

Praise & Worship *Way Maker* | *It Is Well*

Welcome Ayele Kessouagni

Passing of the Peace {with a gentle elbow bump} Congregation
One: The Peace of Christ be with you!
All: Also, with you!

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

Dear Lord, please open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit. As the Scriptures are read and Your Word is proclaimed, help us to hear with joy what You say to us today. Amen.

***First Reading**	Isaiah 26:3 & 4 (NLT)	Kirk Lambert & Elder Kossi Botobikpissi
Sermonic Selection		*I Trust in God*
***Second Reading**	Philippians 4:6 & 7 (NAS)	Elder Aprile Booker-Russell
***Sermon Title**	*Tell God*	Elder Aprile Booker-Russell
Sermonic Reflection		*I Trust in God*

Affirmation of Faith *(Nicene Creed in unison)* Congregation
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

I believe in one holy universal and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

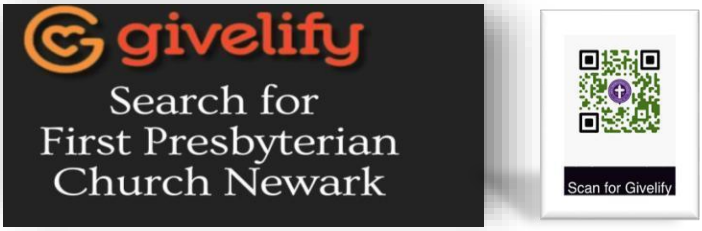
Prayers for the People Liturgist

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 *You Can't Beat God Giving*

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



***Doxology**

All things come of thee, O Lord;
And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication** Liturgist

Announcements Liturgist

Benediction Elder Aprile Booker Russell

Recessional *'Til We Meet Again*

National Back to Church Sunday | September 20, 2026

Noon Nugget

We're reading the Bible-in-a-Year only takes 20 minutes each day. Join us as we pause to pray together Monday through Saturday at noon. Dial (774) 300-8669 @ 12 p.m.

Sunday, August 16, 2026

Join Us on YouTube @1stchurchnewarknj

August Birthdays

2nd Bessie Lee Watts
Lloyd Fredericks
5th Evelyn Goe
9th John Bugg
13th Aisha McCallum
Emanuela Kissem
21st Yvette Kluvi
Yvonne Kluvi

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

Sermon Notes

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Preacher: _____

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Church Membership

Seeking a church home? Prayerfully consider First Church. Info @ 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 Elders Yvette and Yvonne

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

Summer Hiatus • August Is Sabbath Rest Month

Adult Sunday School | Monday Evening Book Club | Wednesday GROW Bible Study
Will Resume in September

Intercessory Prayer

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

Virtual Worship on 8/16 | See last Sunday's Service on YouTube **@1stchurchnewarknj**

Community Impact Day | Saturday, September 19th (Isaiah 55:1)
Back to Church Sunday | September 20th (Baptism, Confirmation & RHOF)

Session (Ruling Elders & Committees)

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

Class of 2028
James Russell
Congregational Care
Bessie Lee Watts
Missions & Outreach

*Edler Aprile Booker-Russell, Clerk of Session

Deacons

Class of 2026
Godwin Botobikpissi (1)
Komlan Goe (1)
George Smith (2)

Class of 2027
Karelle Fairweather (1)
Genevieve Goeh-Akue (1) *

Class of 2028
Salomine Ekambi (1)
Victorine Mensavi (1)

*Moderator of Deacons