

August 4, 2024

10:00 a.m.

11th Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Carolyn Gilligan

THE INTROIT "Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"
Brian Doerksen

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Since then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Rev. Dr. Glen Misick

OPENING HYMN #263 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you know our inmost being. You know all that we are, all that we know, all that we think, and all that we believe. When those thoughts, beliefs, ideas and beings turn from You, we long to be placed back on Your path. We pray that our lives might be a never-ending offering to You, and that our sin might lead to more ways to learn and grow closer to Your hopes for us. Cleanse us of our sin; turn our thoughts and feet ever toward Your Way. We

pray this together in the name of Your Son Jesus.....(silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Dr. Glen Misick
The mercy of God is unending, the love of God is all encompassing, and the peace we share in Christ is fathomless. Knowing this, know that we are forgiven, today and all days.
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: John 6:24-35 (N.T. pg. 98)

ANTHEM "Micael of Grace" Curtis Stephan

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SERMON: "The True Bread of Life"
Rev. Dr. Glen Misick

SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*RESPONSE HYMN #276 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

COMMUNION PRAYER

SANCTUS #581 "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

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.

...The gifts of God for the people of God.

Let us keep the feast.

COMMUNION HYMN #78 "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

THE BLESSING AND ANOINTING OF THE CHILDREN

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CARRYING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN #354 "Guide My Feet"

*BENEDICTION

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

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

*Please stand if able

First Presbyterian Church of Avenel

621 East Woodbridge Avenue

Avenel, NJ 07001

Rev. Dr. Glen Misick

August 4, 2024

JOHN 6:27



"The True Bread of Life"

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 *August 4, 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

2nd Week

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

3rd Week

4th Week

5th Week

6th 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.

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
Tuesday 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, August 4, 2024

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

MONDAY, August 5, 2024

TUESDAY, August 6, 2024

4:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting – CO
7:30 p.m. CE Committee Meeting – SSO

WEDNESDAY, August 7, 2024

THURSDAY, August 8, 2024

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

FRIDAY, August 9, 2024

SATURDAY, August 10, 2024

SUNDAY, August 11, 2024

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY – The following dates are open: 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 11th

Romans 10:1-13