

January 19, 2025
10:00 a.m.
2nd Sunday after Epiphany

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Carolyn Gilligan

THE INTROIT "Open The Eyes Of My Heart" Michael W. Smith

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

To the First Presbyterian Church of Avenel, NJ
Located on 600 East Woodbridge Ave

To make a difference

To those sanctified in Christ Jesus

Saved to serve humbly and dependably

To those called to be holy

Serving as living witnesses of God's transforming grace

Let us raise our voices unashamedly

Rivaling heaven's angels

To praise our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Let us prepare our hearts to worship our Lord and Maker.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Rev. Dr. Glen Misick

OPENING HYMN #466 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, You call us to be saints, but we are more comfortable with the role of sinner; You call us to be Your servants, but we worry that we lack the skills to do Your work; You put a new song of praise in our mouths, but we stumble on unfamiliar words; You show us the work to be tackled, but we turn away defiant, insisting we have more important things to do. Put Your song on our lips and in our hearts, and

remind us of the joy that awaits us when we put our trust in You. Guide us into the light of Your unwavering, never-ending, and grace-filled love.....(silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Dr. Glen Misick
God is faithful and ever-present. The God who knew us before our birth loves us still and strengthens us, that we will one day be blameless. Through the gift of Jesus Christ, God offers forgiveness, grace, and mercy. In 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)

MOMENT FOR MISSION Matt Barany, Second Level Ministry

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: John 2:1-11 (N.T. pg. 93)

Children's Sermon

ANTHEM "Shout To The Lord" Darlene Zachech

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SERMON: "The Transformative Power of Christ"
Rev. Dr. Glen Misick

SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*RESPONSE HYMN #536 "Lord, Make Us More Holy"

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 #369 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

*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.

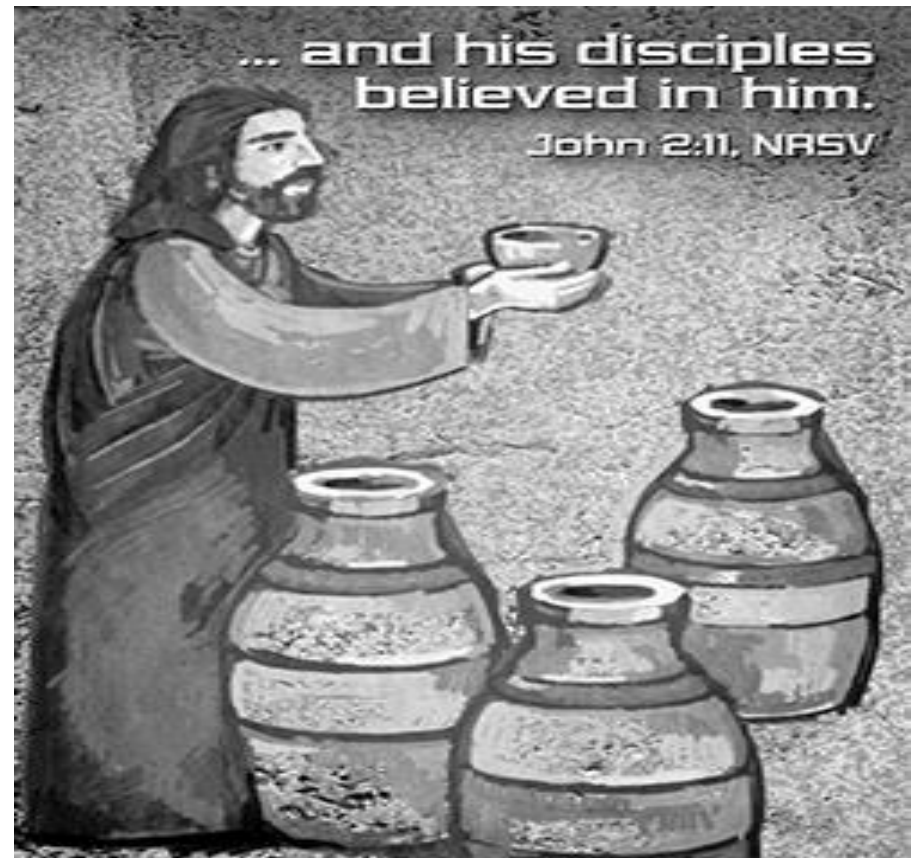
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621 East Woodbridge Avenue

Avenel, NJ 07001

Rev. Dr. Glen Misick

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"The Transformative Power of Christ"

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

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 19, 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

Prayers for Pauline's son, Raymond, who is receiving chemo.
Prayers for Maritza's Aunt, Natividad Santana, in Puerto Rico with heart failure and pneumonia.
Prayers for Robbie who is now in assisted living at Roosevelt Care Center of Edison.

2nd Week

3rd Week

4th Week

5th Week

6th Week

Prayers for Joan who is in assisted living.

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 19, 2025

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

MONDAY, January 20, 2025

TUESDAY, January 21, 2025

6:30p.m. Session Mtg – On-Line

WEDNESDAY, January 22, 2025

6:30 p.m. Bible Study – On-Line

THURSDAY, January 23, 2025

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

FRIDAY, January 24, 2025

SATURDAY, January 25, 2025

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR
10:00 a.m. His Hand Clothes Closet

SUNDAY, January 26, 2025

10:00 a.m. Worship Service – Installation of Deacons and Elders
– Annual Congregational Meeting
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.

*Today's flowers are in honor of Colette Zelazny 6th Birthday!
Given with love from Gaga and Pa*

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 15th** 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?meetingId=GCg_qs_RzWv0ZRzDaxOvg

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83487004683?pwd=bnNS9lclhsXjuoY2LPLszxof045Nbf.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 26

Luke 4:14-21