

January 12, 2025  
10:00 a.m.  
Baptism of the Lord

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**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

ORGAN PRELUDE (If you must speak, speak to God)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Belinda Kerchner

THE INTROIT "To Be What You Want Me To Be" Don Wyrzten

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings,

**Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name;

**Worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness.**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

**The God of glory thunders,**

The Lord thunders over the mighty waters.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Rev. Dr. Glen Misick

OPENING HYMN #339 "Be Thou My Vision"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Creator of the universe, we gather amazed at Your power and glory. We are eager to worship You and offer our praise, but we are often reluctant to answer when we hear You calling our name. We sing our songs of tribute in the sanctuary, but shy away from the river, lest we be baptized with the fire of the Holy Spirit. Forgive us when we forget Your promise to be with us always, O God. Renew us with the power of Your ever-present love, and strengthen us to proclaim Your justice throughout the world.....(silence for personal confession)**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Dr. Glen Misick  
Hear the words of our creator, spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "I have called you by name. You are mine. Do not fear, for I have redeemed you." Be assured that in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)

Let us confess the faith of the Church as one, using the words of the Apostles' Creed. Church, what do you believe?

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic\* church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(\*universal)

**HEARING THE WORD**

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 43:1-7 (O.T. pg. 672)  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (N.T. pg. 60)

Children's Sermon

ANTHEM "Amazing Grace" Chris Tomlin

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

SERMON: "The Baptism of Jesus and Our Own"  
Rev. Dr. Glen Misick

**SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*RESPONSE HYMN #316 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

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.**

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### **CARRYING THE WORD TO THE WORLD**

\*CLOSING HYMN #361 "How Firm a Foundation"

\*BENEDICTION

MUSICAL POSTLUDE (A QUIET TIME OF REFLECTION)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

+++WE ENTER TO WORSHIP; WE LEAVE TO SERVE!!!

\*Please stand if able

### **CALL FOR CONGREGATION/CORPORATION MEETING**

BY ORDER OF THE SESSION OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AVENEL, NEW JERSEY, THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION/CORPORATION WILL BE HELD ON **SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025**, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO REVIEW THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024 AND TO CONDUCT ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY BE PROPERLY BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CONGREGATION.

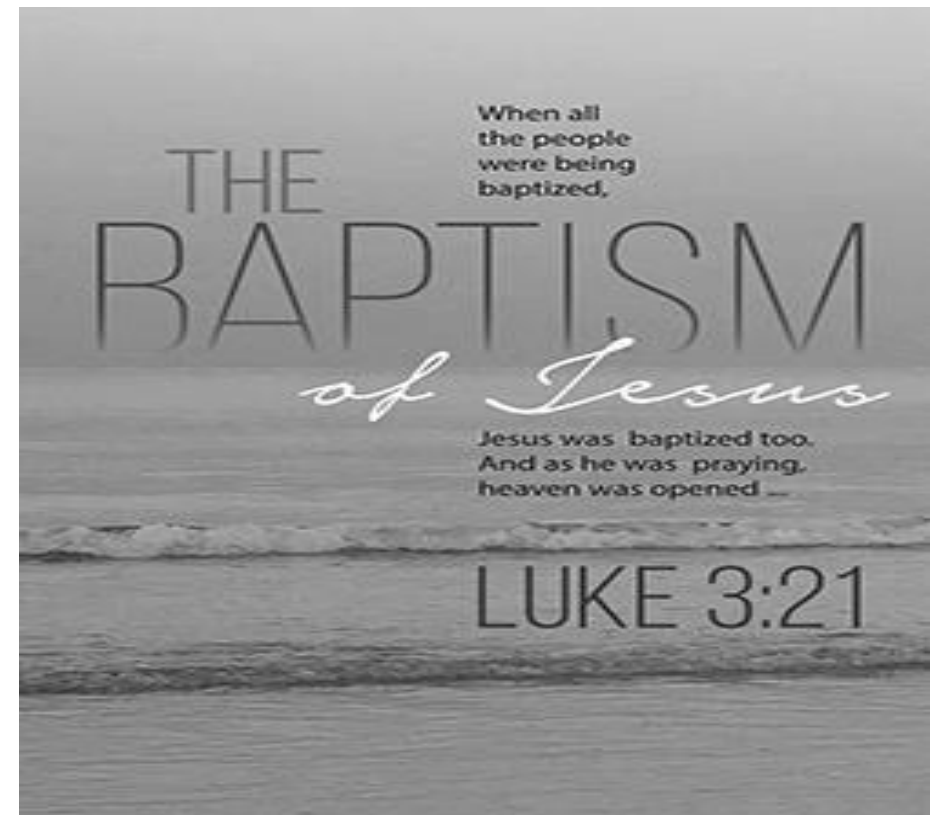
First Presbyterian Church of Avenel

621 East Woodbridge Avenue

Avenel, NJ 07001

Rev. Dr. Glen Misick

January 12, 2025



“The Baptism of Jesus and Our Own”

### **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 –Stephanie & Charlie Kurowsky’s niece

Jeffrey Hansen –Stephanie & Charlie Kurowsky’s nephew

#### **OVERSEAS**

Daniel Hedner – deployed to Japan – Jake & Carolyn Stockl’s nephew

Steven Stockl – deployed to Iraq – Jake & Carolyn Stockl’s nephew

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

Our ministry partners –

Christian Appalachian Project, Kentucky

International Justice Mission, Washington DC

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

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 12, 2025***

***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*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Week*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Week*

*4<sup>th</sup> Week*

*5<sup>th</sup> Week*

Prayers for Robbie.

Prayers for Joan who is in assisted living.

*6<sup>th</sup> 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***



*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

## **Sermon Notes**

**Sunday:**

**Preacher:**

**Sermon Topic/Theme:**

**Scripture:**

**Point # 1:**

**Point # 2**

**Point # 3**

**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 12, 2025**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Live Stream–Facebook

#### **MONDAY, January 13, 2025**

#### **TUESDAY, January 14, 2025**

4:30p.m. Deacons Mtg-CR

#### **WEDNESDAY, January 15, 2025**

6:30 p.m. Bible Study – On-Line

#### **THURSDAY, January 16, 2025**

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

#### **FRIDAY, January 17, 2025**

#### **SATURDAY, January 18, 2025**

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

#### **SUNDAY, January 19, 2025**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service – Matt Barany-Moment for Mission  
Live Stream–Facebook

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

**CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY** – The following dates are open 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, & 2/23. Please make reservations through the church office. The cost is \$30.00 for two arrangements and must be paid in advance.

**PRAYER GATHERING** – is every **Thursday** evening at 8:00 pm. Dial (425) 436-6302 then enter code 773724#. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Kosakowski at 908-930-3628.

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

**BULLETINS** – are now on our website.

**SIT AND KNIT (and CROCHET)** – is on **Saturdays** from 9:30am to 11:00am in the Sanctuary's Choir Room. Bring your projects, a friend, and any patterns you would like to share or may need help with.

**BIBLE STUDY** – is scheduled for **January 15<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30pm (EST) on-line and will continue every Wednesday evening on the Gospel of John taught by Rev. Misick.

**Weekly:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/join?pwd=bnNS9lclhsXjuoY2LP1szxof045Nbf.1>

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83487004683?pwd=bnNS9lclhsXjuoY2LP1szxof045Nbf.1>

Meeting ID: 834 8700 4683

Passcode: 012019

## 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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## **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

**Tuesday – Friday**  
**8:30am – 1:30pm**

*Scripture for Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>*

**Isaiah 62:1-5**

**John 2:1-11**