

July 28, 2024

10:00 a.m.

10th Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Hanna Pallitto

THE INTROIT "In This Place" Trevor Thomson

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

God comes with hands filled with grace; God offers justice like a neighbor with tomatoes from the garden.

For this reason, we come to worship our God.

Jesus comes to hold up those whose legs wobble; Jesus picks up all who stumble over their faith.

For this reason, we come to follow Jesus.

The Holy Spirit comes, as close as every breath we take; the Spirit makes clear God's hopes for us.

For this reason, we come to learn from the Spirit.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Rev. Alice Batcher

OPENING HYMN #514 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Believing You exist to save us, Holy One, we think we can do anything we want, no matter the consequences; we can speak any words that are on our lips, no matter how much they hurt those we love; we can hoard everything, and anything, we wish, no matter how much need others have in their lives. Yet You choose to redeem us, God of imaginative justice, not so we can keep living the lives we have, but we might be transformed into those who praise You, not just with our songs, but with hands that lift others to their feet, with hearts that love those ignored by the world, and with

hope that has been planted deep within us by the Master Gardener, Jesus Christ, our Brother.....(silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Alice Batcher

There is more than enough grace for everyone. We may not understand why, or how, or when; but God will make it happen. And that is all we need to know.

When it comes to grace, hope, peace, forgiveness – there are so many leftovers from God's abundant heart, that we can put them in to-go boxes to share them with everyone we meet.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

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 2 Kings 4:42-44 (O.T. pg. 336)
John 6:1-21 (N.T. pgs. 97-98)

Children's Sermon

ANTHEM "The Hand of the Lord Feeds Us" Scott Soper

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SERMON: "Walking On Water" Rev. Alice Batcher

SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*RESPONSE HYMN #553 "For the Fruits of All Creation"

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 #455 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

*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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"Walking On Water"

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

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

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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 Lillian who is in the hospital recuperating from surgery for a broken hip.

2nd Week

3rd Week

4th Week

5th 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.

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

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 28, 2024

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

MONDAY, July 29, 2024

TUESDAY, July 30, 2024

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

WEDNESDAY, July 31, 2024

THURSDAY, August 1, 2024

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

FRIDAY, August 2, 2024

SATURDAY, August 3, 2024

SUNDAY, August 4, 2024

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY – The following dates are open: 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.

WALTER HOVING HOME – will be hosting a backyard BBQ on September 14th at 4:00pm. Location is 176 Mitchell Road, Oxford, NJ 07863. Register at: HOVINGHOME.ORG/NJBBQ.

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, August 4th

John 6:24-35