

March 27, 2022
10:00 a.m.
4th Sunday in Lent

Prayer of Preparation (*for silent meditation before worship*)
Lord help us to Show Up. Help us to Burn Bright. Help us to Live Passionately and Help us to Leave the Rest Up to You. Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Delia Zelazny

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord we come before you painfully aware of ourselves, living in a state of conflict with people and policies, with ourselves and our choices and even you, Lord. You have called us to walk in love by the Spirit, but we choose to walk our own conflicted path. We have missed out on experiencing grace and compassion. We honestly and humbly admit our mistakes and ask for your mercy.....(silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

As far as the East is from the West, so far has he removed our transgressions from us! Through Christ we 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, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit; Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate; Was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into Hell;

The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

(*universal)

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE:

Isaiah 40:27-31 (O.T. pg. 668)

Matthew 4:12-17 (N.T. pg. 3)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM "Psalm 34: I Will Always Thank the Lord" Scott Soper

SERMON:

"The Thrill of Hope"

Rev. Cynthia Wilcox

SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #142

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

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

*CLOSING HYMN #341 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Glory and Praise" Jesse Manibusan

*Please stand if able

First Presbyterian Church of Avenel

621 East Woodbridge Avenue

Avenel, NJ 07001

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Rev. Cynthia Wilcox Bio:

A native of New Jersey, and a Manasquan High alumni (1984), Cindy moved to Massachusetts where she attended Gordon College, got married, and raised her four kids. While living in Andover, MA Cindy was Director of Children's Ministries, a personal trainer, a lifestyle weight management coach, and produced fitness shows for television. In 2013, as an empty nester, Cindy moved back 'home' and presently lives with her husband, Dennis Wilcox, in Spring Lake Heights. She graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary (M.Div) and is an ordained Presbyterian minister, presently serving as the Manager of Spiritual Care at Jersey Shore University Medical Center. She is passionate about faith, fitness and fellowship. Her ministry vision is to encourage others to live gratefully, hopefully, and intentionally in alignment with their values. *Show up, Burn Bright, Live Passionately, and leave the rest up to Divinity.*

But they that Wait
upon the Lord shall
Renew their strength;
they shall mount up
with wings as eagles;
they shall run,
and not be weary; and they shall
walk, and not faint.



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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 – 1st LT, – Stephanie & Charlie Kurowsky's niece

Jeffrey Hansen – 1st LT, Kuwait, Stephanie & Charlie Kurowsky's nephew

Daniel Hedner – Carolyn & Jake Stockl's nephew

Steven Stockl – Carolyn & Jake Stockl's nephew

Amy Updike

Rob – serving in the U.S. Navy, San Diego, CA. - Lynn & Wayne Dubin's son.

Anthony Service – U.S. Air Force, in San Antonio.

OVERSEAS

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

Camp Johnsonburg

Christian Appalachian Project, Kentucky

Elijah's Promise, New Jersey

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 March 27, 2022

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

Please pray for Alba Grano, Linda Vassallo's childhood friend, who is facing multiple health issues.

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 2021

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
12/31/2021 \$ 76,156.39		
01/31/2022 \$ 73,393.05	\$(2,753.34)	\$(2,753.34)
02/28/2022 \$ 73,809.90	\$ 416.85	\$(2,336.49)

CHURCH PROPERTY 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 \$12/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.

Per Capita Amount has been changed from \$45.00 to \$40.00

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 27, 2022

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School – SSO
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Guest Preacher– Rev. Cynthia Wilcox)
Live Stream-Facebook

MONDAY, March 28, 2022

TUESDAY, March 29, 2022

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

WEDNESDAY, March 30, 2022

THURSDAY, March 31, 2022

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

FRIDAY, April 1, 2022

SATURDAY, April 2, 2022

SUNDAY, April 3, 2022

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School – SSO
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Guest Preacher–Rev. Alice Batcher)
Live Stream-Facebook
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group – CE

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

SUNDAY SCHOOL – meets every Sunday at 9 am in the Christian Education Building’s Sunday School Office.

