

**May 8, 2022**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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

God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with knowledge and understanding; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Belinda Kerchner

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

The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

OPENING HYMN #171      "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

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:

Psalms 23 (O.T. pg. 501)

John 10:22-30 (N.T. pg. 104)

### **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

ANTHEM

"El Señor Es Mi Pastor/The Lord Is My Shepherd"

Mary Frances Reza

SERMON:

"In the Hands of the Good Shepherd"

Rev. Emily Lueder

### **SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*HYMN #172

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

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 #387 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Sing of the Lord's Goodness" Ernest Sands

\*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.

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... he leads  
me beside  
still waters;  
he restores  
my soul.

*Psalm 23:2-3, NRSV*

"In the Hands of the Good Shepherd"

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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

#### OVERSEAS

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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 8, 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*

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

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

*6<sup>th</sup> Week*

Please pray for Vilma Ambis' peace and comfort.

*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)
04/30/2022 \$ 59,120.22	\$( 5,685.79)	\$(17,026.17)

**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 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

**MONDAY, May 9, 2022**

**TUESDAY, May 10, 2022**

**WEDNESDAY, May 11, 2022**

- 7:00 p.m. Deacons Mtg. – CR

**THURSDAY, May 12, 2022**

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

**FRIDAY, May 13, 2022**

**SATURDAY, May 14, 2022**

- 9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

**SUNDAY, May 15, 2022**

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School – SSO
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Guest Preacher–Rev. John Nolan)  
Live Stream-Facebook
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group – CE Bldg.

**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 through May 22nd.

**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.

**CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY** – The following dates are available on the chancel flower calendar: May 15th & May 22nd. 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 Wesley Brooks' 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday.  
Given with love from his grandmother, Carolyn Gilligan  
and*

*in honor of all the mothers associated with  
The First Presbyterian Church of Avenel.*

**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.

**FLEA MARKET** – Saturday, June 11th in Jacob Morgan Hall from 9:00am – noon. Donations will be accepted through June 3rd.

**GUEST PREACHER** – for Sunday, May 15, 2022, is Rev. John Nolan. Born-raised-schooled-educated in New Jersey, including college and seminary at Drew University. Most of my working life has also been in NJ. I have traveled into the Canadian wilderness and through the Holy Land. In 1976, I married Mary, an RN, and soon after we began serving United Methodist Churches for 30 years as Pastor and Certified Parish Nurse. I took early retirement in 2006, and then was a senior Hospice Chaplain and resident bio-ethicist for 10 of 12 years before I retired in September 2018. Since 2006, I have also worked in the 3<sup>rd</sup> career of my Vocation of Ministry, preaching and pastoral care, as an Approved Supply Preacher. Mary passed in June 2019.

## 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

Michael Peterson

Stephanie Kurowsky

Belinda Kerchner

Linda Vassallo

Susan Smolsky

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For 2022

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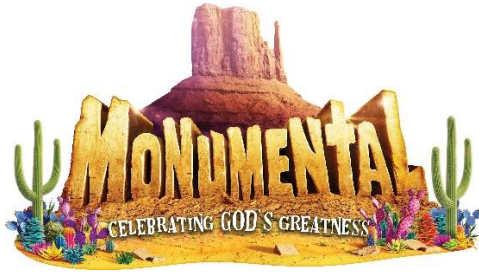
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*Scripture for Sunday, May 15th*

**John 21:1-14**



**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**

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**Register by: June 30, 2022**

**Please print clearly**

**Child's name:**

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

**Address:**

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\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

**Emergency Contact Name:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**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 !!!!!!!**