

**February 11, 2024**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Transfiguration of the Lord**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Charlie Kurowsky

PRELUDE

"Our God Is Here" [Insert]

Chris Muglia

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Since then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

OPENING HYMN #476 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don't know what to do with ourselves. We anger at the slightest insult and imagine great vengeance upon those who wronged us. We laze about in the good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves but not for others. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us, help us to repent, and make us whole.....(silence for personal confession)**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

Friends, hear the Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and are freed to love and serve. In Jesus' name.

**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

John 1:43-51 (N.T. pgs. 92-93)

Children's Sermon

ANTHEM

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

Doris M. Akers

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

SERMON:

"The Call to Follow Jesus"

Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

**SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*RESPONSE HYMN #525

"Here I Am, 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**

**CARRYING THE WORD TO THE WORLD**

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN #442 "The Church's One Foundation"

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Alleluia! Raise the Gospel"  
Bernadette Farrell, Owen Alstott

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

\*Please stand if able

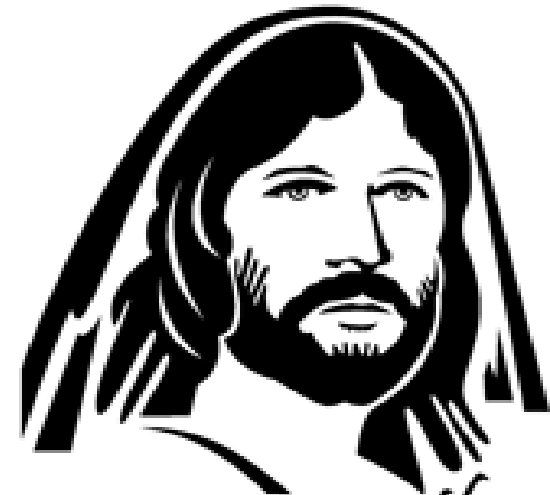
**CALL FOR CONGREGATION  
MEETING**

BY ORDER OF THE SESSION OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AVENEL, NEW JERSEY, THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION WILL BE HELD ON **TODAY** 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 11, 2024



*... you are the*  
**Son of God!**  
*You are the*  
**King of Israel!**

John 1:49, NRSV

"The Call to Follow Jesus"

### **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

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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 –

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*** ***February 11, 2024***

***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*

Prays for Maritza Flores-Shah and her father, Carlos, who is recuperating at home.

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

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

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

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

*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***

*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.**

**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 11, 2024**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

11:15 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting – Sanctuary  
Live Stream–Facebook

#### **MONDAY, February 12, 2024**

#### **TUESDAY, February 13, 2024**

4:00 p.m. Deacons Mtg. – CR

#### **WEDNESDAY, February 14, 2024**

#### **ASH WEDNESDAY/VALENTINE'S DAY**

4:30 p.m. Bible Study – JMH (**ON HOLD FOR LENT – RESUMING 3/27**)

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship Service – Sanctuary  
(Guest Minister – Rev. Alice Batchter)

#### **THURSDAY, February 15, 2024**

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

#### **FRIDAY, February 16, 2024**

#### **SATURDAY, February 17, 2024**

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

#### **SUNDAY, February 18, 2024**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Guest Minister – Rev. Alice Batchter)  
Live Stream–Facebook

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

**CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY** – The following dates are open: 2/18, 2/25, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, & 3/31. Please make reservations through the church office. The cost is \$30.00 for two arrangements and must be paid in advance.

**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](mailto:gmisick@yahoo.com) or Call: 917 679-5676. **(ON HOLD FOR LENT - RESUMING 3/27)**

**SOUPER SUPPER & VESPERS** – beginning 2/21<sup>st</sup> through 3/20<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. ***The guest minister is Rev. Alice Batcher.***

**GUEST MINISTER** – for Sunday, February 18 is Rev. Alice Batcher. Reverend Alice Batcher is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary in NYC. Originally ordained with the ABCUSA, Alice now has standing with the UCC. During the week, Alice is a hospice chaplain. In her spare time Alice enjoys working with her little poodles, COVID adoptees.

## 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 18th*

**Mark 1:9-15**



## Film Discussion



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



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# OUR GOD IS HERE

Chris Muglia

Verses



1. Here in this time, here in this place,  
2. Here in the Word, God is re-vealed,



1. here we are stand - ing face to face. Here in our hearts,  
2. here where the wound - ed can be healed. Here in our hearts,



1. here in our lives, our God is here.  
2. here in our lives, our God is here.



1. Here for the bro - ken, here for the strong,  
2. Here we be-come \_\_\_\_\_ what we re - ceive,



1. here in this tem ple we be long Here in our hearts