

May 29, 2022  
10:00 a.m.  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carolyn Gilligan

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

As the Creator and Savior are one, **may we all be one.**

So that the world will see Christ, **may we all be one.**

So that the nations will know the love of God for them, **may we all be one.**

As the body of Christ for the sake of world, **may we all be one.**

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord Jesus Christ, in you we see awesome power. You triumph over death and bring forth new life. You stand over all earthly powers. You are the head of the church. Yet, we often fail to acknowledge this power in our lives. We see violence in the world. We see injustice in our communities. We see hunger and need among our neighbors. We see longing for something more. We see failures and faults in our lives. In all these things, we feel powerless. Forgive our hesitance to call upon you. Forgive our propensity to rely upon ourselves. Forgive our reluctance to acknowledge your power. Speak your words of power again. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.....(silence for personal confession)**

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and empowered to serve.

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

OPENING HYMN #141

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

#### 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 1:1-11 (N.T. pg. 118)

#### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

“Make Your Home in Me”

Ben Walther

SERMON:

“Jesus, Here, There, now Where?”

Rev. Alice Batchelor

#### SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN #145

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

#### 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 #420 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Shouts of Joy" Ken Canedo

\*Please stand if able



### **Rev. Alice Batcher Bio:**

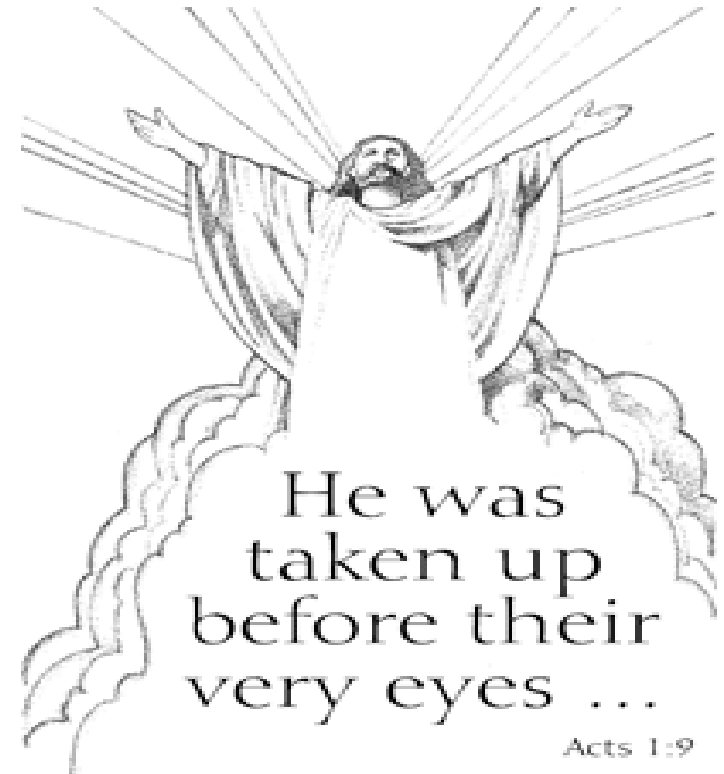
Reverend Alice Batcher is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary in NYC. Originally ordained with the ABCUSA, Alice now has standing with the UCC. During the week, Alice is a hospice chaplain. In her spare time Alice enjoys working with her little poodles, COVID adoptees.

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Avenel, NJ 07001

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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 – 1<sup>st</sup> LT, – Stephanie & Charlie Kurowsky's niece

Jeffrey Hansen – 1<sup>st</sup> LT, Kuwait, Stephanie & Charlie Kurowsky's nephew

Daniel Hedner – Carolyn & Jake Stockl's nephew

Steven Stockl – Carolyn & Jake Stockl's nephew

#### OVERSEAS

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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 29, 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 Carolyn Cullum's father, Robert, who is on hospice and going through a lot of problems.

*2<sup>nd</sup> Week*

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.

*3<sup>rd</sup> Week*

*4<sup>th</sup> Week*

*5<sup>th</sup> Week*

*6<sup>th</sup> 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.

<b>General Fund Balance</b>	<b>Net for the month</b>	<b>YTD</b>
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 29, 2022**

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

**MONDAY, May 30, 2022**  
***HOLIDAY-MEMORIAL DAY***

**TUESDAY, May 31, 2022**

10:00 a.m. JoAnn’s Food Pantry

**WEDNESDAY, June 1, 2022**

**THURSDAY, June 2, 2022**

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

**FRIDAY, June 3, 2022**

**SATURDAY, June 4, 2022**

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

**SUNDAY, June 5, 2022**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Guest Preacher–Rev. Emily Lueder)  
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** – The following dates are available on the chancel flower calendar: June 5th & June 19th. Reservations for chancel flowers may be made through the church office. The cost is \$30.00 for two arrangements.

*The flowers are in loving memory of Al Knotts.  
Beloved husband, father, and pop.  
Millie, Susan, Mark, Rachel, and Matthew.*

**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 25<sup>th</sup> through July 29<sup>th</sup> for 3 year old potty trained through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Please fill out registration form attached to the bulletin. Deadline is June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**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, June 5, 2022, is Rev. Emily Lueder. 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.

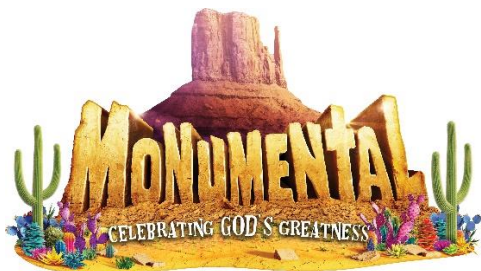
## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE!

*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, June 5th*

**Acts 2:1-21  
Romans 8:14-17**



**Vacation Bible School 2022**  
**July 25<sup>th</sup> – July 29<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – 12:15 pm**

**ALL CHILDREN 3 YEARS OLD & POTTY TRAINED THROUGH 5<sup>TH</sup> 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:**

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**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 !!!!!!!**