

March 12, 2023
10:00 a.m.
3rd Sunday in Lent

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Charlie Kurowsky

PRELUDE "Psalm 42: As the Deer Longs" O WALY WALY, alt.,
Danna Harkin, Danna J. Gunther (Instrumental)

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

As a deer longs for flowing streams
so, our souls long for you, O God.

Our soul's thirst for God, for the living God.

When shall I come and behold the face of God?

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, as we wander through the wilderness this Lent, we are more aware of our thirst for Your presence, Your love, Your guidance on life's journey. Forgive us for turning away from You. Forgive our doubt and uncertainty that led us to place our faith in worldly comforts that don't run deep enough and don't last. We come to Your well today desperate and thirsty for Christ's living water. Quench our thirst, we pray. Grant us Your forgiveness and Your grace.....(silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus said, "Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty." Come, drink deep, and know that you are forgiven.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

OPENING HYMN #379 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

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 4:5-42 (N.T. pgs. 94-95)

ANTHEM

"Come to the Water/I Will Run to You"

John Foley, Matt Maher

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Sermon

SERMON:

"You've Got The Right One Baby"

Diane A. Anderson-Butts

SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #341

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

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 #525 "Here I Am, Lord"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone"
Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio, John Newton

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

*Please stand if able

Diane A. Anderson-Butts Bio:

Diane Anderson-Butts is a Commissioned Lay Pastor in the Presbyterian Church, USA. Professionally trained as Social Worker, Diane was called to establish a unique ministry that intersects her professional skills and ministerial gifts. She is the founder and spiritual leader of Faith Works, an outreach ministry that goes into the streets of Paterson to reclaim God's children among the homeless, addicted and broken. Faith Works is a healing ministry that seeks to build disciples by developing relationships with the unchurched, forming a community of believers out of those relationships and shaping those believers into disciples through prayer and bible study. Diane possesses a Master's degree in Social Work from Fordham University and is newly retired from Newark Public Schools (NJ) as a school social worker. Diane also completed a certificate program in Ministry and Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary. She is a powerful speaker with a message of hope, healing, and transformation through Christ.

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Avenel, NJ 07001

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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 –

Boys Town

Christian Appalachian Project, Kentucky

International Justice Mission, Washington DC

International Students, Inc.

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

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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

2nd Week

3rd Week

Please pray for James Tuerke, Emily Palmer's brother, who has leukemia. His levels were low last week and couldn't receive his bone marrow biopsy and chemo.

4th Week

Please pray for Maria Grezgorski, a friend of Linda Vassallo's, who has breast cancer that has metastasized to her spine.

5th Week

Prayers for Bob Fernandez, Joe Fernandez's dad, who has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and undergoing chemo. Please pray for his peace and comfort and for his family.

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
Carol Palmer and 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

STEWARDSHIP 2023

In an effort to help our congregation track our annual budget as it compares to giving, the Session has decided to include a brief monthly report. We are a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, and are completely dependent upon tithes, offerings, and donations to fulfill our budgeted expenses.

General Fund Balance	Net for the month	YTD
12/31/2022	\$ 83,459.40	
01/31/2023	\$ 80,730.57	\$ (2,728.83)
02/28/2023	\$ 79,873.93	\$ (856.64)
		\$ (3,585.47)

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.

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 12, 2023

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS

10:00 a.m. Worship Service – (Diane A. Anderson-Butts)
Live Stream-Facebook

MONDAY, March 13, 2023

TUESDAY, March 14, 2023

4:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting – CR

WEDNESDAY, March 15, 2023

5:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper/Film – JMH

THURSDAY, March 16, 2023

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

FRIDAY, March 17, 2023

SATURDAY, March 18, 2023

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

SUNDAY, March 19, 2023

10:00 a.m. Worship Service – (Diane A. Anderson-Butts)
Live Stream-Facebook

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY – The following dates are available on the chancel flower calendar: March 19th & March 26th. Reservations for chancel flowers may be made through the church office. The cost is \$30.00 for two arrangements and is to be paid in advance.

