

August 18, 2024

10:00 a.m.

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Stephanie Kurowsky

THE INTROIT HYMN #398 "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

**sing the glory of His name;**

give to Him glorious praise!

**Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds!**

So great is Your power that Your enemies come cringing to You.

**All the earth worships You**

and sings praises to You;

**they sing praises to Your name.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

OPENING HYMN #420 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

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 be-ings 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 C. 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)

+++ **GREETINGS** — Elder Dianna Wright, Associate Stated Clerk, PCUSA & Rev. Hein Arina, General Secretary, GMIM, and the PCUSA/GMIM Shared Ministry Roundtable meeting at our facilities this weekend.

**HEARING THE WORD**

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 40:28-31 (O.T. pg. 668)  
Hebrews 12:1-3 (N.T. pgs. 226-227)

Children's Story Gayle Nolan

MUSICAL SELECTION – GMIM Alpha Omega Church Group

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SERMON: "Running the Race with Grace"  
Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

## SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*RESPONSE HYMN #391 "Take My Life"

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 #369 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

\*BENEDICTION

MUSICAL POSTLUDE (A QUIET TIME OF REFLECTION)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

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

\*Please stand if able

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621 East Woodbridge Avenue

Avenel, NJ 07001

Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick, Pastor

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"Running the Race with Grace"

### **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

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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 –

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 18, 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*

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

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.

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

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

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

*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***

*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 18, 2024**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service – (Guest Musician-Jon Benjamin)  
Live Stream–Facebook  
11:30 a.m. PCUSA/GMIM – CR

#### **MONDAY, August 19, 2024**

9:00 a.m. PCUSA/GMIM – JMH

#### **TUESDAY, August 20, 2024**

9:00 a.m. PCUSA/GMIM – JMH

#### **WEDNESDAY, August 21, 2024**

#### **THURSDAY, August 22, 2024**

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

#### **FRIDAY, August 23, 2024**

#### **SATURDAY, August 24, 2024**

10:00 a.m. His Hands Clothes Closet – GYM

#### **SUNDAY, August 25, 2024**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service – (Guest Musician-Jon Benjamin)  
Live Stream–Facebook

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

**CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY** – The following dates are open: 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 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. Location is 176 Mitchell Road, Oxford, NJ 07863. Register at: [HOVINGHOME.ORG/NJBBQ](http://HOVINGHOME.ORG/NJBBQ).

**GUEST MUSICIAN** – 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 25th*

**Romans 12:3-8**

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**Sermon Notes**

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**Preacher:**

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**Application:**

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