

June 26, 2022

10:00 a.m.

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bob Toro

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

On days when we think God has nothing to do with work or family or the world:

The Book tells us of One who was a carpenter; who wandered the streets; who upset his family.

On days when we think the purpose of life is to make more money and fewer friends:

The Book speaks of a life of giving away of ourselves and finding a community as we do so.

On days aching with loneliness and empty of love and laughter:

The Book draws us into the embrace of God's open heart.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Redeeming God, how easily we say we would follow you, but how often we live as if we don't have a clue as to what that means. We choose to gossip about our friends, rather than surrounding them with love. Our competitive nature wills us to win at all costs when we could be engaged in costly service. We expect others to do for us and rarely ask what we might do for them. Forgive us, High and Holy One. Set us free to serve in love and compassion; help us to feast on the fruit the Spirit offers to us; put us on the path of faithful discipleship, as we walk with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.....(*silence for personal confession*)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

We will remember all the wonder, all the joy, all the mercy which is ours. From the rich abundance of the Spirit's fruit, we will serve others. Thanks be to God! Amen.

OPENING HYMN #426 "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

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 Creator 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: 2 Kings 1:2-14 (O.T. pgs. 331-332)
Luke 9:51-62 (N. T. pgs. 70-71)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM "Make Your Home in Me" Ben Walther

SERMON: "Taking Up The Mantle"
Rev. Alice Batcher

SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #525 "Here I Am, 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

CARRYING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN #388 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "The Summons" (Tune: Kelvingrove)

*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.

First Presbyterian Church of Avenel

621 East Woodbridge Avenue

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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 – 1st LT, – Stephanie & Charlie Kurowsky's niece

Jeffrey Hansen – 1st LT, Kuwait, Stephanie & Charlie Kurowsky's nephew

Daniel Hedner – Carolyn & Jake Stockl's nephew

Steven Stockl – Carolyn & Jake Stockl's nephew

OVERSEAS

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 June 26, 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

2nd Week

3rd Week

Jane, a friend of the Palmers, suffered a brain aneurysm. Please pray for comfort for her two children.

4th Week

5th Week

6th 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.

Prayers and Sympathies

*Our sincere condolences go out to the Mizak family on the loss of
Gloria Mizak*

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.

General Fund Balance	Net for the month	YTD
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)
05/31/2022 \$ 54,878.34	\$(4,241.88)	\$(21,268.05)

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, June 26, 2022

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

MONDAY, June 27, 2022

TUESDAY, June 28, 2022

10:00 a.m. JoAnn’s Food Pantry – CE Bldg
6:30 p.m. Zoom Presbytery Meeting – Delia Zelazny

WEDNESDAY, June 29, 2022

THURSDAY, June 30, 2022

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

FRIDAY, July 1, 2022

SATURDAY, July 2, 2022

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

SUNDAY, July 3, 2022

10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Guest Preacher–Rev. Dr. David Bucci)
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: July 3rd & July 10th. Reservations for chancel flowers may be made through the church office. The cost is \$30.00 for two arrangements.

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

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.

GUEST PREACHER – for Sunday, July 3, 2022, is Rev. Dr. David Bucci. Dr. David Bucci is no stranger to New Jersey where he graduated from Bloomfield Seminary, was ordained by the Newark Presbytery, attended Princeton Seminary, served in Newark, Aberdeen and was in charge of Evangelism for the Synod of NJ. He also attended Fuller Theological Seminary and received his Doctor of Ministry from California Graduate School of Theology. David also served as pastors in NY at Mineola & Garden City as well as New Haven, CT. After he retired, he served in NJ as Director of Education in Wayne and Marlboro where he now abides.

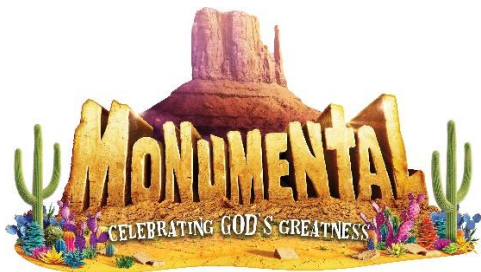
WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE!

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.

<i>Joseph Fernandez</i>	<i>Music Director</i>	<i>resolutjoe@gmail.com</i>
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Scripture for Sunday, July 3rd

Psalm 33:8-12



Vacation Bible School 2022

July 25th – July 29th 9:00 am – 12:15 pm

ALL CHILDREN 3 YEARS OLD & POTTY TRAINED THROUGH 5TH 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:

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 !!!!!!!

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