

May 5, 2024
10:00 a.m.
6th Sunday of Easter

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Robert Toro

THE INTROIT "All Are Welcome" TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

See what love has been given to us, that we should be called children of God.

By this we know love, that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, and lived and died, that God's love might be made plain among us.

Therefore, beloved, let us not love in word or in speech but in deed and in truth.

Because we love one another, we know that we have passed from death into life. This is the victory that overcome the world, through Jesus our risen Christ. Amen

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

OPENING HYMN #441 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord "

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and merciful God, we thank you for the community in which you have placed us, for the brothers and sisters with whom we walk this pilgrim journey. Yet, we confess that we fail to love as You love. We push aside those whom we believe are the least in Your Kingdom. We fail to see Your Kingdom in parables because we fail to see Your Kingdom in each other. Form in us a new vision of community in which there is neither East nor West, neither South nor North. We pray for the sake of Your Kingdom that both is and is not yet.....(silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

Hear the news, the stone has already been rolled away, the resurrection has already occurred, so we know the Good New. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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: John 15:9-17 (N.T. pgs. 109-110)

ANTHEM "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"
Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SERMON: "Bearing Fruit That Will Last"
Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*RESPONSE HYMN #376 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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.

COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION HYMN #102 "Were You There?"

THE BLESSING AND ANOINTING OF THE CHILDREN

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CARRYING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN #466 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*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

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Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick, Pastor

May 5, 2024



*"Love
each other
as I have
loved you."*

JOHN 15:12, NIV



"Bearing Fruit That Will Last"

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

OVERSEAS

Daniel Hedner – deployed to Japan – Carolyn & Jake Stockl’s nephew

Steven Stockl – deployed to Iraq – 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

May 5, 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 Lisa Fowler.

2nd Week

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

3rd 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.

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, May 5, 2024

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

MONDAY, May 6, 2024

TUESDAY, May 7, 2024

2:00 p.m. Missions/Outreach Mtg. – CO
4:30 p.m. Worship Committee Mtg. – CO
7:30 p.m. CE Mtg. – SSO

WEDNESDAY, May 8, 2024

4:30 p.m. Bible Study – JMH

THURSDAY, May 9, 2024

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

FRIDAY, May 10, 2024

SATURDAY, May 11, 2024

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

SUNDAY, May 12, 2024

MOTHER'S DAY

10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Guest Minister-Rev. Dr. Joanne Noel)
Live Stream–Facebook

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY – The following dates are open: 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 until June 5th. Please register by Email: gmisick@yahoo.com or Call: **917 679-5676**

WRESTLING-N-WRECOVERY – will be hosting a "Time to Party" event on Saturday, May 31st in our GYM starting at 5:30pm. Please see the bulletin flyer for more information or contact Dennis Lytle at (732) 397-0242.

GUEST MINISTER – for the Sunday, May 12th is Rev. Dr. Joanne Noel. She is a graduate of New Brunswick Theological Seminary and Union Institute and University where she earned her MDIV and DMIN and Ph. D in Humanities and Culture, including certificates in Creative Writing and Women and Gender Studies. She is currently a Dean and Professor of English at Pillar College where she has held various positions, including

Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dean of Traditional Undergraduate programs, Director of the Writing Center, and Director of Spiritual Formation. She is currently, with God's grace, engaging in additional ordination processes with the ABCNJ Organization under the Raritan Valley Baptist Church (Pastor Nick Johnson) and preparing for future pastoral ministry and leadership.

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 12th

2 Kings 4:1-7