

June 4, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Trinity Sunday

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Charlie Kurowsky

PRELUDE

“Sacred Silence” T. Booth, J. Pixler, A. Kuner

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

**for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Blessed are those who mourn,

**for they shall be comforted.**

Blessed are those hungry and thirst for righteousness,

**for they shall be satisfied.**

Blessed are the peacemakers,

**for they shall be called the people of God.**

Blessed are the pure in heart,

**for they shall see God.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You alone, Lord, know how often we have sinned. We have lived as people without faith and direction. We have wasted our time, our gifts, and our talents. We have spent our time doing foolish things and haven't done so many important things. Forgive us, Lord. Strengthen us by the knowledge of Your Love and Spirit, and by the support of the Christian community. And in everything we do, help us to love You and serve others. In Christ's name we pray this prayer, and these our silent prayers.....(silence for personal confession)**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the Good News! God loves us, God cares for us, and God works with us! And yes--we can be forgiven!

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

OPENING HYMN #302

“I Danced in the Morning”

### HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE:

Mark 12:28-31 (N.T. pg. 49)  
1 Corinthians 13:1-8, 13 (N.T. pg. 175)

ANTHEM

“In Every Age” Janet Sullivan Whitaker

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Sermon

SERMON:

“Lumpers and Splitters”

Rev. Bruce E. Schundler

### SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN #525

“Here I Am, Lord”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

SANCTUS #581

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

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.**

...The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Let us keep the feast.**

HYMN #513

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

**CARRYING THE WORD TO THE WORLD**

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN #338 “Kum ba Yah”

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Alle, Alle, Alleluia”

Richard Ho Lung

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

\*Please stand if able

**REV. BRUCE E. SCHUNDLER BIO:**

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 50<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary last October.

First Presbyterian Church of Avenel

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June 4, 2023



“Love  
the LORD  
your God  
with all your  
heart...soul  
...mind and...  
strength.”

Mark 12:30, NRSV



“Lumpers and Splitters”  
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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

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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

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*

*June 4, 2023*

**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*

*5<sup>th</sup> 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.

*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***

*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, June 4, 2023

#### **TRINITY SUNDAY**

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

#### MONDAY, June 5, 2023

7:00 p.m. Property Care Mtg – CO

#### TUESDAY, June 6, 2023

2:00 p.m. Mission/Outreach Mtg – CO  
7:00 p.m. Worship Comm Mtg – CO  
7:30 p.m. CE Mtg – SSO

#### WEDNESDAY, June 7, 2023

#### THURSDAY, June 8, 2023

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

#### FRIDAY, June 9, 2023

#### SATURDAY, June 10, 2023

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

#### SUNDAY, June 11, 2023

#### **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service – (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** – dates are: June 18th & June 25th. 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 11th 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  
Michael Peterson  
Stephanie Kurowsky  
Belinda Kerchner  
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*Scripture for Sunday, June 11th*

Hosea 5:15; 6:6  
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26