



GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

The Newsletter of The Presbyterian Church at Woodbury

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SUNDAY, July 5, 2026

10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Communion

11:00 AM

Coffee and Fellowship

SUNDAY, July 12, 2026 COMMUNITY CHURCH WORSHIP

10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

11:00 AM

Coffee and Fellowship

SUNDAY, July 19, 2026

10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

11:00 AM

Coffee and Fellowship

SUNDAY, July 26, 2026

10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

11:00 AM

Coffee and Fellowship

SUMMER WORSHIP WITH our Community Churches

•August 9, 2026 –

10:00 AM - Atkinson Park in Sewell.

The 1stPC of Woodbury Heights invites all church members to join them on for 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.

or

11:00 AM - Worship Service at Memorial Presbyterian Church of Wenonah, 202 East Mantua Avenue, Wenonah,

July ★★

From the Pastor...

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) views Scripture as the inspired "Word of God written" and the ultimate "rule of faith and life". Rather than literalists, Presbyterians utilize historical-contextual study, communal discernment, and reliance on the Holy Spirit to interpret biblical texts through the overarching lens of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ. The PC(USA) approach to Scripture is built on several foundational principles:

- **Christ-Centered Focus:** The primary message and authority of the Bible is Jesus Christ. All scripture should be interpreted in light of his life, teachings, and redemptive work.
- **The Rule of Love:** Interpretations must not conflict with the central commandment to love God and one's neighbor.
- **Historical and Literary Context:** Recognizing that the Bible was written over centuries by various human authors, Presbyterians study the historical backgrounds, cultures, and literary genres of the texts.
- **Communal Discernment:** Because individual interpretations can be prone to blind spots or self-interest, Scripture is best read and studied alongside others in the church community.
- **Guidance of the Holy Spirit:** Presbyterians believe that the Holy Spirit, who inspired the ancient writers, continues to guide contemporary readers, bringing the "Living Word" (Jesus) to life through the written word.

With these foundational principles in mind, I would like to invite you to a Fall Bible Study: The New Testament for Beginners. This would be an opportunity for us to gather and seek to understand the Word of God as a community. On Tuesdays, during September and October, we will study the New Testament in a survey style curriculum. There will be a 10am class and a 7pm class, if you are interested, please sign up in the chapel.



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE is collecting funds to assist with the recent earthquakes in Venezuela. Please consider donating through the PDA website: <https://host.nxt.blackbaud.com/donor-form/?svcid=renxt..> You can also make a check payable to the church and mark the memo line or envelope for PDA.

COMMUNITY DINNER
July 9 - 5:30 PM

NEW MEMBER'S CLASS
SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026
11:15AM - 12:15PM



**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT
WOODBURY**

History: Who came up with this Presbyterian stuff? How did we get here? Did Presbyterians create a country in Africa?

Theology: What is theology? Is there Presbyterian theology? What are sacraments?

Worship: What makes something count as “worship?” Do we have to listen to a sermon every week? Why does accessibility matter for Reformed worship? Why are Presbyterian buildings so austere inside?

Government of the PC(USA): What’s up with the Session? What are the “rules” of being Presbyterian? What does it mean to be part of a denomination?

Wrap up and Q&A: What are our takeaways? What do we think is spot-on, and what do we think Presbyterianism misses?



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: A reminder to keep our military personnel in your prayers, including

Nathan Wadding, Cameron Wadding, Jarrod Fetty, and Wesley Tatham.

IN MEMORIAM

Margaret Garcia

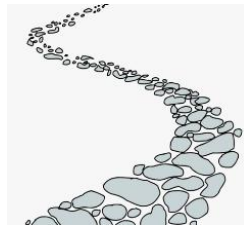
March 26, 1926 – June 22, 2026

“I am the Resurrection and the Life; he who believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.” John 11:25

“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.”

Vacation Bible School



Join Us:

July 19th – 23rd

Sunday – Thursday

Dinner: 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Activities: 6:30 – 8:05 p.m.

Closing: 8:05 – 8:15 p.m.

Held at Memorial Presbyterian
Church in Wenonah



Volunteers are needed to help make this Vacation Bible School a success. If you can help out, contact Kristin Connell-Franchetti.

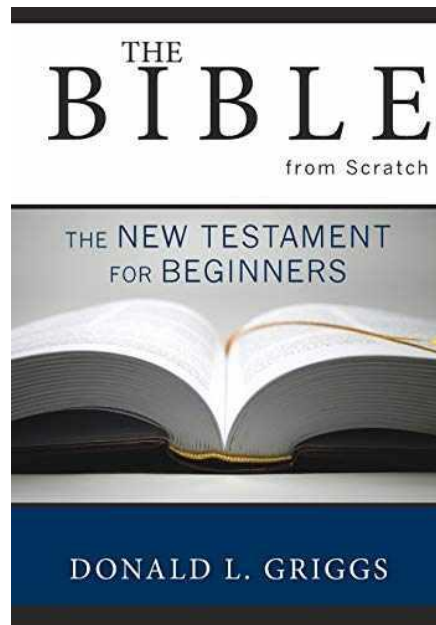
The BIBLE from Scratch

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