

July 21, 2024  
10:00 a.m.  
8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Gayle Nolan

THE INTROIT "Gather Your People" Bob Hurd

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Neighbors and newcomers, families and strangers,  
**we gather in this place built by God's steadfast love.**  
Strugglers and stragglers, pilgrims almost at the end of the journey,  
**each of us is seeks to follow Jesus, the compassionate One.**  
Builders of bridges in fractured communities, those who stand on  
either side of walls of fear.  
**the Spirit of faithfulness calls us to live as one people – God's  
people!**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Rev. Alice Batcher

OPENING HYMN #170 "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Steadfast God, we confess that we are so busy putting up walls  
between ourselves and others, we cannot see the home You are  
building for all of us. We spend so much time noting the differences  
between us and others, while You are embracing everyone as Your  
child. We run to welcome those who look, talk, and act like us, and  
You throw open Your doors to the stranger, the alien, in our midst.  
Forgive us, Faithful Heart. By Your grace, help us to see the  
household You are building for all people: there are no plastic  
protectors on the furniture; there are no rooms that are off-limits;  
and even the smallest child is welcome to sit at the big peoples'**

**Table and be fed by Your grace. We pray this in the name of Jesus  
Christ, our peace, our hope, our Lord, our Savior.....(silence for  
personal confession)**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Alice Batcher  
Do you remember? At one time, you were without Christ; you were the  
stranger, the outsider, and the alien. But now, in Christ, you have been  
brought home, living in God's household of hope and peace.  
**God's covenant with us is everlasting; God's steadfast love is  
forever; God's forgiveness makes us new and whole.  
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 Jeremiah 23:1-6 (O.T. pg. 725)  
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 (N.T. pgs. 41-42)

Children's Sermon

Children's Story Delia Zelazny

ANTHEM "You Are Mine" David Haas

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SERMON: "All is Well?" Rev. Alice Batcher

## SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*RESPONSE HYMN #502 "Bread of the World in Mercy Broken"

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 #525 "Here I Am, Lord"

\*BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE (A QUIET TIME OF REFLECTION)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

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

\*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.

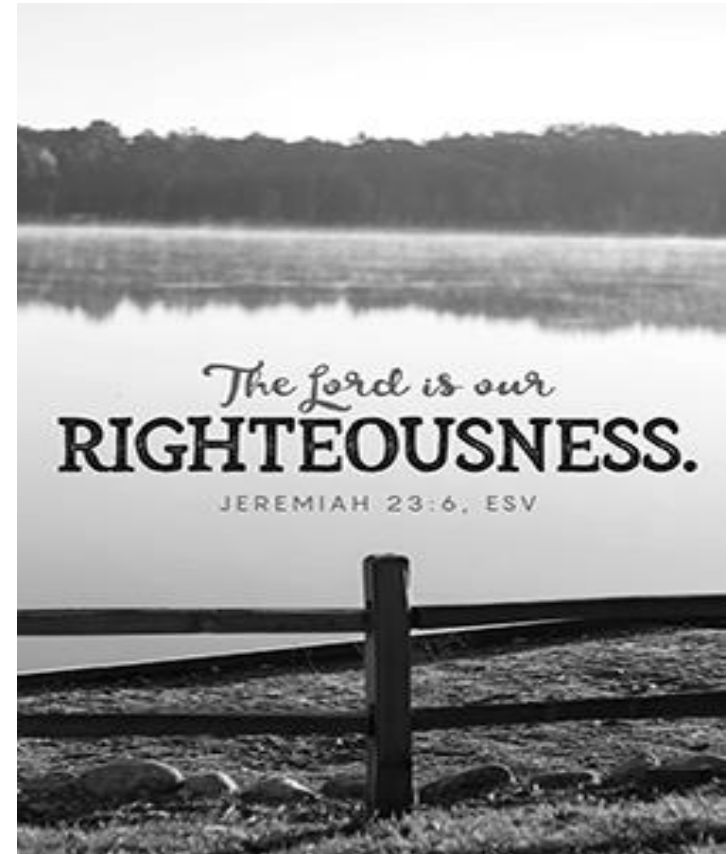
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"All is Well?"

### **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*

*July 21, 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*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Week*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Week*

*4<sup>th</sup> Week*

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.

*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

**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, July 21, 2024**

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

**MONDAY, July 22, 2024**

9:00 a.m. VBS – CE Bldg. & Sanctuary

**TUESDAY, July 23, 2024**

9:00 a.m. VBS – CE Bldg. & Sanctuary

**WEDNESDAY, July 24, 2024**

9:00 a.m. VBS – CE Bldg. & Sanctuary

**THURSDAY, July 25, 2024**

9:00 a.m. VBS – CE Bldg. & Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

**FRIDAY, July 26, 2024**

9:00 a.m. VBS – CE Bldg. & Sanctuary

**SATURDAY, July 27, 2024**

10:30 a.m. Joan Ross’s Repast Luncheon - JMH

**SUNDAY, July 28, 2024**

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

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

**CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY** – The following dates are open: 7/28, 8/4, 8/11, 8/18, & 8/25. Please make reservations through the church office. The cost is \$30.00 for two arrangements and must be paid in advance.

**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** – begins this Monday.

**WALTER HOVING HOME** – will be hosting a backyard BBQ on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. Location is 176 Mitchell Road, Oxford, NJ 07863. Register at: [HOVINGHOME.ORG/NJBBQ](http://HOVINGHOME.ORG/NJBBQ). Please see the attached flyer for details.

**GUEST MINISTER** for Sunday, July 21st and July 28<sup>th</sup> is Rev. Alice Batcher. 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.

## 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  
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*Scripture for Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>*

2 Kings 4:42-44

John 6:1-21