YOUTH GROUP – meets every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 6:00pm in the Christian Education Building.

CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY – The following dates are available on the chancel flower calendar: April 3rd & April 17th. Reservations for chancel flowers may be made through the church office. The cost is \$30.00 for two arrangements.

PRAYER GATHERING – is on Thursday evenings at 8 pm. Dial (425) 436-6302 then enter code 773724#. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Kosakowski 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 – will now be on our website. Weekly bulletins can be emailed as well. If you would like a weekly bulletin emailed, please contact the Church Office to be put on the emailing list.

LIVE STREAM CAMERA VOLUNTEERS – The mission team is asking for several people to consider operating the live streaming camera so we can insure no interruptions in our outreach. It is easy, requires very little work once setup. Stephen will show exactly how to operate. Please see Stephen or Bob Toro after worship.

YOU TUBE CHANNEL – An email request has been sent to everyone asking to subscribe to the church YouTube Channel. We need a minimum of 50 subscribers to be able to live stream our service, we currently have 34. Thank you for helping. Mission Team.

VBS – will begin July 25th through July 29th for 3 year old potty trained through 5th Grade. Please fill out registration form attached to the bulletin or register online at: Avenelpresbyterianchurch.org.

GUEST PREACHER – for Sunday, April 3, 2022, is Rev. Alice Batcher. Reverend Alice Batcher is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary in NYC. Originally ordained with the ABCUSA, Alice now has standing with the UCC. During the week, Alice is a hospice chaplain. In her spare time Alice enjoys working with her little poodles, COVID adoptees.

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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Scripture for Sunday, April 3rd

John 12:1-8



Get Ready For A Howlin' Good Time!

New friends • Amazing experiments • Creative games
Super-fun snacks • Surprising adventures • Incredible music

The First Presbyterian Church of Avenel
621 E Woodbridge Ave, Avenel, NJ

July 25th – July 29th 9:00 am – 12:15 pm

Vacation Bible School Registration:
Contact church office at 732-634-1631
Email: avenelpres@gmail.com

or

Register online at
www.Avenelpresbyterianchurch.org



Harley

Miley

Howell

Rollo

Jet



Vacation Bible School 2022
July 25th – July 29th 9:00 am – 12:15 pm

ALL CHILDREN 3 YEARS OLD & POTTY TRAINED THROUGH 5TH GRADE

COME & CELEBRATE GOD'S GREATNESS, MUSIC, CRAFTS, SNACKS, & MORE

SNEAKERS MUST BE WORN FOR GYM

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621 E. Woodbridge Ave Avenel, NJ 07001
Phone: 732-634-1631 / Fax 732-634-1291
Email: avenelpres@gmail.com

Register by: June 30, 2022

Please print clearly

Child's name:

_____ M/F _____

Address:

Birthday: _____ Grade Completed in June: _____



Parent/Guardian:

Dad's Cell Phone: _____

Mom's Cell Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Emergency Contact Name:

Phone: _____

Allergies:

I give the church permission to use my child's photograph on the church's Facebook Page Yes No

Please return completed form to The First Presbyterian Church of Avenel by mail, email, fax or in person

SIGN UP NOW !!!!!!!

3/21/22

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

I am reaching out to you on behalf of the Carboard Box City Steering Committee at Trinity Presbyterian Church, East Brunswick. We would like to invite your congregation to participate in the Cardboard Box City event that will be held on April 30th-May1st, 2022. The event is dedicated to support the FISH Hospitality Program, Inc.

Trinity would appreciate you promoting this event during a worship service or in your church newsletter before the event occurs. In addition, we would appreciate you referring your congregants to the Cardboard Box City webpage at www.cardboardboxcity.com where they can sign up to participate in this event and/or donate to the FISH Hospitality Program, Inc. We would be very excited for individuals or families from your congregation to sign up for this fun event! Should you have any questions, please call (585) 694-0881 or email us at admin@cardboardboxcity.com . Thank you so much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beth Knox".

Beth Knox
Trinity Cardboard Box City Steering Committee