

February 23, 2025
10:00 a.m.
7th Sunday after Epiphany

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Sandra Kosakowski

THE INTROIT "Amazing Grace" Chris Tomlin

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

sing the glory of His name;

give to Him glorious praise!

Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds!

So great is Your power that Your enemies come cringing to You.

All the earth worships you

and sings praises to You;

they sing praises to Your name."

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Rev. Dr. Glen Misick

OPENING HYMN #441 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you know our inmost being. You know all that we are, all that we know, all that we think, and all that we believe. When those thoughts, beliefs, ideas and be-ings turn from You, we long to be placed back on Your path. We pray that our lives might be a never-ending offering to You, and that our sin might lead to more ways to learn and grow closer to Your hopes for us. Cleanse us of our sin; turn our thoughts and hearts ever toward Your Way. We pray this together in the name of your Son Jesus.....(silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Dr. Glen Misick

God of our Lord, Jesus Christ, knows all that we are. In God's love and grace, we know that we are indeed cleansed from all our sin, and sustained by the Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ, God's ultimate sacrifice, 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: Matthew 6:25-34 (N.T. pg. 6)

Children's Story Belinda Kerchner

ANTHEM "Shout To The Lord" Darlene Zsechek

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SERMON: "Strategies for Coping With Life's Problems"

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SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*RESPONSE HYMN #384 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

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 #363 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

*BENEDICTION

MUSICAL POSTLUDE (A QUIET TIME OF REFLECTION)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

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

*Please stand if able

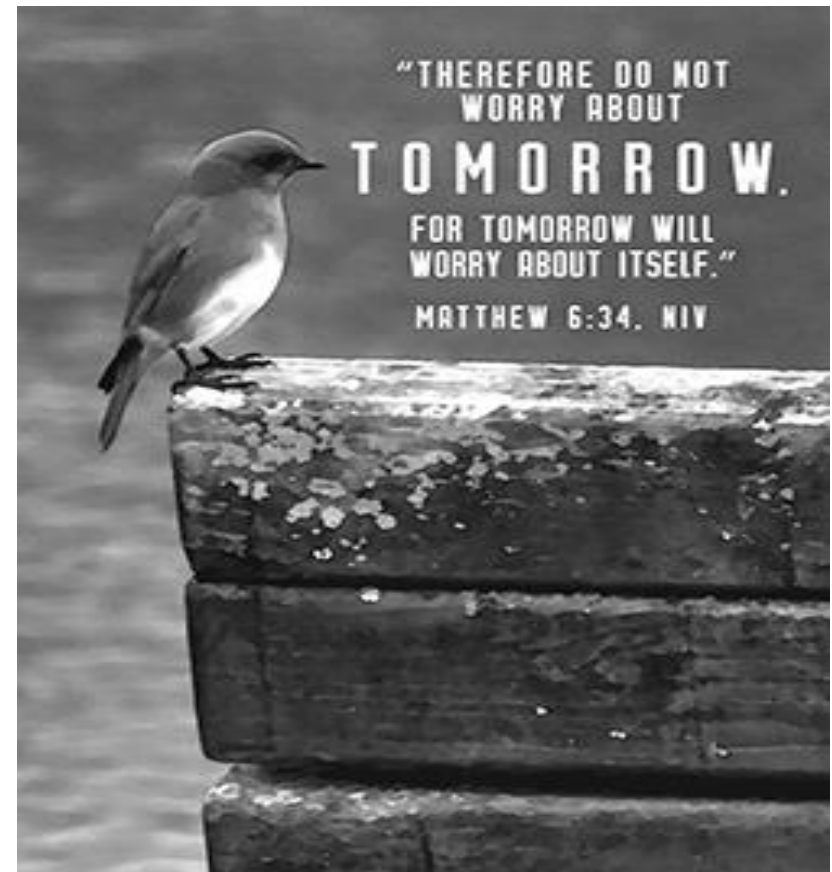
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"Strategies for Coping With
Life's Problem"

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 ***February 23, 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

2nd Week

3rd Week

4th Week

Prayers for Joan who is in assisted living.
Prayers for Reuben who is recuperating from surgery.

5th Week

6th Week

Prayers for Pauline's son, Raymond, who is receiving chemo.
Prayers for Robbie who is now in assisted living at Roosevelt Care Center of Edison.

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, February 23, 2025

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Live Stream–Facebook

11:00 a.m. Wrestling-N-Wrecovery-GYM

MONDAY, February 24, 2025

TUESDAY, February 25, 2025

10:00ap.m. JoAnn Breza and Jake Stockl Food Pantry – CE Bldg.

6:00 p.m. Presbytery Meeting – Sandra Kosakowski

WEDNESDAY, February 26, 2025

6:30 p.m. Bible Study – On-Line Zoom

THURSDAY, February 27, 2025

8:00 p.m. Prayer Gathering – Dial In

(425) 436-6302 then enter code 773724#.

FRIDAY, February 28, 2025

SATURDAY, March 1, 2025

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

SUNDAY, March 2, 2025

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Live Stream–Facebook

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY – The following dates are open 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23 & 3/30. 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 every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm (EST) on-line and will continue weekly on the Gospel of John taught by Rev. Misick.

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

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

Meeting ID: 834 8700 4683

Passcode: 012019

Please prayerfully consider making a donation to our **Heat and Air Conditioning Fund**. There are labeled envelopes on the table in the back of the Sanctuary that can be placed in the collection plate or dropped off at the church office. If you choose to donate another way, please be sure to include 'Heat and Air Conditioning Fund.' We are making great strides in

phase one of our Capital fundraising campaign, please help keep this momentum going! Your donation is greatly appreciated!

-Sandy Kosakowski

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, March 2

Luke 9:28-36



Film Discussion



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