

March 10, 2024
10:00 a.m.
4th Sunday in Lent

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Carolyn Stevenson

PRELUDE "You Alone" Sarah Hart, Dwight Liles

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good:

For his steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

OPENING HYMN #356 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, You gave us Your son, Jesus. We confess that we have not bowed before Him or acknowledged His rule in our lives, nor love as He has loved us. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give Him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be Your faithful and loving people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body.....(silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick
My friends, listen to these words of assurance. If we confess with our lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved.
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 Number 21:4-9 (O.T. pg. 139)
John 3:14-21 (N.T. pg. 94)

Children's Sermon

ANTHEM "Only in God" John Michael Talbot

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SERMON: "The Ultimate Expression of God's Love for Us"
Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*RESPONSE HYMN #100 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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 #84 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Instrumental"

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

*Please stand if able

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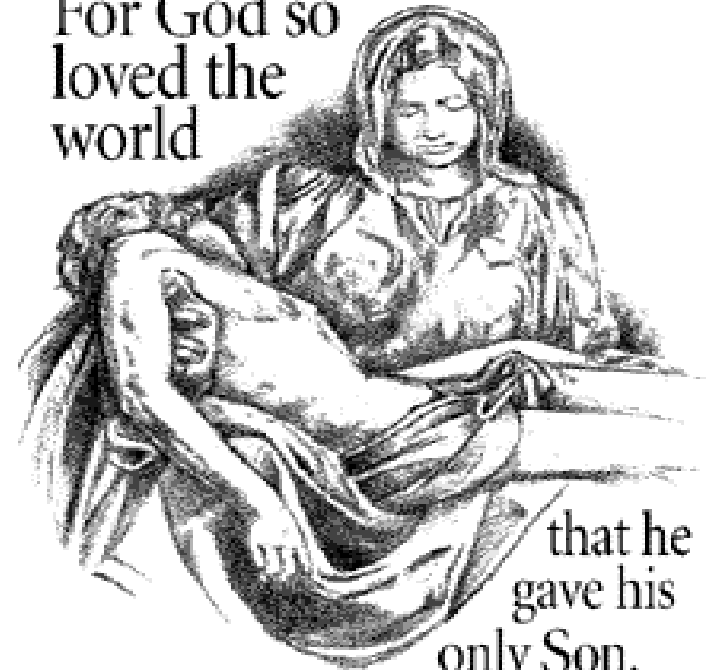
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Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick, Pastor

March 10, 2024

For God so
loved the
world



that he
gave his
only Son.

John 3:16

"The Ultimate Expression of
God's Love for Us"

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 –

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 ***March 10, 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

2nd Week

3rd Week

4th Week

5th Week

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

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 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, March 10, 2024

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

MONDAY, March 11, 2024

TUESDAY, March 12, 2024

Easter Lily Order Deadline

4:00 p.m. Deacons Mtg. – CR

WEDNESDAY, March 13, 2024

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

5:30 p.m. Soup Suppers/Vespers – JMH

THURSDAY, March 14, 2024

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

FRIDAY, March 15, 2024

SATURDAY, March 16, 2024

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

SUNDAY, March 17, 2024

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY – The following dates are open: 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. **Cancelled on 3/28 only because of the Tenebrae service.**

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 beside the bulletin bin.

BIBLE STUDY – ON HOLD FOR LENT - RESUMING 4/3.

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

EASTER LILIES – deadline is Tuesday, 3/12.

TENEBRAE SERVICE – will be on Thursday, March 28th at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. The guest organist is Paul Garcia.

EASTER SONRISE WORSHIP SERVICE/CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST – will be at 7:00am March 31st in the Sanctuary with a Continental Breakfast to follow in the Choir Room.

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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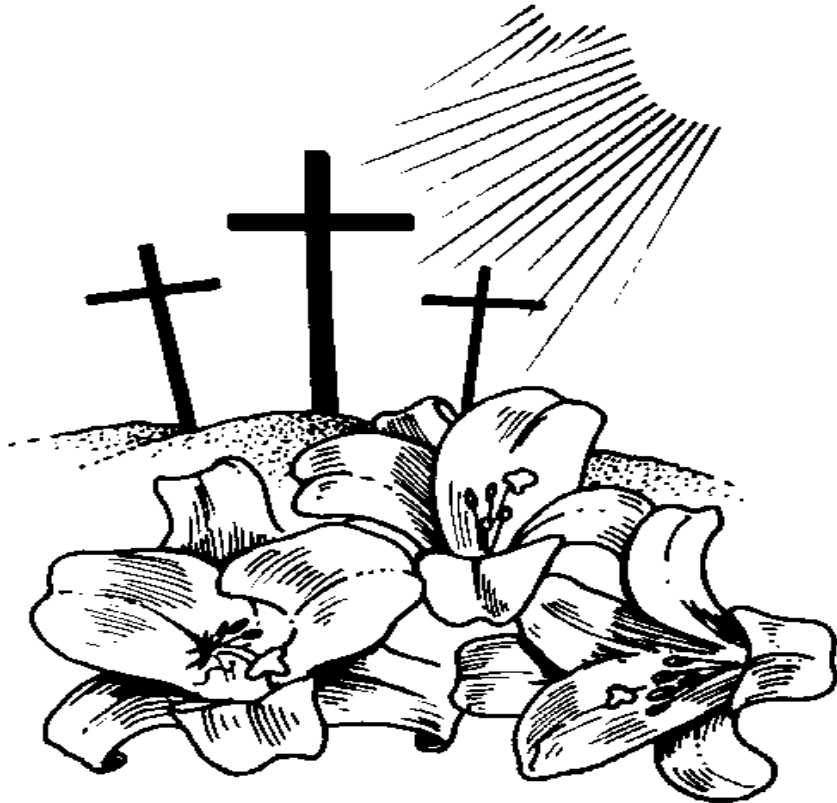
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Scripture for Sunday, March 17th

Jeremiah 31:31-34

John 12:20-33

**The Deacons of
The First Presbyterian Church
of Avenel
cordially invite you to
the Easter Continental Breakfast
immediately following the SonRise
Service on
March 31, 2024, at 8:00am
in the CHOIR ROOM**



Film Discussion



Wednesday, February 21st through
Wednesday, March 20th
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 \$10.50.

Orders are due no later than Tuesday, March 12, 2024

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

Please Print Clearly

Your Name(s) _____

Phone Number: _____

Quantity _____ Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____



Our Tenebrae service will be held on
Thursday, March 28th at 7:00pm in the
Sanctuary. Please come out and worship
with us on this very somber night.