

February 4, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Baptism of the Lord/Holy Communion

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hanna Pallitto

PRELUDE "Come, Now Is the Time to Worship" Brian Doerksen
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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

I will recount all of Your wonderful deeds.

I will be glad and exult in You;

I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

OPENING HYMN #138 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of Your holy presence hovering near us and in us. We confess our sins to You and ask forgiveness. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see You in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak from our hearts. We ask this in the name of Jesus.....(silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

Almighty God, who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord.

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:

Mark 1:29-34 (N.T. pg. 35)

ANTHEM

"You Are the Healing"

Scott Soper

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SERMON:

"The Healing Power of Jesus in Our Post-Pandemic World"

Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*RESPONSE HYMN #404 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

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.

COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION HYMN #102 "Were You There?"

THE BLESSING AND ANOINTING OF THE CHILDREN

CARRYING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN #357 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" GROSSER GOT

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

*Please stand if able

CALL FOR CONGREGATION MEETING

BY ORDER OF THE SESSION OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AVENEL, NEW JERSEY, THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION WILL BE HELD ON **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE.** THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO REVIEW THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023 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 C. Misick, Pastor

February 4, 2024



"The Healing Power of Jesus in Our
Post-Pandemic World"

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

Steven Stockl – Carolyn & Jake Stockl’s nephew

OVERSEAS

Daniel Hedner – deployed to Japan – Carolyn & Jake 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 –

Boys Town

Christian Appalachian Project, Kentucky

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

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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

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

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

CHURCH PROPERTY ACTIVE 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 \$14/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.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

To the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Avenel:

“Thank you so very much for the staff appreciation gift. Words cannot not express how deeply touched I was by your generosity. It is a pleasure working with all of you.”

Linda Vassallo

“Thanks everybody! It is an honor to serve you all, and thanks for the kindness you have shown me. I appreciate your gift.”

Michael Peterson

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, February 4, 2024

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

MONDAY, February 5, 2024

TUESDAY, February 6, 2024

2:00 p.m. Missions/Outreach Mtg. – CO
6:00 p.m. Worship Committee Mtg. – CO
7:30 p.m. CE Mtg. – SSO

WEDNESDAY, February 7, 2024

10:00 a.m. Property Care Mtg. – CO
4:30 p.m. Bible Study – JMH

THURSDAY, February 8, 2024

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

FRIDAY, February 9, 2024

SATURDAY, February 10, 2024

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

SUNDAY, February 11, 2024

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:15 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting – Sanctuary
Live Stream–Facebook

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY – The following dates are open: 2/11, 2/18, & 2/25. 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 Cindy Culton's birthday!
Given with love by her grandchildren,
Colette, Amelia, Mary, and Oliver.*

PRAYER GATHERING – is now back every **Thursday** evening at 8 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 now back 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.

PRAYER REQUESTS – sheets are located in the bulletin bin.

BIBLE STUDY – a 13-week course every Wednesday at 4:30pm will be taught by Rev. Misick in Jacob Morgan Hall. Please register by Email: gmisick@yahoo.com or Call: 917 679-5676

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY – Joann's Food Pantry is collecting cans of soup on February 4th & 11th to help celebrate Super Bowl 2024 and to feed our hungry. Please leave all soup cans in the back of the church in the shopping cart.

SOUPER SUPPER & VESPERS – beginning 2/21st through 3/20th in Jacob Morgan Hall beginning at 5:30pm. See the bulletin flyer for details.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE – we are pleased to announce that we will resume Ash Wednesday worship service in our Sanctuary on February 14th at 7:00pm. The guest minister is Rev. Alice Batcher.

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.

Joseph Fernandez
Michael Peterson
Belinda Kerchner
Linda Vassallo
Hanna Pallitto

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Scripture for Sunday, February 11th

John 1:43-51



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Please help Joann's Food Pantry by bringing in as many cans of soup as you can on February 4th & 11th to help us celebrate Super Bowl 2024 and to feed our hungry. All soup cans be left in the back of the church in the shopping cart.

"If you do this, for the least of my brethren, you do it unto Me."

Thank you and God bless you,
Jake & Carolyn Stockl
Pantry Coordinators



Film Discussion



Wednesday, February 21st through
Wednesday, March 20th
Jacob Morgan Hall
Soup is served @ 5:30
Film & discussion begins @ 6:15



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