

**April 17, 2022**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day**

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Prayer of Preparation *(for silent meditation before worship)*

Eternal Giver of life and light, this holy day shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew Your church with the Spirit given to us in Baptism, that we may worship You in sincerity and truth, and shine as a light in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carolyn Stevenson

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, You shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth You made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust Your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.....(silence for personal confession)**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

OPENING HYMN #123      "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

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 65:17-25 (O.T. pg.696)

John 20:1-18 (N.T. pgs. 114-115)

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

ANTHEM

"Our God Reigns"

Leonard E. Smith, Jr.

SERMON:

"There in the Garden"

Rev. Emily Lueder

**SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*HYMN #118

"The Day of Resurrection!"

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 #106 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Alleluia! Give the Glory" Ken Canedo

\*Please stand if able

### **Rev. Emily Lueder Bio:**

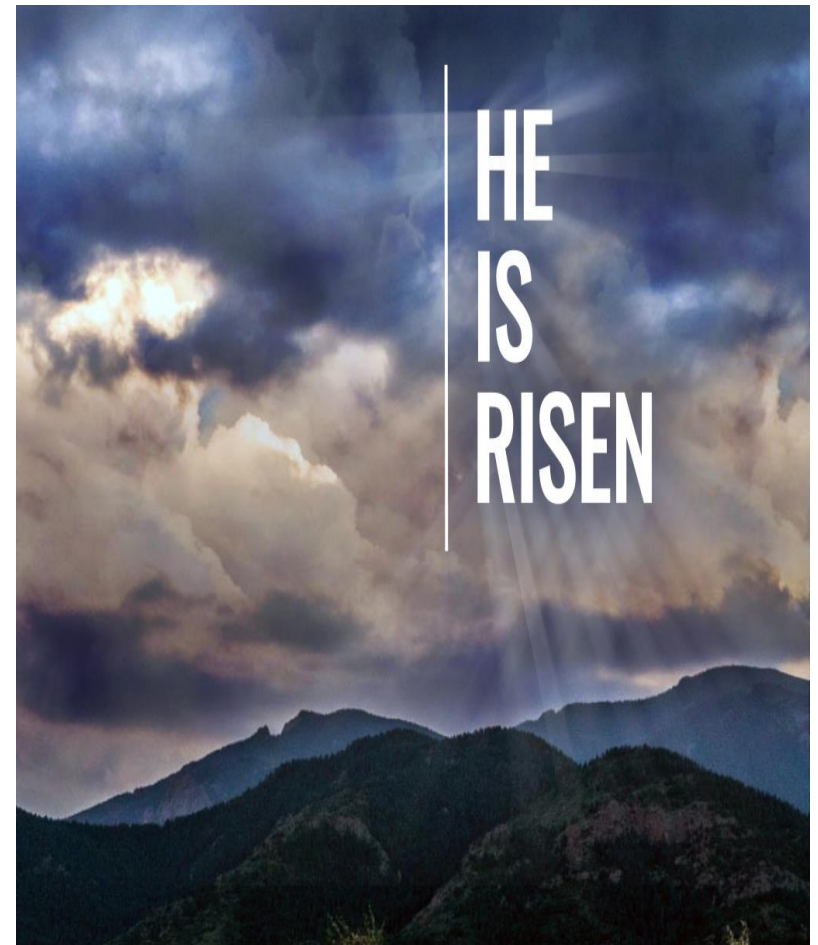
Originally from Northwest Indiana, Emily studied theology and ministry and philanthropic leadership and service at Valparaiso University. She moved to Princeton, NJ and graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2019. She completed her yearlong chaplain residency at the Mount Sinai Hospital in Manhattan and currently serves as a palliative care chaplain with Hackensack Meridian Health. In her free time, Emily enjoys all things Golden Girls and Abraham Lincoln.

First Presbyterian Church of Avenel

621 East Woodbridge Avenue

Avenel, NJ 07001

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"There in the Garden"

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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 – 1<sup>st</sup> LT, – Stephanie & Charlie Kurowsky's niece

Jeffrey Hansen – 1<sup>st</sup> 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* April 17, 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*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Week*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Week*

Please pray for Vilma Ambis' peace and comfort.

