

July 13, 2025
10:00 a.m.
5th Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bob Toro

THE INTROIT

"Good Good Father"

Chris Tomlin

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

As the Creator and Savior are one,

may we all be one.

So that the world will see the Lord Jesus Christ,

may we all be one.

So that the nations will know God's love for them,

may we all be one.

As Christ's body for the world,

may we all be one. Let us worship our Triune God.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. Ken Macari

OPENING HYMN #151 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the prophets, we confess that we fail to heed Your word. You reveal Yourself as the Almighty Lord, yet we are lured away by other lords and powers. You offer us healing, sustaining and guiding, yet we rely on our own strength. Forgive us and set us free from the idols of our culture. Reveal to us Your presence and path so we may know and follow our Lord Jesus Christ.(silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS Rev. Dr. Ken Macari

Rejoice in the Good News!

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God. **Amen**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (the Nicene Creed)

Let us confess the faith of the Church using the words of the ancient Nicene Creed composed in 325 A.D.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: 1 Kings: 1-10 (O.T. pg. 302)

ANTHEM

"SPECIAL MUSIC"

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SERMON: "Courage Under Fire" Rev. Dr. Ken Macari

SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*RESPONSE HYMN #379 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

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 #260 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*BENEDICTION

MUSICAL POSTLUDE (A QUIET TIME OF REFLECTION)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

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

*Please stand if able

Rev. Dr. Kenneth J. Macari Bio:

Rev. Dr. Kenneth Macari is an honorably retired member of the Presbytery of Northern New Jersey. He has both a Masters of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry from Gordon-Conwell Seminary in Massachusetts. Ken served churches in his hometown of Philadelphia, PA, Buffalo, NY and then in Edison, NJ. Since 2016, he has served as the voluntary mission pastor and briefly as the temporary pastor at Fanwood Church. He occasionally serves as pulpit supply throughout New Jersey and Pennsylvania. His wife, Linda, serves on the Fanwood session and is also a pulpit supply.

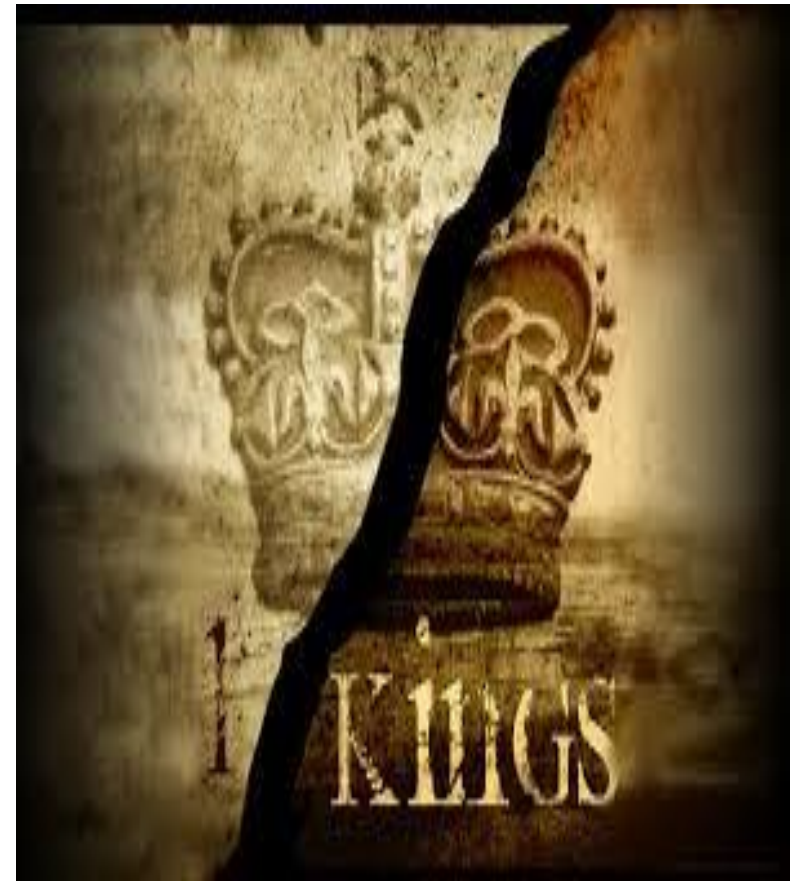
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“Courage Under Fire”

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 – Jake & Carolyn Stockl's nephew

Steven Stockl – deployed to Iraq – Jake & Carolyn Stockl's nephew

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

Samaritan's Purse

Walter Hoving Home

World Vision

Prayer Concerns and Praises

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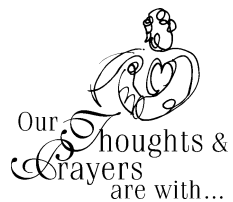
The Prayer Chain - provides immediate prayer for *critical and emergency situations*. All other needs will be taken care of through the prayer list. To place someone on the prayer chain call Millie Knotts at 732-382-9391.

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.

2nd Week

3rd Week

4th Week

5th Week

Prayers for Bobby Stockl who is suffering from a bulging disc and
pinched nerve.

6th Week

Prayers for Joan who is in assisted living.
Prayers for Bobby Williams, nephew of Nancy Williams, who is at
JKF Medical suffering from seizures.

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



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

Sermon Notes

Sunday:

Preacher:

Sermon Topic/Theme:

Scripture:

Point # 1:

Point # 2

Point # 3

**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 13, 2025

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

MONDAY, July 14, 2025

TUESDAY, July 15, 2025

6:30 p.m. Session Mtg. – CR (Joint with GMIM Alpha Omega)

WEDNESDAY, July 16, 2025

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

THURSDAY, July 17, 2025

FRIDAY, July 18, 2025

SATURDAY, July 19, 2025

SUNDAY, July 20, 2025

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY – The following dates are open 7/27, 8/3, 8/10, 8/17, 8/24, & 8/31. Please make reservations through the church office. The cost is \$30.00 for two arrangements and must be paid in advance.

*Today's flowers on the communion table are in loving memory of
George Shaffer given by Cathy Shaffer.*

PRAYER GATHERING – will be taking a break for July and August and will resume again the second week of 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 church. Please tell your friends, especially shut ins.

SIT AND KNIT (and CROCHET) – will change to **Wednesdays** for **JULY** and **AUGUST** 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.

BIBLE STUDY – is on hiatus for July and August. It will resume in September.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation to our Heat and Air Conditioning Fund. There are labeled envelopes on the table in the back of the Sanctuary that can be placed in the collection plate or dropped off at the church office. If you choose to donate another way, please be sure to include 'Heat and Air Conditioning Fund.' We are making great strides in phase one of our Capital fundraising campaign, please help keep this momentum going! Your donation is greatly appreciated!
-Sandy Kosakowski

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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JULY ONLY
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
Wednesday – Friday 8:30am – 1:30pm

Scripture for Sunday, July 20

Philippians 4:4-9