

August 11, 2024

10:00 a.m.

12th Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Charlie Kurowsky

THE INTROIT

"All Are Welcome"

Marty Haugen

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

I will recount all of Your wonderful deeds.

I will be glad and exult in You;

I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. Glen Misick

OPENING HYMN #559

"We Gather Together"

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

Here is the good news: "If we confess our sins, our Lord is faithful and will forgive us of our sins." Therefore, in Christ we are pardoned!

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:

Romans 10:1-13 (N.T. pg. 16)

ANTHEM

"I Will Always Thank the Lord"

Scott Soper

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SERMON:

"A Reset of Our Faith"

Rev. Dr. Glen Misick

SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*RESPONSE HYMN #303

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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 #363 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

*BENEDICTION

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

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

*Please stand if able

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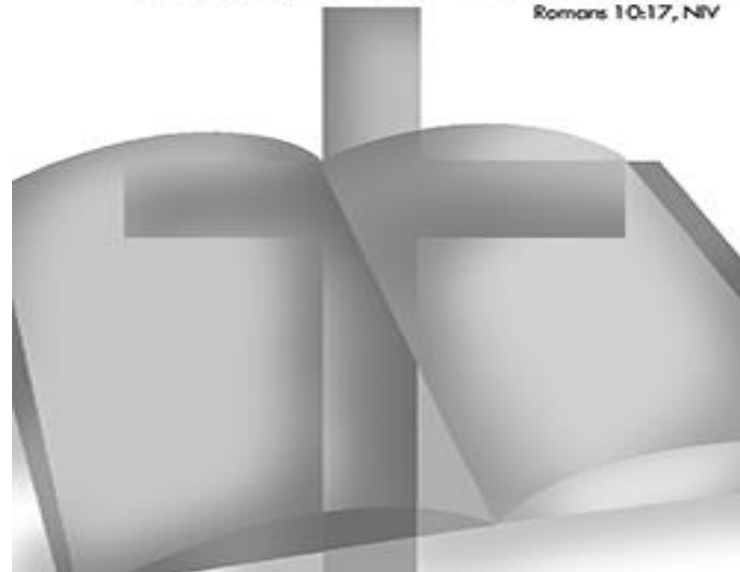
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Faith comes from hearing
THE MESSAGE,
and the message
is heard through the
WORD OF CHRIST.

Romans 10:17, NIV



"A Reset of Our Faith"

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 11, 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

Prayers for Robbie who is back at home and doing well.

Prayers for Joan who is in assisted living.

Prayers for Lisa who is receiving chemotherapy.

2nd Week

3rd Week

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

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

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 11, 2024

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

MONDAY, August 12, 2024

4:30 p.m. Property Care Meeting – CO

TUESDAY, August 13, 2024

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

WEDNESDAY, August 14, 2024

THURSDAY, August 15, 2024

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

FRIDAY, August 16, 2024

SATURDAY, August 17, 2024

7:00 p.m. PCA USA Meeting

SUNDAY, August 18, 2024

10:00 a.m. Worship Service – New Member Initiation
Live Stream–Facebook
11:30 a.m. PCA USA Meeting – CR

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY – The following dates are open: 8/18, 8/25, 9/1, 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, & 9/29. 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.

NEW MEMBER INITIATION – We are happy to welcome our new members today: Gary Stevenson and Diane P. Gebhardt-Cardona, by Reaffirmation of Faith; and Pauline Siecinski, by Letter of Transfer.

GUEST ORGANIST – Jon Benjamin will be our guest organist for Sunday, 8/18 and Sunday, 8/25. Since the completion of his Masters of Music at Rice University, Jonathan Benjamin has built a varied career as a pianist, composer, and arranger. He has played for the Houston Ballet and the American Repertory Ballet where he now works as Principal Pianist.

While in Houston, he arranged, conducted and performed Gershwin pieces for Tim O'Keefe's piece Fascinating Evening. In addition, he performed in local jazz groups and created film scores for the Museum of Fine Arts of Houston. Since returning to his home state of New Jersey, Jon has played at Broadway Dance, Steps Over Broadway, and American Ballet Theater. His projects for American Repertory Ballet include a restaging of Twyla Tharp's Eight Jelly Rolls and Kirk Peterson's Eyes That Gently Touch. Most recently, he collaborated with Ethan Stiefel on Stiefel's new production of Midsummer Night's Dream. Jon keeps a busy freelance career throughout the New Jersey area.

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 18th

Isaiah 40:28-31

Hebrews 12:1-3