May 19, 2024 10:00 a.m. Day of Pentecost

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hanna Pallitto

THE INTROIT

"Holy Spirit"

Ken Canedo

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rushing Wind of the Spirit, breathe new life into us!

Blazing Flame of the Spirit, burn away our fears!

Comforting Presence of the Spirit, heal our wounds.

Let us be prepared to worship and praise You, O Holy Spirit.

Spirit of God, come upon us this day and fill us with Your love.

Make us people who will proclaim God's news in all that we do.

AMEN.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

OPENING HYMN #398

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We aren't ready, Lord. It is easier for us to hide in the upper rooms of our lives, to let the world go by and not acknowledge Your presence. But You have challenged us to come alive again with Your love and words of healing mercy. Forgive our hesitant witness and our complacent spirits. Heal our fears and our wounds. Help us to be agents of healing and hope for others. Challenge and inspire us to overcome our feelings of inadequacy and remind us that You have called us beloved and have given us

what we need to proclaim Your Good News. In Jesus' Name, we pray......(silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

Don't be afraid! God's Holy Spirit brings you healing comfort and hope. You are being prepared to serve God in some mighty ways. Rejoice! God's Holy Spirit is with you always.

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

Acts 2:1-21 (N.T. pg. 119) John 16:12-15 (N.T. pg. 110)

Children's Sermon

ANTHEM

"By the Waking of Our Hearts"

Ricky Manalo

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SERMON:

"The Work and Power of the Holy Spirit"

Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*RESPONSE HYMN #316 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

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 #315 "Every Time I Fell the Spirit"

*BENEDICTION

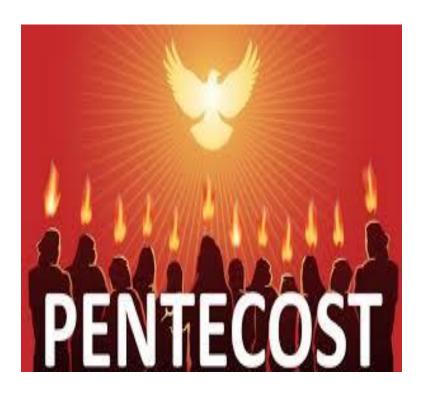
ORGAN POSTLUDE (A QUIET TIME OF REFLECTION)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

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

*Please stand if able

First Presbyterian Church of Avenel 621 East Woodbridge Avenue Avenel, NJ 07001 Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick, Pastor May 19, 2024



"The Work and Power of the Holy Spirit"

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 <u>May 19, 2024</u>

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

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

4th Week

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

5th 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.

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 19, 2024

PENTECOST

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

MONDAY, May 20, 2024

TUESDAY, May 21, 2024

6:30 p.m. Session Mtg. – Zoom

WEDNESDAY, May 22, 2024

4:30 p.m. Bible Study – JMH

THURSDAY, May 23, 2024

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

FRIDAY, May 24, 2024

SATURDAY, May 25, 2024

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

SUNDAY, May 26, 2024 TRINITY SUNDAY

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABLITIY – The following dates are open: 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.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – will be July 22 - July 26 for children 3 years of age through 5th grade. Registration is now open. Sign up now at vbspro.events/p/avenelvbs@gmail.com. Please see the bulletin flyer for more details.

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 26th

Isaiah 6:1-8

John 3:1-17



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