

May 28, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Day of Pentecost

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Elaine Ferrie-Kaczmarek

PRELUDE "Lord, Send Out Your Spirit" Paul Lisicky

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Spirit of God, come into our worship like a rising gale to take away our complacency.

Come as the breath of life, source, guide, and goal of creation to breathe life into us and restore our faith.

Come as an icy blast against the destructive heat of our enmity; extinguish our hostility.

Come as a healing breeze to lift us gently and set us on our feet with confidence and delight.

Fierce, wild gentle Spirit, like a mother, bring us to new birth as You brought Jesus from the tomb. Be the death of us; be the life of us; be the joy of us. Assure us of the presence of our loving God, with Jesus Christ, our resurrected Lord.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of the living God, we confess that we have not accepted the challenge of Your peace in the world. We define peace in ways that preserve our own self-interests, forgetting that Your peace may call us to great sacrifice. We are content to believe that speaking of peace is sufficient, forgetting that Your peace calls us to action and transformation. Merciful God, forgive our lack of imagination and courage, and empower us to strive anew to make our world a place in which Your loving peace abounds.....(silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

I, Lord, am in Your heart. Your presence enfolds me. Your presence is love.

Hear God's good news. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

OPENING HYMN #314 "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

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 Joel 2:28-29 (O.T. pg. 848)

Acts 2:1-21 (N.T.pg. 119)

ANTHEM "By the Waking of Our Hearts" Ricky Manalo

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Sermon

SERMON: "Pour Out" Rev. Roberta Arrowsmith

SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*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

CARRYING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN #319 "Spirit"

*BENEDICTION

You are loved toward wholeness; let that love be good news to all you meet.

The winds of God have blown among us. The power of God's Spirit rests upon us.

You are blessed with forgiveness and grace; pass on the gifts you have received.

We have been born anew in God's love. Our lives have changed and are changing.

You have inherited God's promises; let them find fulfillment in and around you.

We will listen for the voice of God. We will go to serve where God directs. Amen.

POSTLUDE "One Spirit, One Church" K. Keil, M. Quinlivan

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

*Please stand if able

Rev. Roberta Arrowsmith Bio

Bobbie is a "Jersey girl." Born in Trenton, N.J. She lived in Ewing Township until she moved to Newtown, PA for her first call to the Newtown Presbyterian Church. She retired last year after thirty years of ministry serving churches in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Bobbie is a Certified Christian Educator with the P.C.U.S.A. Two years ago, she received her certification in Spiritual Direction from the Oasis ministry.

Bobbie has two daughters, two sons-in-law, and three grandchildren. She enjoys quilting, reading, music of all kinds, museums, walking, swimming, needlework, being with family and friends and laughing—a lot.

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"Pour Out"

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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 –Stephanie & Charlie Kurowsky’s niece

Jeffrey Hansen –Stephanie & Charlie Kurowsky’s nephew

Steven Stockl – Carolyn & Jake Stockl’s nephew

OVERSEAS

Daniel Hedner – deployed to Japan – 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 –

Boys Town

Christian Appalachian Project, Kentucky

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

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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

3rd Week

4th Week

Offering prayers for the family of Carol Palmer on her passing May 4th.

Prayers for Bob Fernandez, Joe Fernandez's dad, who has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and undergoing chemo. Please pray for his peace and comfort and for his family.

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

STEWARDSHIP 2023

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
12/31/2022	\$ 83,459.40		
01/31/2023	\$ 80,730.57	\$ (2,728.83)	\$ (2,728.83)
02/28/2023	\$ 79,873.93	\$ (856.64)	\$ (3,585.47)
03/31/2023	\$ 79,283.62	\$ (590.31)	\$ (4,175.78)
04/30/2023	\$ 79,248.48	\$ (35.24)	\$ (4,210.92)

CHURCH PROPERTY ACTIVE 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 \$14/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.

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 28, 2023

PENTECOST

10:00 a.m. Worship Service – (Rev. Roberta Arrowsmith)
Live Stream-Facebook

MONDAY, May 29, 2023

MEMORAIL DAY

TUESDAY, May 30, 2023

10:00 a.m. JoAnn’s Food Pantry – CE Bdlg.

WEDNESDAY, May 31, 2023

THURSDAY, June 1, 2023

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

FRIDAY, June 2, 2023

SATURDAY, June 3, 2023

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

SUNDAY, June 4, 2023

TRINITY SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. Worship Service – (Rev. Bruce E. Schundler)
Live Stream-Facebook

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY – dates are: June 4th & June 18th. Please make reservations through the church office. The cost is \$30.00 for two arrangements and must be paid in advance.

PRAYER GATHERING – is 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 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.

GUEST MINISTER – for Sunday, June 4th is Rev. Bruce E. Schundler. Bruce E. Schundler is a graduate of Princeton University and Yale Divinity School. He was a full-time ordained minister for six years serving at the Congregational Church in New Canaan, CT, the Congregational Church in Winnetka, IL, and the Presbyterian Church in Swarthmore, PA.....but then had to return to a family business where he became the President/CEO of The Schundler Company in Edison, New Jersey for 27 years. After retiring in 2005, he and his wife worked for six summers as seasonal Park Rangers for the National Park Service, and they now work part-time leading tours for college alumni associations. Since leaving the full-time ministry, Bruce always worked as a Parish Associate and currently serves at the Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church. He celebrated his 50th ordination anniversary last October.

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
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Scripture for Sunday, June 4th

Mark 12:28-31
1 Corinthians 13:1-8, 13