

July 3, 2022

10:00 a.m.

4th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bob Toro

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who has made heaven and earth.

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before our Maker.

For He is our God; and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature prone to evil. We keep wandering from Your ways and forget to seek your face and spend the time we should with You. Teach us to hate our errors and cleanse us from our secret faults. Help us to live in Your light and follow Your Word that brings forgiveness and hope into our lives.....(silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Thank you for that special cleansing that we receive through the perfect sacrifice of the blood of Christ upon the cross. May Your Name be always honored.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

OPENING HYMN #564 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

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: Psalm 33:8-12 (O.T. pg. 507)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM "Rain Down" Jaime Cortez

SERMON: "America's Godly Heritage"
Rev. Dr. David Bucci

SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #561 "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" (vv.1 & vv.4)

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 #447 "Lead On, O King Eternal"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "With One Voice" Ricky Manalo

*Please stand if able



Rev. Dr. David Bucci Bio:

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Psalm 33:12

"America's Godly Heritage"

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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 July 3, 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

4th Week

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

5th Week

6th 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.

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, July 3, 2022

10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Guest Preacher– Rev. Dr. David Bucci)
Live Stream-Facebook

MONDAY, July 4, 2022

HOLIDAY- INDEPENDENCE DAY

TUESDAY, July 5, 2022

2:00 p.m. Mission/Outreach Mtg – CO
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Mtg – CO
7:30 p.m. Christian Education Mtg – SSO

WEDNESDAY, July 6, 2022

THURSDAY, July 7, 2022

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR
7:00 p.m. Property Care Mtg – CO

FRIDAY, July 8, 2022

SATURDAY, July 9, 2022

SUNDAY, July 10, 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 10th & July 17th. Reservations for chancel flowers may be made through the church office. The cost is \$30.00 for two arrangements.

PRAYER GATHERING – has ended for the summer and will begin again in September.

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.

SIT AND KNIT (and CROCHET) – is now on Thursdays 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. We can learn new things from each other.

GUEST PREACHER – for Sunday, July 10, 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.

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Scripture for Sunday, July 10th

John 3:1-13