# May 26, 2024 10:00 a.m.

#### **Trinity Sunday/Memorial Day**

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

Carolyn Gilligan

THE INTROIT

"In Every Age"

Janet Sullivan Whitaker

#### **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

God's love is poured out on God's world.

From the foundations of time, God's love is woven into all things. When we cry "Abba, Father!", God hears and lovingly responds to us.

Thanks be to God who forgives and lifts us up.

Now we are called to be born anew!

Open our hearts and our lives that we may truly be born with Hearts aflame with God's Love. AMEN

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

**OPENING HYMN #139** 

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are so like Nicodemus, Lord. We come to You, hiding in the shadows of our own fears and terrors. We want You to give us peace and hope in our hearts. We want to know that everything will be all right; that the world will cease to be a place of terror and war. We want to be born again in a spirit of hope. But when we come it is for our own sake, and not to learn what You would have us be and do in this world. Forgive our selfishness, Lord. Calm our fears and heal our spirits. Let us truly listen to You so

that we may be witnesses to Your peace and justice which You seek for the world. Saturate us with Your light and wisdom. Empower us to be those who bring peace, which is not only an absence of war, but peace which promotes an attitude of love. Clear away the clutter in our lives and place us on paths of service to You. In Jesus' Name, we pray......(silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick God's love of the world is so great that God sent Jesus that we may truly live lives of peace and hope. Listen with your hearts as well as your ears. God's love is poured out for you that you may have new

life in service and witness. Praise be to God.

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

Isaiah 6:1-8 (O.T. pgs. 635-636) John 3:1-17 (N.T. pgs. 93-94)

Children's Sermon

ANTHEM "Renew" Sarah Hart & Marc Byrd

#### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SERMON: "The Mystery of the Born Again Experience"

Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

#### SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*RESPONSE HYMN [insert] "I Surrender All"

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 #564 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

\*BENEDICTION

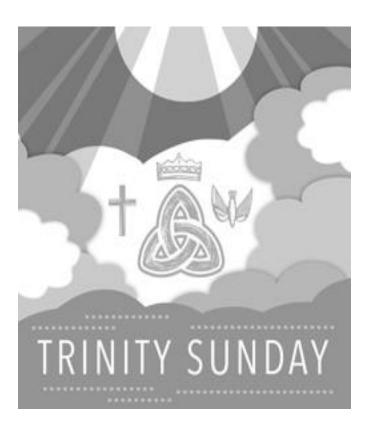
ORGAN POSTLUDE (A QUIET TIME OF REFLECTION)

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 26, 2024



"The Mystery of the Born Again Experience"

#### **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 26, 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

2<sup>nd</sup> Week

3<sup>rd</sup> Week

# 4<sup>th</sup> Week

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

# 5<sup>th</sup> Week

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

# 6th 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.

# **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 26, 2024 TRINITY SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY, May 27, 2024 MEMORIAL DAY

#### **TUESDAY, May 28, 2024**

10:00 a.m. JoAnn's Food Pantry – CE Bldg.6:30 p.m. Presbytery Mtg. – Zoom

#### WEDNESDAY, May 29, 2024

4:30 p.m. Bible Study – JMH

# **THURSDAY, May 30, 2024**

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

# FRIDAY, May 31, 2024

5:30 p.m. Wrestling-N-Wrecovery – GYM

# SATURDAY, June 1, 2024

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

#### SUNDAY, June 2, 2024

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

#### **OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE**

**CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABLITIY** – The following dates are open: 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration is now open. Sign up now at <a href="mailto:vbspro.events/p/avenelvbs@gmail.com">vbspro.events/p/avenelvbs@gmail.com</a>. 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, June 2nd Acts 1:8; 2:14-21



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