

February 15, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Transfiguration of the Lord

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Sandy Kosakowski

THE INTROIT "Breathe" Michael Smith

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is mighty and full of glory.

Let us gather at the Triune God's holy mountain.

In Jesus Christ, we have seen God's glory.

Let us gather in God's holy church

Let us be transformed this morning to be

Your witnesses by Your Word and Spirit.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Rev. Dr. Kenneth Macari

OPENING HYMN #263 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Triune God, our Redeemer, we confess that our lives do not reflect Your glory. You shine on us with wonder, but we fail to see Your beauty. You speak hope and truth to us, but we fail to heed the voice of Your Spirit. Forgive us, God of grace. Open our eyes to Your glory. Open our hearts to Your mercy. Open our lives to Your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord by the presence and power of His Holy Spirit.....(silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Dr. Kenneth Macari
Let us celebrate this Good News. By the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ through his Holy Spirit, we are reconciled to the Father.
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: Luke 9:28-36

ANTHEM "We Are Called" David Haas

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SERMON: "All Aglow" Rev. Dr. Kenneth Macari

SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*RESPONSE HYMN #411 " Arise, Your Light Is Come!

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

DOXOLOGY

CARRYING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN #525 "Here I Am, Lord"

*BENEDICTION

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

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

Rev. Dr. Kenneth J. Macari Bio:

Rev. Dr. Ken Macari is an honorably retired minister of the Presbytery of North East New Jersey. He earned both a Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry from Gordon-Conwell Seminary in MA. He has served churches in his native Philadelphia, PA, Buffalo, NY, and, most recently, at Community Presbyterian, Edison. Ken now currently volunteers at the Fanwood Church where his wife, Linda, serves on session. He regularly serves as a pulpit supply throughout New Jersey and Pennsylvania.



*Please stand if able

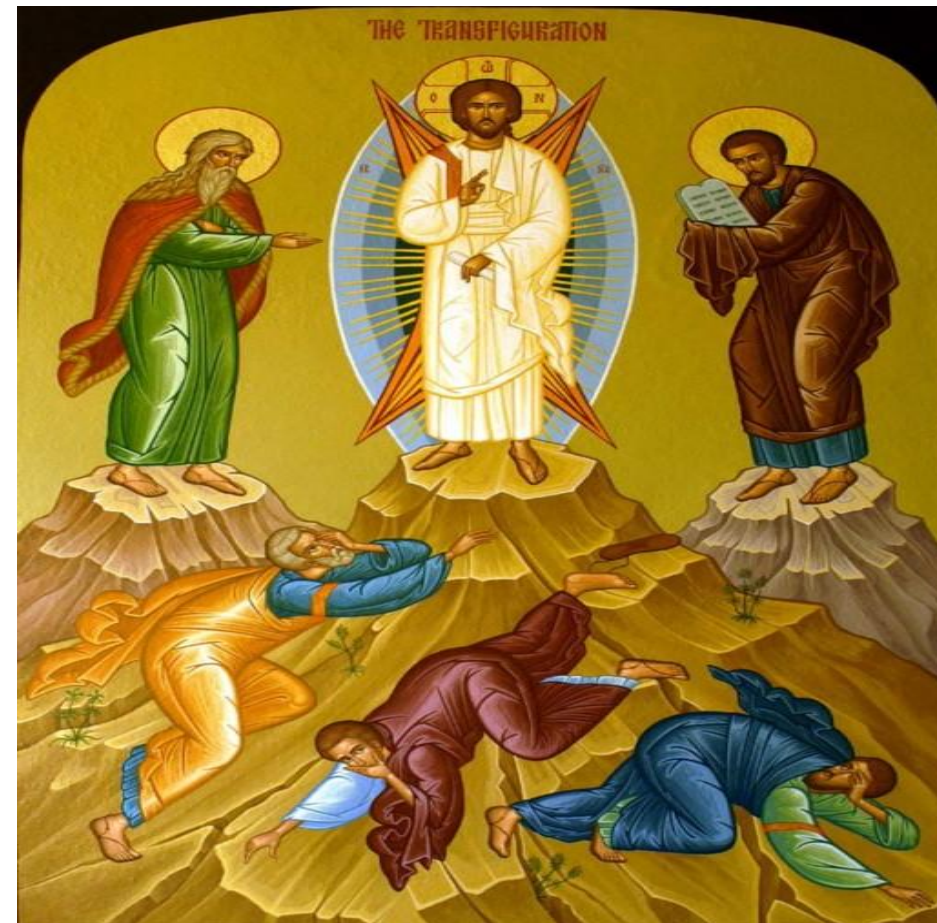
First Presbyterian Church of Avenel

621 East Woodbridge Avenue

Avenel, NJ 07001

Rev. Dr. Kenneth Macari

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“All Aglow”

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.

