

July 31, 2022  
10:00 a.m.  
8th Sunday after Pentecost

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bob Toro

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Seek the LORD while He may be found; call on Him while He is near.

**Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts.**

Let them turn to the LORD, and He will have mercy on them and to our God, for He will freely pardon.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins; which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed; by thought, word, deed against Your divine will. Have mercy and grant us to please you in a newness of spirit as we live to honor You.....(silence for personal confession)**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Thank you for being such a merciful God and thank you for forgiving us and making us righteous and pure through the blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

OPENING HYMN #442      "The Church's One Foundation"

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:                  Matthew 5:14-16 (N.T. pg. 4)

ANTHEM                      "These Alone Are Enough"                  Dan Schutte

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

SERMON:                      "You Are the Light of the World"  
Rev. Dr. David Bucci

**SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*HYMN #100                  "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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 #293 "This Is My Father's World"

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "We Are the Light of the World" Jean Anthony Greif

\*Please stand if able

### **Rev. Dr. David Bucci Bio:**

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.

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"You Are the Light of the World"

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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 – 1<sup>st</sup> LT, – Stephanie & Charlie Kurowsky's niece

Jeffrey Hansen – 1<sup>st</sup> LT, Kuwait, Stephanie & Charlie Kurowsky's nephew

Daniel Hedner – Carolyn & Jake Stockl's nephew

Steven Stockl – Carolyn & Jake Stockl's nephew

#### OVERSEAS

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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 –

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 31, 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*

Please pray for Susan Shubeck, a friend of Betty Hulsizer, who is in treatment for Stage 4 Pancreatic Cancer.

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

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

Prayers are needed for Flavia Flores, Maritza's Mom, who is in the hospital again with ongoing health issues. Please pray for Flavia's peace and comfort and for her family.

Please pray for Ryan, Gayle Nolan's Niece's Husband, who is at home recovering from surgery. He had part of his lung removed and will not need chemo or radiation.

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

*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***  
*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) |
| 06/30/2022 \$ 60,701.39 | \$ 5,823.05       | \$(15,445.00) |

**CHURCH PROPERTY ACTIVE 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 31, 2022

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

#### MONDAY, August 1, 2022

#### TUESDAY, August 2, 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, August 3, 2022

#### THURSDAY, August 4, 2022

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

#### FRIDAY, August 5, 2022

9:00 a.m. VBS last day

#### SATURDAY, August 6, 2022

#### SUNDAY, August 7, 2022

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
(Guest Preacher–Rev. Dr. Grace Nzameyo-Maa)  
(Guest Pianist–Erika Hallenback)  
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: August 7th & August 14th. Reservations for chancel flowers may be made through the church office. The cost is \$30.00 for two arrangements and is to be paid in advance.

**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.

**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.

**NEW PASTOR** – Our search for a pastor is moving along and we are ready to form a Pastor Nominating Committee. If you are interested in serving on the PNC, please let a session member know.

**GUEST PIANIST** – for Sunday, August 7, 2022, is Erika Hallenback.

**GUEST PREACHER** – for Sunday, August 7, 2022, is Rev. Dr. Grace Nzameyo-Maa. Grace Katie Nzameyo was born in Douala, Cameroon. She grew up in Kribi in the South Shore community area of the capital and was raised in a conventional Presbyterian parent home. She is a member of the 100-year-old Black sorority Alpha Kappa Alpha, the NAACP and the National Black Presbyterian Caucus. In 2006, Ms. Nzameyo enrolled at Drew Theological

Seminary where she obtained her Master of Divinity degree and came under the care of the Presbytery of Newark as a ministerial candidate. She was ordained as a Minister of the Word and Sacraments in 2018, and in 2021 obtained her Doctorate degree from New Brunswick Theological Seminary. Grace is married and has three children, Franck, and Ines (twins), 25, and baby Grace, 17, and they live in Newark, New Jersey.

## 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 7th*

**Psalms 50:1-8**

**Acts 9:36-43**