March 24, 2024 10:00 a.m.

Palm/Passion Sunday

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Delia Zelazny

PRELUDE

"He Is Exalted"

Twila Paris

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter, and give thanks to the Lord.

We will give You thanks, for You have answered us; You have become our salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

OPENING HYMN #88

"All Gory, Laud, and Honor"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you know us well. We are quick to speak of faith, but slow to live it fully. We shout "hosanna" as Jesus approaches, as did the people of Jerusalem many years ago; but we do not want him to come too close -- not close enough to really see our shortcomings. For this, we confess our sins and humbly ask your forgiveness, in Jesus's name......(silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

The Lord is God. The Lord brings light to those in darkness, forgiveness to those who truly confess, and pardon to all who seek to follow Jesus. Therefore, in his name, I declare that you 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

Psalm 118:19-29 (O.T. pgs. 565-566) John 12:12-16 (N.T. pg. 106)

Children's Sermon

ANTHEM

"Above All"

Lenny LeBlance, Paul Baloche

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SERMON:

"No Ordinary King"

Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*RESPONSE HYMN #324 "Open My Eyes That I May See"

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 #91 "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Silence

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 24, 2024



"No Ordinary King"

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 <u>March 24, 2024</u>

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
2 nd Week
<u>3rd Week</u>
4 th Week
<u>5th Week</u>
6 th Week
<u>Prayers and Sympathies</u>

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 24, 2024 – HOLY WEEK BEGINS PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

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

MONDAY, March 25, 2024

TUESDAY, March 26, 2024

10:00 a.m. JoAnn's Food Pantry - CE Bldg.

WEDNESDAY, March 27, 2024

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

THURSDAY, March 28, 2024

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Worship Service – Sanctuary

(Guest Pianist-Paul Garcia)

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

FRIDAY, March 29, 2024

GOOD FRIDAY – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY, March 30, 2024

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

SUNDAY, March 31, 2024

EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 a.m. SonRise Worship Service – Sanctuary

(Guest Pianist-Elliot Bernard)

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast - Choir Room

10:00 a.m. Easter Worship Service

Live Stream-Facebook

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABLITIY – The following dates are open: 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.

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. Elliot recently completed his undergraduate studies as a jazz piano performance major at William Paterson. Now a resident of New Jersey, Bernard performs and teaches piano in the greater New York metropolitan area.

WRESTLING-N-WRECOVERY — will be hosting a free event on Saturday, April 6th in our GYM starting at 1:00pm. For more information, please contact Dennis Lytle at (732) 397-0242.

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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Scripture for Sunday, March 31st
Isaiah 25:6-9
John 20:1-18





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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

