

March 17, 2024
10:00 a.m.
5th Sunday in Lent

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Hanna Pallitto

PRELUDE "Purify My Heart" Brian Doerksen

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

"I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

But we have failed to be God's people. We have chosen our own way.

Turn again, says the Lord, through the prophets and through God's Son.

Turn us again to you, O Lord, and awaken our spirits to Your love and mercy. Amen.

Come, let us worship God!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

OPENING HYMN #482 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Compassionate Lord, forgive us when we falter on this Lenten pathway; when the road ahead seems too uncertain, and we are afraid. We admit that following Jesus is not an easy task. Jesus requires us to be willing to make the ultimate commitment of our whole lives and we hesitate and hold back. Draw us back to You, Lord. Give us confidence and courage to face the future with hope. Restore to us that relationship that was broken, but now restored through Jesus Christ. Create within clean hearts and renewed spirits. In Jesus' Name, we pray.....(silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick
Even though the future is clouded; God is with us, guiding, healing, comforting, restoring. Rejoice! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and healed.

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 Jeremiah 31:31-34 (O.T. pg. 735)
John 12: 20-33 (N.T. pgs. 106-107)

Children's Sermon

ANTHEM "Create in Me" Eleazar Cortés

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SERMON: "The Restoration of A Broken Relationship"
Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*RESPONSE HYMN #363 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

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 #85 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Instrumental"

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

*Please stand if able

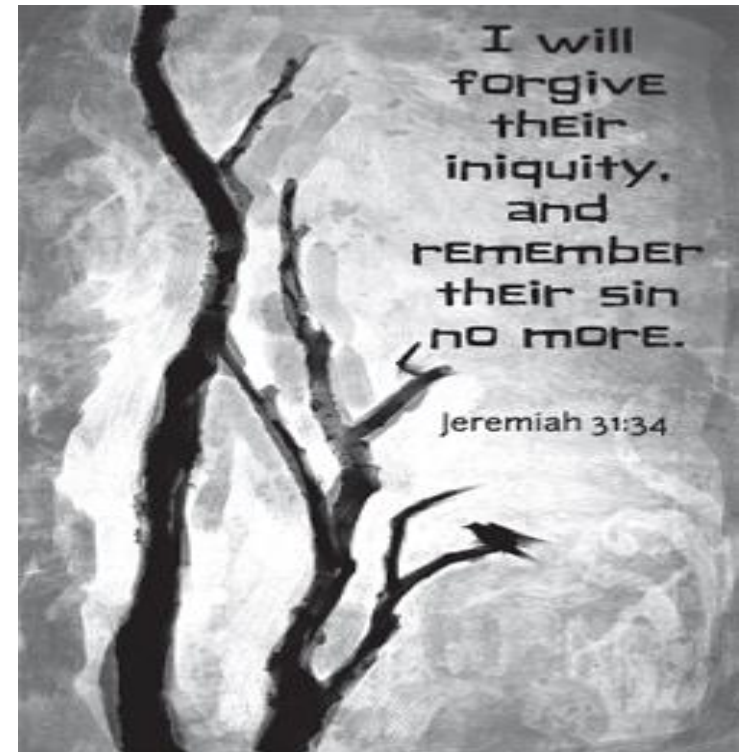
First Presbyterian Church of Avenel

621 East Woodbridge Avenue

Avenel, NJ 07001

Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick, Pastor

March 17, 2024



"The Restoration of A
Broken Relationship"

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 17, 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

6th Week

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

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.

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH.

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 17, 2024

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

MONDAY, March 18, 2024

TUESDAY, March 19, 2024

6:30 p.m. Session Mtg. – Zoom

WEDNESDAY, March 20, 2024

4:30 p.m. Bible Study – JMH (**ON HOLD FOR LENT – RESUMING 4/3**)
5:30 p.m. Soup Suppers/Vespers – JMH (**LAST DAY**)

THURSDAY, March 21, 2024

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

FRIDAY, March 22, 2024

SATURDAY, March 23, 2024

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR
10:00 a.m. His Hands Clothes Closet – GYM

SUNDAY, March 24, 2024 – HOLY WEEK BEGINS

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY – The following dates are open: 3/24, 3/31, 4/7, 4/14, 4/21, & 4/28. Please make reservations through the church office. The cost is \$30.00 for two arrangements and must be paid in advance.

Today's flowers are in memory of Reinhart Thorsen.

Given by Lillian Thorsen and family.

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 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.

TENEBRAE SERVICE – will be on Thursday, March 28th at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. The guest pianist is Paul Garcia. Paul has been active in music ministry for almost 40 years as a choir member, cantor, accompanist, teacher, director, and composer. He is presently a member of St. Andrew's Church choir, a member of the Summit Chorale, as well as an independent church musician. Paul was born in Carteret. He attended St. Louis University as a member of the Catholic religious order the Servants of Mary. Paul did his novitiate in Denver, Colorado and studied theology in Rome at the Servite International College. Paul ministered and studied in Chicago and Perth Amboy before leaving the Servites and Paul has lived in Avenel with his wife, Patti, and children Justin and Jamie, for the past 24 years.

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. The guest pianist is Elliot Bernard.

CHURCH OFFICE – will be closed on Good Friday, 3/29.

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

Belinda Kerchner

Linda Vassallo

Hanna Pallitto

Music Director

Sexton

SS Superintendent

Church Office

Webmaster

Church Email

Church Website

resolutjoe@gmail.com

avenelpres@gmail.com

For 2024

(732) 634-1631

hannapallitto@gmail.com

avenelpres@gmail.com

avenelpresbyterianchurch.org

Scripture for Sunday, March 24th

Psalm 118:19-29

John 12:12-16

***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***



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.