



GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

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From the Pastor...

SUNDAY, May 3, 2026

10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Communion

Ordination/Installation of Officers

11:00 AM

Coffee and Fellowship

11:15 AM

Adult Sunday School Class

Task Force Meetings

SUNDAY, May 10, 2026

Mother's Day

10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

11:00 AM

Coffee and Fellowship

11:15 AM

Adult Sunday School Class

SUNDAY, May 17, 2026

10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

11:00 AM

Coffee and Fellowship

11:15 AM

Adult Sunday School Class

Session Meeting

SUNDAY, May 24, 2026

10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

11:00 AM

Coffee and Fellowship

11:15 AM

Adult Sunday School Class

Deacon's Meeting

SUNDAY, May 31, 2026

10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

11:00 AM

Coffee and Fellowship

11:15 AM

Adult Sunday School Class

Empowered by God and led by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, The Presbyterian Church at Woodbury will be a living witness through prayer, preaching, teaching, and outreach to all people. We will encourage and challenge all to grow spiritually, to care for one another, to share the Good News, and to do so with a loving, joyful heart.

The church officers recently met for leadership training, fellowship and mission planning. During our time together, we discussed our Mission Statement and wrestled with the question: **Are we living into this Statement?**

After a good conversation about Mission and our responsibility as the body of Christ, the Elders and Deacons believe that the church family needs to be gently reminded of our ministry regularly. So, friends, I would like you to consider how you can do the following:

Encourage others to grow spiritually

Challenge others to grow spiritually

Care for others

Share the Good News with others

Do all the work with a loving & joyful heart.

Our call as disciples is about living out the two commandments of Jesus: LOVE GOD & LOVE NEIGHBOR. Our mission statement is a reminder of the work we should be doing in our community.

In Christ,
Phil

SUMMER WORSHIP WITH SIBLINGS

The Session believes that in the best interest of the Body of Christ, we will gather with other Presbyterian Churches on the second Sunday of the Summer months for worship and fellowship. The Presbyterian Church at Woodbury will NOT hold services in our building and instead join the Woodbury Heights and Wenonah Congregations for joint worship.

JUNE 14, 2026 – 10:00 AM

The First Presbyterian Church of Woodbury Heights

335 Elm Avenue, Woodbury Heights, NJ

July 12, 2026 – 10:00 AM

The Presbyterian Church at Woodbury

August 9, 2026 – 11:00 AM

Memorial Presbyterian Church of Wenonah

202 East Mantua Avenue, Wenonah, NJ

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

CLASS: Join us each Sunday, for Bible Study on “the fear of the Lord”. In several places in scripture, it states that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. In this series we will explore and discuss fear. Fear surrounds us in this anxious world. We will be using eight 23 minute DVD messages on this topic by Dr Michael Reeves, President and professor of theology at Union School of Theology in the United Kingdom, followed by discussion. We will find that the gospel repels our misplaced fears while drawing us near to God in holy fear. We will see that Fear of the Lord is the true source of wisdom and a taste of heavenly joy. Come join us as we grow together in understanding of this important aspect of our faith journey.

COMMUNITY DINNER

May 14 - 5:30 PM

HELP AND FOOD ITEMS

NEEDED: Volunteers are needed to help in the kitchen, clean up and to provide dessert for the Community Dinner. Please sign up or call the church office if you can help.

WELCOME to our new members from our Confirmation Class

Anthony Payne

Jordan Hill

Jax McIntyre

MISSION GIFT CARDS: The Mission Task Force is asking for monetary donations so they can supply gift cards to the homeless in our neighborhood. You can drop off checks or cash to the church office

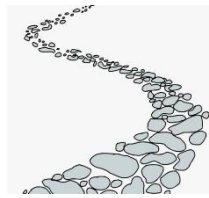
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

NEEDED: Two teachers are needed for a children’s Sunday school class starting this fall. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the church office or see Kristen Connell-Franchetti.

“the whole church taking the whole gospel to the whole world.”

TURN TO THE LIVING GOD

A CALL TO EVANGELISM IN JESUS CHRIST’S WAY



Every person in the world has the right to hear and respond to God’s universal offer of grace in Christ. And sharing this good news is the responsibility of every Christian and the church as a whole. Christians in every country around the globe have the privilege of joyfully sharing the good news of the whole gospel with their friends, relatives, acquaintances, neighbors and colleagues.

Salvation is a gift of grace that God freely gives, but God chooses to communicate and offer this gift through human agents. We simply take advantage of opportunities to articulate and explain our personal faith in Jesus Christ and our life as his disciples, and leave the results to God’s Spirit.

Only God calls, elects, sends and saves people. Asking who is “saved” or “lost” are inappropriate questions for Presbyterians. We leave that to God’s sovereign love and justice. The important question is: *Are we faithful witnesses?*

Join your church family on Wednesdays during July to discuss sharing the “Good News,” wrestling with being faithful witnesses and studying the way of Jesus Christ!

JULY 8	10:00AM-11:30PM	7:00PM-8:30PM
JULY 15	10:00AM-11:30PM	7:00PM-8:30PM
JULY 22	10:00AM-11:30PM	7:00PM-8:30PM
JULY 29	10:00AM-11:30PM	7:00PM-8:30PM

“When each congregation and each Christian assume responsibility for evangelism at the particular place where they live, they are engaging in the evangelism of the world. By their witness at home, in the neighborhood, where they work, and in society at large, Christians become a major part of the church’s mission to the world.”

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of WOODBURY HEIGHTS

invites all church members to June them for these summer events:

- **Sunday, June 14th at 10:00 am** Worship Service at the First Presbyterian Church, Woodbury Heights, 335 Elm Avenue, 08097
- **Sunday, August 9, 2026** all are invited to worship and fellowship with us at Atkinson Park in Sewell at 10:00 am. Please bring a dish for ten to share, beverages of choice and eating utensils.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: A reminder to keep our military personnel in your prayers, including Nathan Wadding, Cameron Wadding, Jarrod Fetty, and Wesley Tatham.

The BIBLE from Scratch

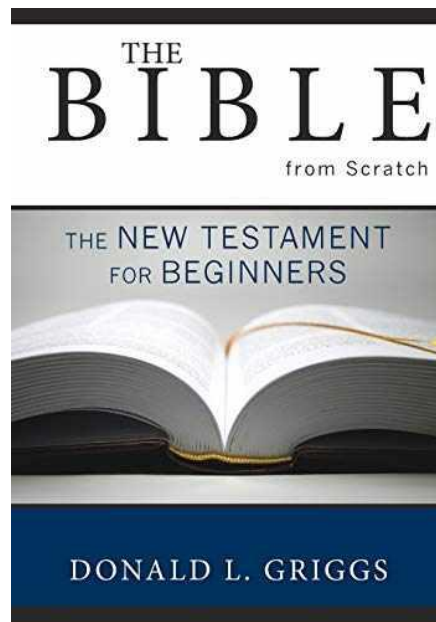
The New Testament for Beginners

Tuesday 10:00am - 11:30am

Tuesday 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Well-known educator Don Griggs has written an accessible, easy-to-understand overview of the Bible for adults who have-or fear they have-little or no Bible knowledge. Griggs guides us through the Bible and introduces basic tools and skills for Bible study.

Donald L. Griggs' popular volume, *The Bible from Scratch: The New Testament for Beginners* presents basic themes, histories, personalities, and meanings of the Bible.



September 8	Introducing the New Testament
September 15	The Gospel of Matthew
September 22	The Gospel of Mark
September 29	The Gospel of John
October 6	The Acts of the Apostles
October 13	Epistles of the New Testament
October 20	The Revelation to John