

March 2, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Transfiguration of the Lord

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENT Stephanie Kurowsky

THE INTROIT "How Great Is Our God" Chris Tomlin

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

God reigns, let the people tremble! God reigns, let the earth shake!

For the Lord our God is exalted over all people!

God reigns, let the people tremble! God reigns, let the earth shake!

For the Lord our God loves justice and works for righteousness!

So come and proclaim at the holy mountain of the Lord:

God reigns, let the people tremble! God reigns, let the earth shake!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Rev. Dr. Glen Misick

OPENING HYMN "Come, We That Love the Lord (We're Marching to Zion)" [INSERT-Red Hymnal # 408]

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, You see us as we are and know our inmost thoughts. You know the ways we've fallen short. You know the work we've left undone, the mercy we've left ungiven, the love we've left unshared, the peace we've left unmade. You know the arrogance, pride, and violence that we've chosen instead of Your path of forgiveness and reconciliation. You know who we are. Help us to see who we might be. Forgive us, and transform us, that we might become who You imagine us to become, in Your sight, and by Your mercy.....{silence for personal confession

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Dr. Glen Misick

Friends, the Lord sees you and knows you. The Lord sees you and loves you. The Lord sees you and calls you. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

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 (N.T. pgs. 69-70)

ANTHEM "We Are Called" David Haas

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SERMON: "Mountaintop Experiences: A Gift and A Calling"

Rev. Dr. Glen Misick

SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*RESPONSE HYMN #362 "I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry"

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

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CARRYING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

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

*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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"Mountaintop Experiences: A Gift
and A Calling"

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

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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

Prayers for Pauline's son, Raymond, who is receiving chemo.
Prayers for Robbie.
Prayers for Carolyn.
Prayers for Bobby, Carolyn's oldest son.
Prayers for Katie Rooney who is undergoing chemo.

2nd Week

3rd Week

4th Week

5th Week

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

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

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, March 2, 2025

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

MONDAY, March 3, 2025

TUESDAY, March 4, 2025

2:00 p.m. Missions/Outreach Mtg. – CO
4:30 p.m. Worship Committee Mtg. – CO
7:30 p.m. CE Mtg. – SSO

WEDNESDAY, March 5, 2025

ASH WEDNESDAY

4:00 p.m. Property Care Mtg. – CO
6:30 p.m. Bible Study – On-Line Zoom (ON HOLD UNTIL 4/16)
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship Service – Sanctuary

THURSDAY, March 6, 2025

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

FRIDAY, March 7, 2025

SATURDAY, March 8, 2025

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR
2:00 a.m. DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS

SUNDAY, March 9, 2025

10:00 a.m. Worship Service – (Guest Musician-Elliott Bernard)
Live Stream–Facebook

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY – The following dates are open 3/9, 3/16, & 3/23. 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 on hold for Lent until 4/16.

SOUP SUPPER & VESPERS – beginning 3/12th through 4/9th in Jacob Morgan Hall at 5:30pm. See the bulletin flyer for details.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE – in our Sanctuary on March 5th at 7:00pm.

EASTER LILIES – order forms are in the bulletin. Please have all orders placed and paid by Tuesday, 4/8.

GUEST MUSICIAN – for Sunday, March 9th is Elliott Bernard. Pianist and educator Elliot Bernard first cultivated his interest in music at a local studio in his hometown of Leesburg, Virginia. Bernard recently completed his undergraduate studies as a jazz piano performance major at William Paterson University. Now a resident of New Jersey, Bernard performs and teaches piano in the greater New York metropolitan area.

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.

Pastor	Rev. Glen C. Misick	gmisick@gmail.com
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Belinda Kerchner	SS Superintendent	For 2025
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	Church Website	avenelpresbyterianchurch.org

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday – Friday
8:30am – 1:30pm



Scripture for Sunday, March 9

Luke 4:1-13



Film Discussion



Wednesday, March 12th through
Wednesday, April 9th
Jacob Morgan Hall
Soup is served @ 5:30
Film & discussion begins @ 6:15



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 \$11.00.

Orders are due no later than Tuesday, April 8, 2025

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: _____
