

January 2, 2022
10:00 a.m.
2nd Sunday of Christmas

Prayer of Preparation (*for silent meditation before worship*)

Lord thank you for allowing me to begin this new Sunday year of 2022 with You. As I worship forbid that this should be just routine.; help me to sense your presence and love. Let the prayers being offer also come from my heart. As I hear the Word of God let it bring refreshment to my soul. As I listen to today's message make me aware of what you personally want to say to me. As I leave your sanctuary, allow me be renewed in Spirit for this coming week. Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Carolyn Stevenson

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father we know that there are no secrets kept from you and as we come before you on this first Sunday of our New Year we approach your throne in humility. We know that we have sinned in word, thought, deed, and left undone more than a few things that we could and should have done. We are ashamed and sorry because we have displeased you. Please forgive us and help us to rely more upon your Holy Spirit for guidance and strength to do your will in our lives.....(silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

How wonderful it is to realize that the perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ enables us to come into your presence as joyful saints to praise You for your love and grace. In Jesus name – Amen.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

OPENING HYMN #21 “All My Heart Today Rejoices”

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 34:6-9, 17-18 (O.T. pg. 508)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM “Night of Silence” Daniel Kantor/Silent Night #60

SERMON: “Delivered From Impossible Situations”
Rev. Dr. David Bucci

SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #46 “On This Day Earth Shall Ring”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

SANCTUS #581 “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

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 gifts of God for the people of God.

Let us keep the feast.

HYMN #517 "We Come as Guests Invited"

CARRYING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN #210 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "The First Nowell #56"

*Please stand if able

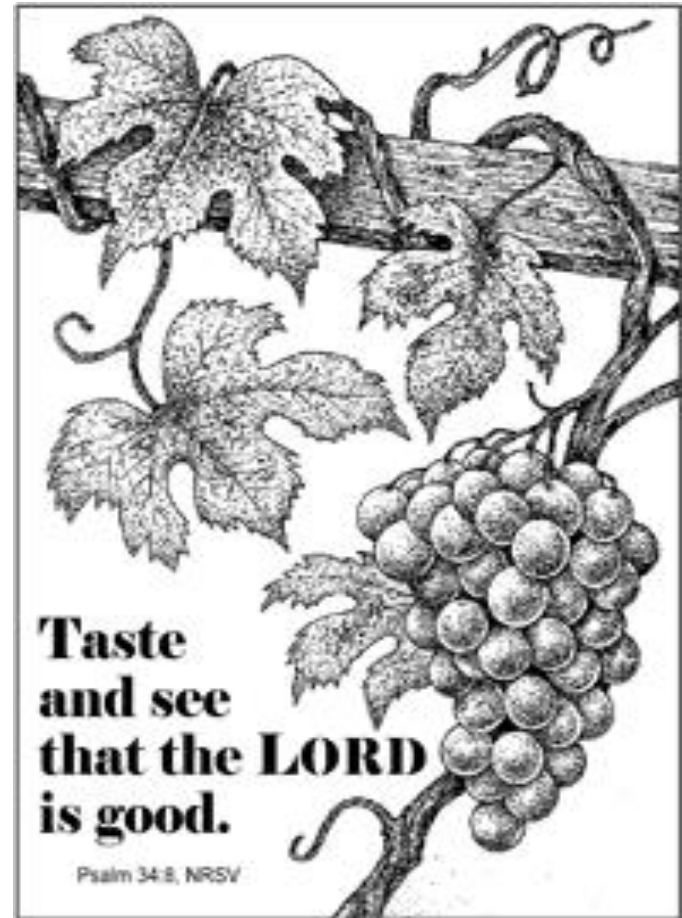
*Happy
New
Year!*

First Presbyterian Church of Avenel

621 East Woodbridge Avenue

Avenel, NJ 07001

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"Delivered From Impossible Situations"

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Prayers for those with long-term concerns

We ask that these friends have God in their lives, that they and their families feel His loving presence, and comfort during their continued struggles. Updates will be printed as available.

Jennifer Perez – RSD/CRPS, & gastroparesis

Maria - a friend of the Knotts and Haggerty families; she is in an acute care facility for traumatic brain injury.

Friends and Loved Ones in the Service and their Families

STATESIDE

Robert L. Gillis – invasive cardiovascular technologist in the US Navy and stationed at Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington DC, grandson of Barbara & Bill Morgan.

Lauren Hansen-Salmond – 1st LT, – Stephanie & Charlie Kurowsky's niece

Daniel Hedner – Carolyn & Jake Stockl's nephew

Steven Stockl – Carolyn & Jake Stockl's nephew

Amy Updike

Rob – serving in the U.S. Navy, San Diego, CA. - Lynn & Wayne Dubin's son.

Anthony Service – U.S. Air Force, in San Antonio.

OVERSEAS

Jeffrey Hansen – 1st LT, Kuwait, Stephanie & Charlie Kurowsky's nephew

The children and youth in our congregation and our youth ministry
Racial equality reconciliation in Woodbridge Township and our nation.

Our ministry partners –

Boys Town

Camp Johnsonburg

Christian Appalachian Project, Kentucky

Elijah's Promise, New Jersey

Elizabeth Port Presbyterian Church Children's Center, NJ

International Justice Mission, Washington DC

Mr. Matt Barany Jr., who serves with Second Level Ministry

Reliant Redemption Church, Pennsylvania

Navajo Ministries

Salvation Army of Perth Amboy, NJ

Saint Jude's Children's Hospital of Memphis, Tennessee

Walter Hoving Home

World Vision

Prayer Concerns and Praises *January 2, 2022*

The Prayer Chain - provides immediate prayer for *critical and emergency situations*. All other needs will be taken care of through the prayer list. To place someone on the prayer chain call Millie Knotts at 732-382-9391.

