

May 12, 2024
10:00 a.m.
7th Sunday of Easter

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Belinda Kerchner

THE INTROIT "Shouts of Joy" Ken Canedo

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Today we celebrate our mothers, grandmothers, aunties, and all the women who have loved us.

Thank you, God, for giving us mothers.

We remember with deep gratitude all the ways they demonstrated their love for us.

Sometimes we did not understand them, but we know that God understood.

We take time to remember our mothers because a mother's love is most like God's love.

For their tears, for their hugs, for their wisdom, for their unfailing trust in our abilities, we give thanks and worship You Almighty.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Rev. Dr. Joanne Noel

OPENING HYMN #478 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us and Free us from the shackles of sin and despair. Deliver us from desires that only lead to bondage. Despite our shortcomings, we trust Your unfailing love. We trust in Your power to transform our lives. We trust in Your power to liberate us. For while we were yet sinners You died for us. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, Lord Jesus, so that we become the salt and light.

So that our lives may bring joy to Your world.....(silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Dr. Joanne Noel
Friends, believe the good news: 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 2 Kings 4:1-7 (O.T. pg. 334)

Children's Sermon

ANTHEM "One Sacrifice of Christ"
Rick Modlin and Robert Feduccia

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SERMON: "Lessons on Motherhood"
Rev. Dr. Joanne Noel

SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*RESPONSE HYMN #350 "Fill My Cup"

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 #383 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

*BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE (A QUIET TIME OF REFLECTION)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

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

*Please stand if able

Rev. Dr. Joanne Noel Bio:

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.

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"Lessons on Motherhood"

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

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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

Please pray for peace, comfort, and healing for Lisa Fowler.

3rd Week

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

4th 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.

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 12, 2024

MOTHER’S DAY

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

MONDAY, May 13, 2024

TUESDAY, May 14, 2024

4:30 p.m. Deacons Committee Mtg. – CR

WEDNESDAY, May 15, 2024

4:30 p.m. Bible Study – JMH

THURSDAY, May 16, 2024

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

FRIDAY, May 17, 2024

SATURDAY, May 18, 2024

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR
10:00 a.m. JoAnn’s Clothes Closet – GYM

SUNDAY, May 19, 2024

PENTECOST

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY – The following dates are open: 5/19, 5/26, 6/2, 6/9, 6/16, 6/23, & 6/30. 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 Lillian Thorsen and Robbie Olah.
Given with love by the congregation.*

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.

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 19th

Acts 2:1-21

John 16:12-15