Robbie Olah

Joan Benkert

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

Michael Seda – US Navy Training – husband of Regina Luntungan-Seda

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

Samaritan's Purse

Walter Hoving Home

World Vision

Prayer Concerns and Praises *February 15, 2026*

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

Prayers for Dani Juarez who is back home recuperating.

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



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

NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
WORKING FROM HOME
TUESDAY-THURSDAY

IN THE CHURCH OFFICE
FRIDAY'S ONLY 8:30AM – 1:30PM

**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 15, 2026

10:00 a.m. Worship Service – (Guest Minister- Rev. Dr. Ken Macari)
Live Stream – Facebook

MONDAY, February 16, 2026

TUESDAY, February 17, 2026

WEDNESDAY, February 18, 2026

ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service – (Guest Minister-
Rev. Jeremy Campbell)

THURSDAY, February 19, 2026

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

FRIDAY, February 20, 2026

SATURDAY, February 21, 2026

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CO

SUNDAY, February 22, 2026

10:00 a.m. Worship Service – (Guest Minister-
Rev. Jeremy Campbell)

Live Stream – Facebook

11:15 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY – The following dates are open 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, & 3/22. Please make reservations through the church office. The cost is \$30.00 for two arrangements and must be paid in advance.

Today's flowers on the altar are wishing a Happy 6th Birthday to our precious granddaughter Josie! Love, Beste and Poppy

PRAYER GATHERING – is every Thursday evening at 8:00pm. 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 on our website: avenelpresbyterianchurch.org

SIT AND KNIT (and CROCHET) – is every Saturday morning 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.

PNC COMMITTEE – is looking for one more member to form a Pastor Nomination Committee. If you are interested in becoming a member, please see either Carolyn Gilligan or Carolyn Stevenson.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE – in our Sanctuary on February 18th at 7:00pm led by Rev. Jeremy Campbell.

TEMPORARY FILL-IN GUEST MINISTER – beginning in March and going forward, Rev. Jeremy Campbell has agreed to stay on as our temporary guest minister until a permanent Pastor has been hired.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – is Sunday, February 22 immediately following worship. Packets are in the rear of the Sanctuary near the bulletins.

SOUP SUPPER & VESPERS – beginning 2/25th through 3/25th in Jacob Morgan Hall at 5:30pm. See the bulletin flyer for details.

EASTER LILIES – order forms are in the bulletin. Please have all orders placed and paid by Tuesday, 3/17. NO EXCEPTIONS!

GUEST MINISTER – Sunday, 02/22 is Rev. Jeremy Campbell. Rev. Jeremy serves the Presbytery of Northeast New Jersey as Resourcing Co-Leader and Stated Clerk. He is a graduate of Moravian College in Bethlehem PA with a BA in Graphic Design and German Language. He completed his M. Div and an MA in clinical counseling at Moravian Theological Seminary earned his Certified Advanced Alcohol and other Drug Counselor (CAADC). He, his wife Megan, and their two kids live in Metuchen NJ with their cat.

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.

	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Temporary Pulpit Supply</i>
<i>William Gorman</i>	<i>Music Director</i>	<i>williamgormanmusic@gmail.com</i>
<i>Michael Peterson</i>	<i>Sexton</i>	<i>avenelpres@gmail.com</i>
<i>Belinda Kerchner</i>	<i>SS Superintendent</i>	<i>For 2026</i>
	<i>Church Office</i>	<i>(732) 634-1631</i>
<i>Susan Smolsky</i>	<i>Webmaster</i>	<i>rustisioux@comcast.net</i>
	<i>Church Email</i>	<i>avenelpres@gmail.com</i>
	<i>Church Website</i>	<i>avenelpresbyterianchurch.org</i>

Scripture for Sunday, February 22

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Matthew 4:1-11



Ash Wednesday

Please join us for our
Ash Wednesday Service

February 18th at 7pm

led by Rev. Jeremy Campbell

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,**
FEBRUARY 22, 2026, *IMMEDIATELY*
FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE.
THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS
TO REVIEW THE ANNUAL REPORTS
FOR 2025 AND TO CONDUCT ANY
OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY BE
PROPERLY BROUGHT TO THE
ATTENTION OF THE
CONGREGATION.



Every year the church offers Easter Lilies to members and friends of the congregation to remember or honor a loved one. If you would like to place an order for a plant(s), please fill out the form below and return it to the church office at 621 E. Woodbridge Avenue, Avenel, NJ, 07001, with your check made payable to the First Presbyterian Church of Avenel. Each plant is \$10.50.

Orders are due no later than Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Plants may be taken by those who donated them after the 10:00 a.m. Easter Worship Service. Any remaining plants will be distributed to those families and friends who have lost loved ones this past year.

Please Print Clearly

Your Name(s) _____

Phone Number: _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Quantity _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Luke 9: 28-36

About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.) While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.



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