

September 1, 2024
10:00 a.m.
15th Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Carolyn Stevenson

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

But I, through the abundance of Your steadfast love,
will enter Your house.

I will bow down toward Your holy temple
in the fear of You.

Lead me, O Lord, in Your righteousness
because of my enemies;
make Your way straight before me.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Rev. Dr. Joanne Noel

OPENING HYMN #138 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

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. Joanne Noel

The God and father of Jesus knows all who we are. In God's love and grace, we know that we are indeed cleansed from all our sin and sustained by the Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ, God's ultimate sacrifice, we are forgiven.

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: Matthew 6:24-34 (N.T. pg. 6)

Children's Sermon

ANTHEM "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SERMON: "A Kingdom Mindset"

Rev. Dr. Joanne Noel

SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*RESPONSE HYMN #525 "Here, I Am 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.

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CARRYING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN #447 "Lead On, O King Eternal"

*BENEDICTION

MUSICAL POSTLUDE (A QUIET TIME OF REFLECTION)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

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

*Please stand if able

Rev. Dr. Joanne Noel Bio:

Rev. Dr. Joanne Noel. She is a graduate of New Brunswick Theological Seminary and Union Institute and University where she earned her MDIV and DMIN and Ph. D in Humanities and Culture, including certificates in Creative Writing and Women and Gender Studies. She is currently a Dean and Professor of English at Pillar College where she has held various positions, including Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dean of Traditional Undergraduate programs, Director of the Writing Center, and Director of Spiritual Formation. She is currently, with God's grace, engaging in additional ordination processes with the ABCNJ Organization under the Raritan Valley Baptist Church (Pastor Nick Johnson) and preparing for future pastoral ministry and leadership.

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"A Kingdom Mindset"

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 Stockl’s nephew

Steven Stockl – deployed to Iraq – Carolyn 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

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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 needed for Tom who fractured his neck vertebrae and is recovering in a rehab facility.

3rd Week

4th 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.

5th Week

6th Week

Prayers and Sympathies

Our beloved church member and sister in Christ, **Lillian Thorsen**, went home to our Lord on Tuesday evening. Lillian was 101 and a faithful member of our church for 75 years. Please keep her family in your prayers at this very sad time.

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, September 1, 2024

10:00 a.m. Worship Service – (NO COMMUNION)
(Guest Minister-Rev. Dr. Joanne Noel)
(Guest Musician-William Gorman)
Live Stream–Facebook

MONDAY, September 2, 2024

TUESDAY, September 3, 2024

2:00 p.m. Missions/Outreach Mtg. – CO
4:30 p.m. Worship Committee Mtg. – CO
7:30 p.m. Christian Education Mtg. – SSO

WEDNESDAY, September 4, 2024

THURSDAY, September 5, 2024

FRIDAY, September 6, 2024

SATURDAY, September 7, 2024

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

SUNDAY, September 8, 2024

10:00 a.m. Worship Service – (COMMUNION)
(Guest Musician-William Gorman)
Live Stream–Facebook

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY – The following dates are open: 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 on Thursday, 9/12.** 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 back on **Saturdays beginning September 7th** 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.

BIBLE STUDY – will begin again on September 11th and continue every Wednesday at 4:30pm in Jacob Morgan Hall. Topic is on the Book of Revelation taught by Rev. Misick. Please register by Email: gmsick@yahoo.com or Call: 917 679-5676

GUEST MUSICIAN – today through October 27th is William Gorman. Will is a pianist, organist, singer, and educator originally from Syracuse, NY and now living in New Jersey. He regularly performs in NYC as well as across the United States and Europe with jazz and blues artists. He is an educator, working as a professor of jazz voice at Western Connecticut University in Danbury, Connecticut as well as maintaining a private studio.

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, September 8th

Romans 12:3-8

Matthew 25:14-21