

August 7, 2022

10:00 a.m.

9th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hanna Pallitto

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us here today.

We bring our full selves to God: our strengths and our weaknesses.

God calls you here today.

We offer all we are to God: our talents and our inadequacies.

God calls every part of us to bring divine love and light into the world!

We respond to that call, trusting that God is at work within us.

AMEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Awesome God, we confess that we have become slaves to our own narrow self-interest. We pay more attention to our possessions than to you. We try to hide from your all-seeing eye, for we are guilty of our devotions to false gods. We admit that we have been attracted to things that pull us away from you. Forgive us Lord and help us to refocus our eyes and attention, our life on your plans for us.....(silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Grace and peace from God our Parent. Refresh your hearts in Jesus Christ our Savior, who is the same, yesterday, today, and forever. All our sins have been forgiven.

I receive God's forgiveness at this very moment!

Amen. Thanks be to God.

OPENING HYMN #142 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: Psalms 50:1-8 (O.T. pg. 519)
Acts 9:36-43 (N.T. pg. 128)

ANTHEM "Summer Breeze" Erika Hallenbeck

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SERMON: "Where Are You Making An Impact"
Rev. Dr. Grace Nzameyo-Maa

SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

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.

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.

HYMN #379

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

CARRYING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN #404 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Here I Am To Worship” Michael W. Smith

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

*Please stand if able

Rev. Dr. Grace Nzameyo-Maa Bio:

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 sonority 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.

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621 East Woodbridge Avenue

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THE HEAVENS
DECLARE HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS ...

PSALM 50:6, NRSV

“Where Are You Making An Impact”

Rev. Dr. Grace Nzameyo-Maa

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 – 1st LT, – Stephanie & Charlie Kurowsky's niece

Jeffrey Hansen – 1st LT, Kuwait, Stephanie & Charlie Kurowsky's nephew

Daniel Hedner – Carolyn & Jake Stockl's nephew

Steven Stockl – Carolyn & Jake Stockl's nephew

OVERSEAS

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 August 7, 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

2nd Week

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

3rd Week

4th 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.

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
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)
07/31/2022 \$ 67,525.20	\$ 6,823.81	\$(8,621.19)

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, August 7, 2022

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
 (Guest Preacher–Rev. Dr. Grace Nzameyo-Maa)
 (Guest Pianist–Erika Hallenbeck)
 Live Stream-Facebook

MONDAY, August 8, 2022

TUESDAY, August 9, 2022

WEDNESDAY, August 10, 2022

THURSDAY, August 11, 2022

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

FRIDAY, August 12, 2022

7:00 p.m. Property Care Mtg – CO

SATURDAY, August 13, 2022

SUNDAY, August 14, 2022

10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Guest Preacher–Rev. David Bowman)
 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 14th & August 21st. 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.

*The flowers are for the people for this congregation
given by Robert R. Hayes, Jr.*

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 PREACHER – for Sunday, August 14, 2022, is Rev. David Bowman. He is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary and has served in a pastoral role in several Presbyterian Churches in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. For the past 17 years he has been Pastoral Ministries Manager at Seabrook Village, a large continuing

care retirement community in Tinton Falls, NJ. He resides on a small farm in New Egypt, NJ and is waiting for the birth of his first grandchild in early August.

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	Music Director	resolutjoe@gmail.com
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Scripture for Sunday, August 14th

Hebrews 11:29; 12:2