

July 27, 2025
10:00 a.m.
7th Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Hanna Pallitto

THE INTROIT "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" Rick Founds

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today to worship the One who created us

The One who calls us

The One who equips us

The One who loves us without end

With joyful hearts, let us worship God!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Rev. Dr. Glen Misick

OPENING HYMN #341 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.....(silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Dr. Glen Misick

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in loving kindness. As far as the east is from the west, so

far has He removed our transgressions from us. Friends, in Christ we are 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)

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 12:1-3 (N.T. pgs. 226-227)

ANTHEM "Forever Young" sung by Rich Culton

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SERMON: "How To Run The Christian Race"
Rev. Dr. Glen Misick

SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*RESPONSE HYMN #363 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

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 #536 "Lord, Make Us More Holy"

*BENEDICTION

MUSICAL POSTLUDE (A QUIET TIME OF REFLECTION)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

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



*Please stand if able

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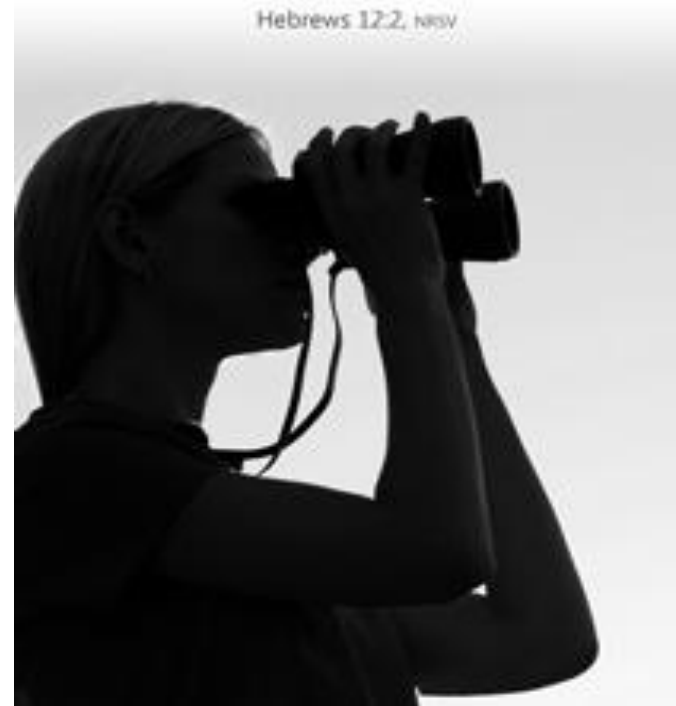
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Rev. Dr. Glen Misick

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... looking to Jesus the
PIONEER and PERFECTER
of our faith ...

Hebrews 12:2, NRSV



"How To Run The Christian Race"

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

2nd Week

Prayers for Joan who is in assisted living.
Prayers for Sandra for a speedy recovery.

3rd Week

Prayers for Robbie.

4th Week

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



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 27, 2025

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Live Stream – Facebook

MONDAY, July 28, 2025

10:00 a.m. JoAnn Breza and Jake Stockl Food Pantry – CE Bldg.

TUESDAY, July 29, 2025

WEDNESDAY, July 30, 2025

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

THURSDAY, July 31, 2025

FRIDAY, August 1, 2025

SATURDAY, August 2, 2025

SUNDAY, August 3, 2025

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Live Stream – Facebook

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY – The following dates are open 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.

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.

MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE – invites all members and visitors to an outdoor lunch on Sunday, September 7th immediately following worship in the Church Parking Lot. Hot dogs, burgers, side dishes, and desserts will be served. You're welcome to bring a dish to share. Bring a folding lawn chair. Sign-up sheets will be in the Sanctuary next Sunday. Rain Date: to be announced.

CHILDREN'S TEA – is Saturday, September 6th from 12:00pm – 1:30pm in Jacob Morgan Hall. Reservation form and details are in the bulletin attachment. Reservation deadline is **August 27th**.

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.

Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick	Pastor	gmsick@gmail.com
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**JULY and AUGUST
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
Wednesday – Friday 8:30am – 1:30pm**

Scripture for Sunday, August 3

Luke 12:13-21



Children's Tea
Saturday, September 6, 2025

First Presbyterian Church of Avenel
 Jacob Morgan Hall **12:00 noon - 1:30 pm**

RSVP by Wednesday August 27th

Please return this portion with your donation to:

Cindy Culton
 C/O First Presbyterian Church

621 E. Woodbridge Avenue
 Avenel, NJ 07001
 732-634-1631

Please make all checks payable to:
First Presbyterian Church of Avenel
 (also note "Tea" on check memo)

Donation \$15.00 for 1 adult and 1 child
 Each additional child is \$5.00
 Each additional adult is \$10.00

Number attending _____

Donation Enclosed _____

Please write each adult's **full name** and each child's **first name** (and gender) to be seated with you. This will help us plan for the event.

Your Name: _____

Telephone # _____

Names of Guests to be seated with you:

Tables seat 8 guests each.

At least one adult must accompany all children in your party. Children up to 16 yrs old.

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