

April 28, 2024
10:00 a.m.
5th Sunday of Easter

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Carolyn Gilligan

THE INTROIT "Make Your Home in Me" Ben Walther

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather together to worship God,
our Rock and our Redeemer,
the one in whom we find refuge.
You are our rock and our fortress, O God;
into Your hands we place our lives.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

OPENING HYMN #356 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of abiding Love and infinite Patience, be with us this day. We confess that we haven't thought a whole lot about You this week. We have let events and demands crowd You out of our thoughts and our actions; yet when we come to this, Your house, we again kneel in contrition, seeking Your forgiveness for our blindness and apathy. Turn our lives around, Lord. Help us look again at the many ways in which You bless and care for us. Help us be people who will reach out to others in loving compassion. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name.....(silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick
Even though we are a stubborn people, still God absolutely loves and forgives us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Hallelujah!
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 Matthew 6:19-21 (N.T. pg. 21)

Children's Sermon

ANTHEM "River of Glory" Dan Schutte

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SERMON: "Investing Our Treasurer in God's Kingdom"
Part 3 -"Christian Stewardship – Time, Talent, & Treasurer"
Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*RESPONSE HYMN #372 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

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

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CARRYING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN #442 "The Church's One Foundation"

*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

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“Investing Our Treasurer in

God's Kingdom

Part 3 – Christian Stewardship – Time,
Talen, & Treasurer”

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 28, 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

Please pray for peace, comfort, and healing for Robbie, Dani, Nick, and Joan.

2nd Week

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.

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 28, 2024

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Live Stream–Facebook

11:00 a.m. “A Courageous Conversation” – CR

MONDAY, April 29, 2024

TUESDAY, April 30, 2024

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

WEDNESDAY, May 1, 2024

4:30 p.m. Bible Study – JMH

THURSDAY, May 2, 2024

4:30 p.m. Property Care Mtg – CO

8:00 p.m. Prayer Gathering – Dial In

(425) 436-6302 then enter code 773724#.

FRIDAY, May 3, 2024

SATURDAY, May 4, 2024

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

SUNDAY, May 5, 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.

*Today's flowers are in honor of Amelia Pallitto's fifth 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 until June 5th. Please register by Email: gmisick@yahoo.com or Call: **917 679-5676**

"A COURAGEOUS CONVERSATION" – is today after worship 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, May 5th

John 10:11-18