

June 11, 2023  
10:00 a.m.  
2nd Sunday after Pentecost  
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Stephanie Kurowsky

PRELUDE "Hosea" Gregory Norbet

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

**his steadfast love endures forever!**

Let Israel say,

**"His steadfast love endures forever."**

Let the house of Aaron say,

**"His steadfast love endures forever."**

Let those who fear the LORD say,

**"His steadfast love endures forever."**

Come! Let us worship the Lord, our God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.....(silence for personal confession)**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

OPENING HYMN #339 "Be Thou My Vision"

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 Hosea 5:15; 6:6 (O.T. pgs. 838-839)  
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 (N.T. pg.9)

ANTHEM "The Summons" Kelvingrove, John L. Bell

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

Children's Sermon

SERMON: "An Unwavering Love"  
Rev. Emily Lueder

**SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*HYMN #298 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

REMEMBRANCE OF DEPARTED MEMBERS Delia Zelazny

Elizabeth Roth, James Sheehan, Ruth Barrett, Ilene Nisbet, Vincent Sorge, Mae Dudas, Marjorie Greasheimer, Linda Guarracino, Gloria Mizak, and Ann Wetzel

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 #276 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Sing of the Lord's Goodness" Ernest Sands

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

\*Please stand if able

**Rev. Emily Lueder Bio:**

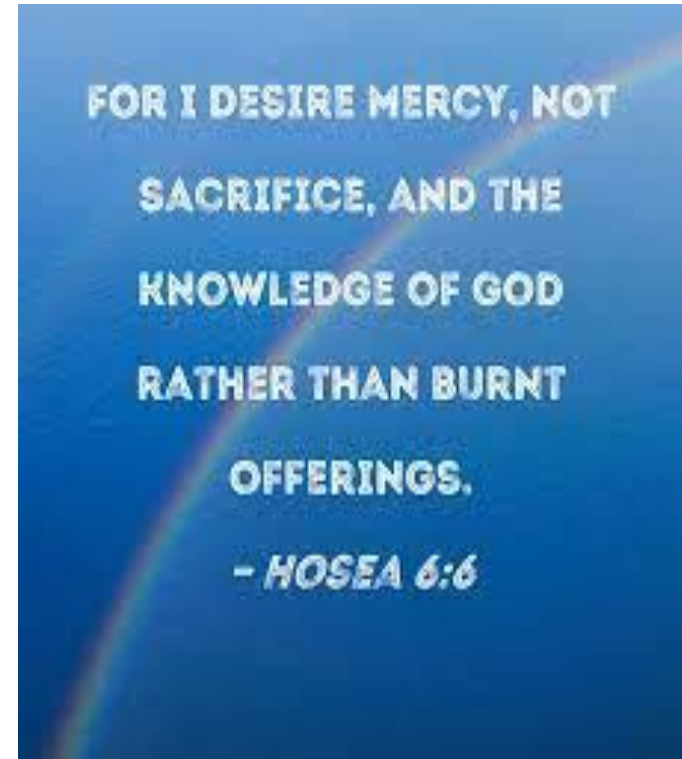
Originally from Northwest Indiana, Emily studied theology and ministry and philanthropic leadership and service at Valparaiso University. She moved to Princeton, NJ and graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2019. She completed her yearlong chaplain residency at the Mount Sinai Hospital in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

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"An Unwavering Love"

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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 11, 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*

*6<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.

*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)
02/28/2023	\$ 79,873.93	\$ (856.64)
03/31/2023	\$ 79,283.62	\$ (590.31)
04/30/2023	\$ 79,248.48	\$ (35.24)
05/31/2023	\$ 80,317.20	\$ 1,068.72

**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 11, 2023**

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

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

**MONDAY, June 12, 2023**

**TUESDAY, June 13, 2023**

4:00 p.m. Deacons Mtg – CR

**WEDNESDAY, June 14, 2023**

**THURSDAY, June 15, 2023**

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

**FRIDAY, June 16, 2023**

**SATURDAY, June 17, 2023**

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

**SUNDAY, June 18, 2023**

**FATHER’S DAY**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service – (Rev. Janet Macgregor Williams)  
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.

*Flowers are for Mary James Pallitto in honor of her 1<sup>st</sup> birthday.  
Given with love by her grandparents, Rich and Cindy.*

*The flowers on the Communion Table are in memory of members  
who passed away in 2002, 2021, and 2022.*

**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 18th is Rev. Janet Macgregor Williams. Janet grew up in California. A graduate of Fuller Seminary and Louisville Seminary, she has served churches in Caldwell, Irvington, Elizabeth, and West Milford, before retiring and moving to Lawrenceville. Her husband is originally from England. They have one son, who is a musician and computer programmer. In her spare time, Janet enjoys reading, quilting, and travel (having visited 45 states and 17 countries).

## 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  
Linda Vassallo  
Susan Smolsky

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*Scripture for Sunday, June 18th*

**Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19  
Matthew 9:35; 10:8**



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