

April 21, 2024
10:00 a.m.
4th Sunday of Easter

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Sandra Kosakowski

THE INTROIT "The Thorn Tree" Scot Crandal, Genevieve Glen

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus the Good Shepherd calls our names to come and follow him.

His voice, speaking our names, draws us to Him.

We follow without fear, for the shepherd cares for us.

Our hearts rejoice and we can place our trust in the Good Shepherd.

Come, let us enter the gate with thanksgiving!

Let us go forth confidently with songs of praise! AMEN.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

OPENING HYMN #138 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Father, You sent Your son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we might live a new life in Him. Yet we confess that we too often have chosen to remain captive to doubt and fear and ways that lead to death. By our thoughts, words, and actions, we have scorned Your love, diminished the lives of others, and defaced Your image in us. Father, forgive us for Jesus' sake, and enable us by His resurrection power to live no longer for ourselves but for Him who died and rose again for us.....(silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

Jesus was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification. Therefore, let us accept his pardon for our sins.

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 150 (O.T. pg. 583)
1 Peter 4:7-10 (N.T. pg. 235)

Children's Sermon

ANTHEM

"A Listening Heart"

Bob Hurd

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SERMON:

"Using Our God-Given Gifts for His Glory"
Christian Stewardship – Part2

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 #438 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

*BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE (A QUIET TIME OF REFLECTION)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

+++WE ENTER TO WORSHIP; WE LEAVE TO SERVE!!!

*Please stand if able

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Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick, Pastor

April 21, 2024

...SERVE ONE

ANOTHER

WITH

WHATEVER

GIFT EACH OF

YOU HAS

RECEIVED.



1 PETER 4:10

"Using Our God-Given Gifts
For His Glory"
Christian Stewardship - Part 2

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 21, 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

David-will begin chemo in May.
Kim-her radiation just ended, continued healing.
Margie-is recovering from strokes.
Joanne-her cancer has returned.
Nathan-fell down the stairs and is paralyzed.
Healing, peace, and comfort for all.

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 21, 2024

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

MONDAY, April 22, 2024

TUESDAY, April 23, 2024

WEDNESDAY, April 24, 2024

4:30 p.m. Bible Study – JMH

THURSDAY, April 25, 2024

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

FRIDAY, April 26, 2024

SATURDAY, April 27, 2024

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

SUNDAY, April 28, 2024

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY – The following dates are open: 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.

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**

"A COURAGEOUS CONVERSATION" – will take place after worship on Sunday, April 28 in the Choir Room. The purpose is to hear from members about the State of the Church.

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 28th

Matthew 6:19-21