*4<sup>th</sup> Week*

*5<sup>th</sup> Week*

*6<sup>th</sup> 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)
03/31/2022 \$ 64,806.01	\$( 9,003.89)	\$(11,340.38)

**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, April 17, 2022**

**EASTER**

- 7:00 a.m. SonRise Service (Guest Preacher–Rev. Emily Lueder)
- 8:00 a.m. SonRise Breakfast -JMH
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School – SSO
- 10:00 a.m. Easter Service (Guest Preacher–Rev. Emily Lueder)  
Live Stream-Facebook
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group – CE (**CANCELLED**)

**MONDAY, April 18, 2022**

**TUESDAY, April 19, 2022**

- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting-KHL

**WEDNESDAY, April 20, 2022**

**THURSDAY, April 21, 2022**

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

**FRIDAY, April 22, 2022**

**SATURDAY, April 23, 2022**

**SUNDAY, April 24, 2022**

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School – SSO
- 10:00 a.m. Easter Service (Guest Preacher–Rev. Alice Batcher)  
Live Stream-Facebook

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 6:00pm in the Christian Education Building. **No Youth Group today.**

**CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY** – The following dates are available on the chancel flower calendar: April 24th & May 8th. 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.

**VBS** – will begin July 25<sup>th</sup> through July 29<sup>th</sup> for 3 year old potty trained through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Please fill out registration form attached to the bulletin. Deadline is June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**SIT AND KNIT (and CROCHET)** – On Saturdays from 9:30am to 11:00am in the 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.

**GUEST PREACHER** – for Sunday, April 24, 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.*

<i>Joseph Fernandez</i>	<i>Music Director</i>	<i>resolutjoe@gmail.com</i>
<i>Michael Peterson</i>	<i>Sexton</i>	<i>avenelpres@gmail.com</i>
<i>Stephanie Kurowsky</i>	<i>Stream Lines</i>	<i>avenelstreamlines@comcast.net</i>
<i>Belinda Kerchner</i>	<i>SS Superintendent</i>	<i>For 2022</i>
<i>Linda Vassallo</i>	<i>Church Office</i>	<i>(732) 634-1631</i>
<i>Susan Smolsky</i>	<i>Webmaster</i>	<i>rustisioux@comcast.net</i>
	<i>Church Email</i>	<i>avenelpres@gmail.com</i>
	<i>Church Website</i>	<i>avenelpresbyterianchurch.org</i>

*Scripture for Sunday, April 24th*

**John 20:19-31**



**Vacation Bible School 2022**  
**July 25<sup>th</sup> – July 29<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – 12:15 pm**

**ALL CHILDREN 3 YEARS OLD & POTTY TRAINED THROUGH 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

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

**SNEAKERS MUST BE WORN FOR GYM**

**The First Presbyterian Church of Avenel**  
**621 E. Woodbridge Ave Avenel, NJ 07001**  
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**Email: [avenelpres@gmail.com](mailto:avenelpres@gmail.com)**  
**Website: [www.Avenelpresbyterianchurch.org](http://www.Avenelpresbyterianchurch.org)**

**Register by: June 30, 2022**

**Please print clearly**

**Child's name:**

\_\_\_\_\_ M/F \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed in June: \_\_\_\_\_**



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 30<sup>th</sup>-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](http://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](mailto:admin@cardboardboxcity.com) . Thank you so much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

Beth Knox  
Trinity Cardboard Box City Steering Committee

**Parent/Guardian:**



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**Dad's Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mom's Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Name:**

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**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Allergies:**

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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 !!!!!!!**





### **Easter Lilies**

The beautiful trumpet-shaped white flowers symbolize purity, virtue, innocence, hope and life- the spiritual essence of Easter. Often called the "white-robed apostles of hope." Lilies were found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane after Christ's agony. Tradition has it that the beautiful white lilies sprung up where drops of Christ's sweat fell to the ground in his final hours of sorrow and deep distress. Churches continue this tradition at Easter time by surrounding their alters and crosses with masses of Easter Lilies to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and hope of life everlasting.



***First Presbyterian Church  
Avenel, NJ  
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Each year, the sanctuary is beautifully decorated on Easter morning with lilies. Each lily has been given by a member or friend of the congregation in honor or remembrance of loved ones.

**Given by:**

Ed & Shirley Benkert

Rich & Cindy Culton

The Gilligan Family

Millie Knotts

Danetta Juarez

Millie Knotts

Sandra Kosakowski

Linda Palmerini

Gay Patrouch

Gary & Carolyn Stevenson

**In Memory of:**

Edward Benkert Sr.  
Reinhart Thorsen  
William & Ruth Freist  
Nancy Leclair

Kay Price  
Esther Nielsen  
Pete & Dottie Allebach

Don Gilligan

Dawn Banerman  
Al Knotts

Frank Juarez  
Shirley Renehan  
Mary Toth

Al Knotts

Mackenzie Kosakowski

Bill & Eileen Martin  
Anthony Sterlacci Jr.

Walter & Eloise Emery

Ernest & Arleen Schreiber  
George & Stella Stevenson

**Given by:**

Linda Sammartino

**In Honor of:**

The Church Family

