

April 14, 2024
10:00 a.m.
3rd Sunday of Easter

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE (If you must speak, speak to God)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Belinda Kerchner

THE INTROIT "Two Were Bound for Emmaus" KENMARE

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

I will be glad and exult in You;

I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

OPENING HYMN #420 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.....(silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

Almighty God, who freely pardons all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every repentant heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 Ephesians 5:15-20 (N.T. pgs. 194-195)

Children's Sermon

ANTHEM "This Day Was Made by the Lord" Christopher Walker

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SERMON: "Redeeming Our Time for God's Kingdom" – Part 1
Sermon Series on Christian Stewardship
Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*RESPONSE HYMN #525 "Here I Am, Lord"

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 #210 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

*BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE (A QUIET TIME OF REFLECTION)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

WE ENTER TO WORSHIP. WE LEAVE TO SERVE!

*Please stand if able

First Presbyterian Church of Avenel

621 East Woodbridge Avenue

Avenel, NJ 07001

Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick, Pastor

April 14, 2024



Sing psalms and
hymns and
spiritual songs ...
singing and
making melody to the
Lord in your hearts.

"Redeeming Our Time for
God's Kingdom" Part 1
Sermon Series: Christian Stewardship

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 ***April 14, 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

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, April 14, 2024

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

MONDAY, April 15, 2024

PW Women’s 2024 Spring Retreat Registration Deadline

TUESDAY, April 16, 2024

6:30 p.m. Session Mtg. – ZOOM

WEDNESDAY, April 17, 2024

4:30 p.m. Bible Study – JMH

THURSDAY, April 18, 2024

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

FRIDAY, April 19, 2024

SATURDAY, April 20, 2024

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

SUNDAY, April 21, 2024

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY – The following dates are open: 4/21, 4/28, 5/5, 5/12, 5/19 & 5/26. 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 honor of Oliver Zelazny's third birthday.
Given with love by his grandparents, Rich and Cindy Culton.*

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.

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 – will resume every Wednesday at 4:30pm taught by Rev. Misick in Jacob Morgan Hall. Please register by Email: gmsick@yahoo.com or Call: 917 679-5676

PW WOMEN'S 2024 SPRING RETREAT – hosted by the First Presbyterian church of Woodbridge on May 11th from 9am to 4pm at 600 Rahway Avenue. Registration is due tomorrow.

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, April 21st

Psalm 150

1 Peter 4:7-10