The Prayer List - provides opportunities to share prayer within our church family. Prayer requests will be published for up to 6 weeks unless updated. To add someone to this list call the church office at 732-634-1631.

(Note: Please be sure the person you are adding to this list has given his or her permission to do so).

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people”

Ephesians 6:18

New Joys and Concerns

2nd Week

3rd Week

4th Week

5th Week

Prayers for Linda Vassallo's mother-in law, Teresa, who is diagnosed with Dementia.

6th Week

Prayers and Sympathies

SHUT-INS

Please continue to keep in your prayers those members who are unable to join us for worship on Sundays.

Health and Healing

Carol Palmer and Jen Perez

The mission of First Presbyterian Church is **to grow in Christ and make Him known**. This is based on John 15:5: "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches, apart from me you can do nothing." The Holy Spirit strengthens us to:

1. **Connect** to the vine,
2. **Grow** to maturity,
3. **Share** the fruit

STEWARDSHIP 2021

In an effort to help our congregation track our annual budget as it compares to giving, the Session has decided to include a brief monthly report. We are a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, and are completely dependent upon tithes, offerings, and donations to fulfill our budgeted expenses.

General Fund Balance	Net for the month	YTD
12/31/2020	\$109,515.39	
01/31/2021	\$104,658.48	\$(4,856.91) \$(4,856.91)
02/28/2021	\$100,834.39	\$(3,824.09) \$(8,681.00)
03/31/2021	\$ 94,305.80	\$(6,528.59) \$(15,209.59)
04/30/2021	\$ 88,398.27	\$(5,907.53) \$(21,117.12)
05/31/2021	\$ 86,186.03	\$(2,212.24) \$(23,329.36)
06/30/2021	\$ 83,254.27	\$(2,931.76) \$(26,261.12)
07/31/2021	\$ 70,951.00	\$(12,303.27) \$(38,564.39)
08/31/2021	\$ 71,414.52	\$ 463.52 \$(38,100.87)
09/30/2021	\$ 71,063.34	\$ (351.18) \$(38,452.05)
10/31/2021	\$ 72,418.97	\$ 1,355.63 \$(37,096.42)
11/30/2021	\$ 72,414.29	\$ (8.86) \$(37,105.28)

CHURCH PROPERTY STEWARDS NEEDED (for pay) – When we rent church property such as the gym (Westminster Hall) or Jacob Morgan Hall, a church member must be present on site. Stewards open/close the building and oversee good property stewardship. For their service, stewards are paid \$12/hour (by renters). If you are able to serve in this way (occasionally or regularly), or have questions or would like more information, please call the church office from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP THIS MORNING. WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE! WE BELIEVE YOU ARE HERE FOR A DIVINE PURPOSE. LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN SERVE YOU TODAY!

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

SUNDAY, January 2, 2022

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School – SSO
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Guest Preacher–Rev. Dr. David Bucci)
Live Stream-Facebook
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group – CE Bldg

MONDAY, January 3, 2022

- 7:30 p.m. Property Care/Stewardship Mtg – CR

TUESDAY, January 4, 2022

- 7:00 p.m. Worship Comm Mtg – CO
- 7:30 p.m. CE Mtg – SSO

WEDNESDAY, January 5, 2022

- 6:00 p.m. Mission/Outreach Mtg – CO

THURSDAY, January 6, 2022

- 8:00 p.m. Prayer Gathering – Dial In
(425) 436-6302 then enter code 773724#.

FRIDAY, January 7, 2022

SATURDAY, January 8, 2022

SUNDAY, January 9, 2022

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School – SSO
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Guest Preacher–Rev. Janet Williams)
Live Stream-Facebook

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

SUNDAY SCHOOL – meets every Sunday at 9 am in the Christian Education Building's Sunday School Office.

YOUTH GROUP – meets every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 6:00pm in the Christian Education Building.

CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY – The following dates are available on the chancel flower calendar: January 9th & January 16th. Reservations for chancel flowers may be made through the church office. The cost is \$30.00 for two arrangements.

PRAYER GATHERING – is on Thursday evenings at 8 pm. Dial (425) 436-6302 then enter code 773724#. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Kosakowski 908-930-3628.

WORSHIP SERVICE LIVE STREAM – via Facebook every Sunday 10:00 am. We hope you will join us online if you will not be attending at the church. Please tell your friends, especially shut-ins.

BULLETINS – will now be on our website. Weekly bulletins can be emailed as well. If you would like a weekly bulletin emailed, please contact the Church Office to be put on the emailing list.

LIVE STREAM CAMERA VOLUNTEERS – The mission team is asking for several people to consider operating the live streaming camera so we can insure no interruptions in our outreach. It is easy, requires very little work once setup. Stephen will show exactly how to operate. Please see Stephen or Bob Toro after worship.

GUEST PREACHER – for Sunday, January 9, 2022, is Rev. Janet Macgregor Williams. Janet grew up in California. A graduate of Fuller Seminary and Louisville Seminary, she has served churches in Caldwell, Irvington, Elizabeth, and West Milford, before moving to Lawrenceville. Her and her husband have one son, who is a music teacher. In her spare time, Janet enjoys travel, reading and quilting.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE!

Visitors, we welcome you to this morning's time of worship. If you are looking for a church home or would like to explore the meaning of membership at Avenel Presbyterian Church, please ask an usher or the worship assistant.

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Scriptures for Sunday, January 9th

Isaiah 43:1-7; Luke 3:12-17, 21-22