

June 30, 2024  
10:00 a.m.  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

ORGAN PRELUDE (If you must speak, speak to God)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Robert Toro

THE INTROIT HYMN #564 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us enter his gates with Thanksgiving and his house with praise.

**Let us rejoice in his presence.**

Let us worship him from the depths of our hearts.

**Let us praise him for steadfast mercy and unending kindness.**

Let us worship him for his goodness towards us.

**And show that kindness to each other.**

Let us worship him for his great love towards us.

**And demonstrate that love in the world.**

Come, let us worship our God.

**We will worship God together.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Rev. Dr. Joanne Noel

OPENING HYMN #85 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious and loving God, You demonstrated Your love for us and deep care for us by renewing our lives through the living Christ and the ongoing power of the Holy Spirit. God of abundance and grace, we confess that we often live without love. Without love of God, love of self, or love of neighbor. You give abundantly and generously of Your love through the Spirit, but we often don't ask**

**the Spirit to cause that love to overflow; nor do we demonstrate that love as often as we should. We get distracted by the affairs of the world and forget that people will know we are Christians by our love. Forgive who we have been, amend who we are and direct who we shall be, forming us more and more in Your image.....(silence for personal confession)**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Dr. Joanne Noel  
In Jesus Christ, the old has passed away and the new has come. The good news is that, because of God's resurrection power, death has died, and sin is forgiven.

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

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 John 13:31-35 (N.T. pg. 108)

Children's Sermon

ANTHEM "Make Your Home in Me" Ben Walther

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

SERMON: "What's Love Got to Do With It?" Rev. Dr. Joanne Noel

## SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*RESPONSE HYMN #533 "O Perfect Love"

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**

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## CARRYING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

\*CLOSING HYMN #384 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

\*BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE (A QUIET TIME OF REFLECTION)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

+++WE ENTER TO WORSHIP; WE LEAVE TO SERVE!!!

\*Please stand if able

### **Rev. Dr. Joanne Noel Bio:**

Rev. Dr. Joanne Noel. She is a graduate of New Brunswick Theological Seminary and Union Institute and University where she earned her MDIV and DMIN and Ph. D in Humanities and Culture, including certificates in Creative Writing and Women and Gender Studies. She is currently a Dean and Professor of English at Pillar College where she has held various positions, including Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dean of Traditional Undergraduate programs, Director of the Writing Center, and Director of Spiritual Formation. She is currently, with God's grace, engaging in additional ordination processes with the ABCNJ Organization under the Raritan Valley Baptist Church (Pastor Nick Johnson) and preparing for future pastoral ministry and leadership.

First Presbyterian Church of Avenel

621 East Woodbridge Avenue

Avenel, NJ 07001

Rev. Dr. Joanne Noel

June 30, 2024



"What's Love Got to Do With It?"

**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

**OVERSEAS**

Daniel Hedner – deployed to Japan – Carolyn & Jake Stockl’s nephew

Steven Stockl – deployed to Iraq – 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 –

Christian Appalachian Project, Kentucky

International Justice Mission, Washington DC

Mr. Matt Barany Jr., who serves with Second Level Ministry

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 30, 2024*

**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*

Prayers for Robbie who is back at home and doing well.  
Prayers for Joan who is in assisted living.  
Prayers for Ralph who had knee replacement surgery.  
Prayers for Lisa who is receiving chemotherapy.

*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*

*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

## **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

**Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

## **JULY CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

**Wednesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**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 30, 2024**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Guest Minister-Rev. Dr. Joanne Noel)  
Live Stream–Facebook

#### **MONDAY, July 1, 2024**

4:30 p.m. Property Care Meeting – CO

#### **TUESDAY, July 2, 2024**

2:00 p.m. Missions/Outreach Meeting – CO  
4:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting – CO  
7:30 p.m. CE Committee Meeting – SSO

#### **WEDNESDAY, July 3, 2024**

#### **THURSDAY, July 4, 2024**

### **HOLIDAY – Church Office Closed**

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR (**CANCELED**)

#### **FRIDAY, July 5, 2024**

#### **SATURDAY, July 6, 2024**

#### **SUNDAY, July 7, 2024**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Live Stream–Facebook

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

**CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY** – The following dates are open: 7/7, 7/14, 7/21 & 7/28. Please make reservations through the church office. The cost is \$30.00 for two arrangements and must be paid in advance.

*Today's flowers are in loving memory of Luisa Rondoh Luntungan  
and in honor of Luisa and Rolly's 42<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary.  
Given by their daughter,  
Regina Luntungan-Seda*

**PRAYER GATHERING** – is on **hiatus for the summer**. It will resume in the fall. 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 **Thursdays for the summer** 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.

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE PRAYER REQUESTS** – sheets are located beside the bulletin bin.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** – will be July 22 - July 26 for children 3 years of age through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration is now open. Sign up now at [vbspro.events/p/avenelvbs@gmail.com](https://vbspro.events/p/avenelvbs@gmail.com). Please see the bulletin flyer for more details.

**NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS** – starting soon. If you would like to join our Fellowship, please ask an Usher or Deacon for an application form. Extra forms are located near the bulletin box.

## 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  
Belinda Kerchner  
Linda Vassallo  
Hanna Pallitto

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*Scripture for Sunday, July 7th*

**Matthew 22:34-40**



Enjoy your Summer Break!

Thank you to all our musicians who led our musical prayer during the 2023-2024 season!

A special thanks to the family members of our musicians for their support of the Music Ministry. Our music ministers truly sang and played with love, and it showed!

If you are passionate about singing or if you play an instrument, prayerfully consider joining the Music Ministry.

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