PRAYER GATHERING – is now back to 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 at the 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. We can learn new things from each other.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS – for the next 4 weeks beginning on Wednesday, March 1st through Wednesday, March 29th, we will once again be having our Lenten soup suppers along with a showing of "Noah" from the Sight and Sound Theater located in Lancaster, PA. in Jacob Morgan Hall. Soup served at 5:30pm followed by film/discussion at 6:15pm. Please come out and join us for a wonderful night of soup and fellowship.

EASTER LILIES – order forms are in the bulletin. Please have all orders placed and paid by Thursday, 3/30/23.

GUEST MINISTER – for the next two weeks is Diane A. Anderson-Butts. Diane is a Commissioned Lay Pastor in the Presbyterian Church, USA. She is the founder and spiritual leader of Faith Works, an outreach ministry that goes into the streets of Paterson to reclaim God's children among the homeless, addicted and broken. Diane possesses a Master's degree in Social Work from Fordham University and is newly retired from Newark Public Schools (NJ) as a social worker. Diane also completed a certificate program in Ministry and Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary.

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
Stephanie Kurowsky
Belinda Kerchner
Linda Vassallo
Susan Smolsky

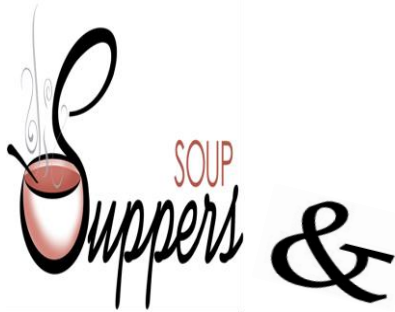
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Please join us for...

Scripture for Sunday, March 19th

John 9:1-41



Film Discussion



Wednesday, March 1st through
 Wednesday, March 29th
 Jacob Morgan Hall
 Soup is served @ 5:30
 Film & discussion begins @ 6:15



PW Women's 2023 Spring Retreat

April 29, 2023 9:00 AM—4:00 PM
 Camp Kiddie Keep Well, Edison NJ

The Gift of Friendship

By Lynne M. Baab
The Thoughtful Christian

Our retreat is hosted by the Presbyterian Women of FPC of Woodbridge. All women are welcome to join us as we explore The Gift of Friendship. Please bring your Bible with you. The retreat is \$25, which includes breakfast & lunch. Please mail the completed form and a \$25 payment to: FPC of Woodbridge, 600 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge, NJ 07095; or email to Sharon Hanley at slgh96@comcast.net. **Return by April 8th.**

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Home Church: _____

Need a Ride? Yes _____ No _____

Over for Directions →



Address for GPS:
35 Roosevelt Drive, Edison, NJ 08837 ~ Red Log Cabin

1. **From Rt. 1 South** - Follow Rt. 1 South to blue and white "Menlo Park Mall" sign. Turn Right, following the sign. Go past 7-11 to the traffic light. Turn right at the light onto Parsonage Rd. Follow Parsonage Rd. to the 2nd traffic light labeled Oakwood Avenue. Turn left onto Oakwood Ave. (this becomes Roosevelt Drive now). The camp is 1/2 mile up the road on the left side. The first driveway goes to the Main Office, the 2nd driveway is to Schirber Hall, and the 3rd driveway is to the Log Cabin. So, pass the 1st two driveways and turn into the 3rd driveway. Parking is available near the tennis courts, and there is handicapped parking also.

2. **From Rt.1 North** - Follow Rt. 1 North to the Parsonage Rd. exit. Follow the jug handle across Rt. 1 and through the traffic light. Stay on Parsonage Rd. to the 3rd traffic light labeled Oakwood Ave. Turn left on Oakwood Ave., which becomes Roosevelt Drive. The Camp is 1/2 mile up on the road on the left side. Follow the directions above to the Log Cabin.

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 Thursday, March 30, 2023

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: _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____



American Irish Assn of Woodbridge – St. Patrick’s Day Parade

Grand Marshal – Ken Egan – Member of the Woodbridge K of C

March 12th stepping off at 1:30 pm. Starting at Woodbridge HS. It travels down Freeman St., to Linden Ave., to Green St., To Amboy Ave. (Rt 35) to Main St. & ends at Townhall.

The St. Patrick’s Day parade is the largest event in Woodbridge Township & is free to our residents.

It includes over 80 marching units (bagpipe bands, High School & other bands, community groups & various entertainments groups)

If your non-profit / volunteer group wants to march – register here -

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