

May 22, 2022
10:00 a.m.
6th Sunday of Easter

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

Risen Christ, may we who in baptism die to sin, rise again to new life, and find our place in your living body. May the new covenant sealed in your blood bring healing and reconciliation to this wounded world. Alleluia. You are risen. We are risen with you. Praise and glory to the living God. Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Delia Zelanzy

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

I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

OPENING HYMN #442 "The Church's One Foundation"

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: Acts 16:9-15 (N.T. pg. 136)
John 14:23-29 (N.T. pg. 109)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM "Now Is the Time" Tom Kendzia
SERMON: "The One Who is Coming"
Rev. Emily Lueder

SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #492 "Baptized in Water"

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM OF AVERY ROSE DECKER
(Infant daughter of Danielle and Ryan Decker)

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 #525 "Here I Am, Lord"

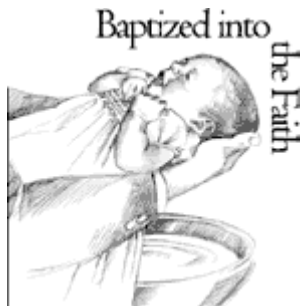
INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Where My Father Lives" M.D. Ridge

*Please stand if able

*WELCOME A VERY ROSE DECKER
TO THE CHURCH FAMILY*



Rev. Emily Lueder Bio:

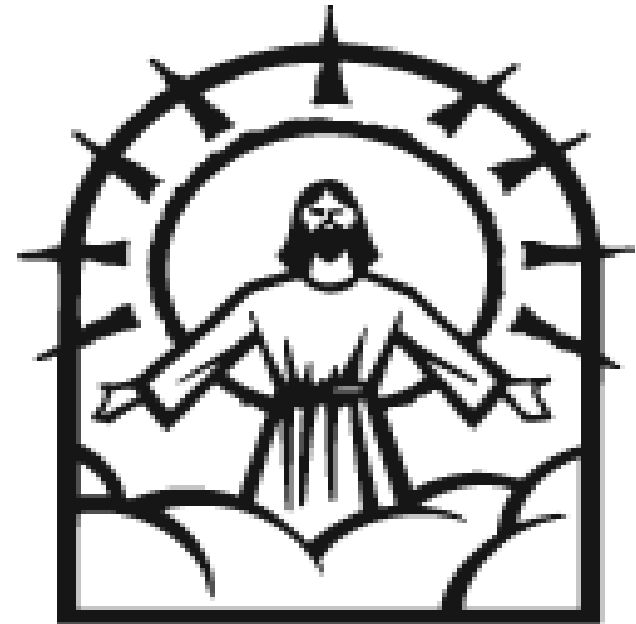
Originally from Northwest Indiana, Emily studied theology and ministry and philanthropic leadership and service at Valparaiso University. She moved to Princeton, NJ and graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2019. She completed her yearlong chaplain residency at the Mount Sinai Hospital in 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.

First Presbyterian Church of Avenel

621 East Woodbridge Avenue

Avenel, NJ 07001

May 22, 2022



**"I AM GOING TO
THE FATHER."**

JOHN 14:28

"The One Who is Coming"

Rev. Emily Lueder

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

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 22, 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

Please pray for Carol Brouard and her husband Bruce. To save her life, doctors are going to amputate Carol's leg up through and including her hip on May 24. Carol is a friend of Susan Smolsky.

Please pray for Kim DeVito Spewak and her family. The doctor found a growth on her tibia that looks like a cyst or a tumor. She will have further testing to determine if it is malignant or not on June 1. Kim is the sister of Carol DeVito Palmer.

2nd Week

3rd Week

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
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 22, 2022

10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Guest Preacher–Rev. Emily Lueder)
 Baptism-Avery Rose Decker
 Live Stream-Facebook
 6:00 p.m. Youth Group – CE Bldg. **(LAST DAY)**

MONDAY, May 23, 2022

TUESDAY, May 24, 2022

WEDNESDAY, May 25, 2022

THURSDAY, May 26, 2022

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

FRIDAY, May 27, 2022

SATURDAY, May 28, 2022

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

SUNDAY, May 29, 2022

10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Guest Preacher–Rev. Alice Batcher)
 Live Stream-Facebook

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

YOUTH GROUP – meets every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 6:00pm in the Christian Education Building. **LAST DAY**

CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY – The following dates are available on the chancel flower calendar: June 5th & June 12th. Reservations for chancel flowers may be made through the church office. The cost is \$30.00 for two arrangements.

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.

FLEA MARKET – Saturday, June 11th in Jacob Morgan Hall from 9:00am – 2:00pm. Donations will be accepted through June 4th. See attached flyer for details.

GUEST PREACHER – for Sunday, May 29, 2022, is Rev. Alice Batcher.

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.

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
Michael Peterson	Sexton	avenelpres@gmail.com
Stephanie Kurowsky	Stream Lines	avenelstreamlines@comcast.net
Belinda Kerchner	SS Superintendent	For 2022
Linda Vassallo	Church Office	(732) 634-1631
Susan Smolsky	Webmaster	rustisioux@comcast.net
	Church Email	avenelpres@gmail.com
	Church Website	avenelpresbyterianchurch.org

Scripture for Sunday, May 29th

Acts 1:1-11



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:



Saturday June 11, 2022

Jacob Morgan Hall
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Since we have not had an Annual Holiday Fair for the past two years, due to Covid surges, the Fair Committee has decided to turn the donations on the stage into cash to help offset the cost of our new organ.

If you have household items in **good condition** that you would like to donate, please leave them on the stage no later than June 4. Nothing will be accepted after that date. We are **NOT** accepting toys, books, CD's, DVD's or clothes.

Please let us know if you would like to help with set-up on Monday, June 6 at 9 a.m or if you would like to help on Flea Market day, June 11.

A church group rents JMH on Sundays, so we will need to clean up and have everything taken out of JMH by the end of day, therefore we NEED help.

Thank you ,
Cindy Culton and Carolyn Gilligan
Fair Committee Co Chairs

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 !!!!!!!