

May 1, 2022
10:00 a.m.
3rd Sunday of Easter

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

Now is the time to sing! to sing the good news of God: who awakens us with dawn's embrace, who surrounds us with joy and life. Now is the time to offer praise to God, in every place, with every voice: to rejoice in the One who leads us through each moment with a gentle hand and a word of hope. Now is the time to join all creation in extolling God, from the depths of the sea to the farthest galaxies: We will sing the good news of Easter! We will rejoice in the God who loves us. Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carol Palmer

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Now that Easter is done and gone, Holy One, we no longer hear the special music, but listen to temptation's familiar refrains. We no longer walk those straight paths of joy and wonder, but wander the crooked streets to our old haunts. Rather than living in the newness you bring, we do things the way they have always been done. Fortunately, God of seaside breakfasts, you know the way out of our messy lives, and so take us by the hand to lead us. You wipe our busy schedules off our calendars so we may spend more time with those who need our love and attention. You challenge us to fish from the other side of our worries, so we may pull in all the grace, wonder, and mercy offered to us by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.....(silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

We will offer our hearts and hands in love and serve to others.
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven!

OPENING HYMN #426 "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: John 20:19-31 (N.T. pg. 115)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM "Worthy Is the Lamb" Ricky Manalo

SERMON: "Jesus Call to Imperfect Saints"
Rev. Alice Batchner

SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #513 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

SANCTUS #581 "Holy, Holy, Holy 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.

...The gifts of God for the people of God.

Let us keep the feast.

HYMN #367 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

CARRYING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN #302 "I Danced in the Morning"

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" Scott Soper

*Please stand if able

Rev. Alice Batcher Bio:

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.

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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 May 1, 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 Vilma Ambis' peace and comfort.

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)
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, May 1, 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 Bldg.

MONDAY, May 2, 2022

- 7:00 p.m. Property Care/Stewardship Mtg. – CO

TUESDAY, May 3, 2022

- 2:00 p.m. Mission/Outreach Mtg. – CO
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Comm Mtg. – CO
- 7:30 p.m. CE Mtg. – SSO

WEDNESDAY, May 4, 2022

THURSDAY, May 5, 2022

- 12:00 p.m. National Day of Prayer-Flagpole
- 8:00 p.m. Prayer Gathering – Dial In
(425) 436-6302 then enter code 773724#.

FRIDAY, May 6, 2022

SATURDAY, May 7, 2022

- 9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

SUNDAY, May 8, 2022

Mother's Day

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School – SSO
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Guest Preacher–Rev. Emily Lueder)
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 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: May 8th & May 15th. Reservations for chancel flowers may be made through the church office. The cost is \$30.00 for two arrangements.

*The flowers are in honor of Amelia Pallitto’s 3rd Birthday.
Given with love from his grandparents, Rich and Cindy Culton.*

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 25th through July 29th for 3 year old potty trained through 5th Grade. Please fill out registration form attached to the bulletin. Deadline is June 30th.

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, May 8, 2022, is Rev. Emily Lueder. 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.

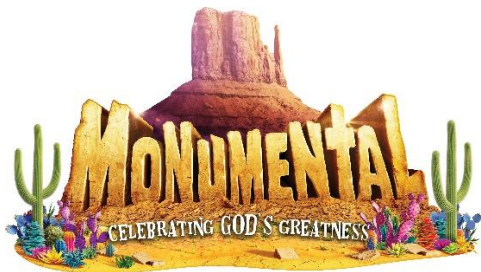
WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE!

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	Music Director	resolutjoe@gmail.com
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Belinda Kerchner	SS Superintendent	For 2022
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	Church Website	avenelpresbyterianchurch.org

Scripture for Sunday, May 8th

**Psalm 23
John 10:22-30**



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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Register by: June 30, 2022

Please print clearly

Child's name:

_____ M/F _____

Address:

Birthday: _____ Grade Completed in June: _____

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 !!!!!!!