

September 7, 2025

10:00 a.m.

13th Sunday after Pentecost/Holy Communion

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENT Bob Toro

THE INTROIT "Open The Eyes of My Heart" Paul Baloché

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Wherever you go, from the top of the highest mountain or into the deep abysses of the earth, God knows you.

Wherever we go, God knows our name.

Whatever you do, from the time you wake up until you lay your head down again, God knows you.

Whatever we do, God knows our name.

However you live, from your inner thoughts to your public acts and everything in between, God knows you.

We gather to worship God, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made by God who knows our name!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Rev. Dr. Glen Misick

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we do not always love our neighbor. We confess that we have despised others, even to the point of hatred. We confess that we have been hurt by others. We confess that forgiveness and reconciliation at times are just impossible for us. We know that nothing is impossible in You. We come to You, seeking healing and wholeness for us. Help us, whenever possible, to live in peace with others, to seek reconciliation and healing and forgiveness. For Your Son came and lived among us, was betrayed and denied, abused and put to death. He rose again and came with the message of peace to those who had denied him and

abandoned him. May we walk in His ways.....(silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Joshua Umboh

For nothing is impossible with God. There is no place you can go, no end of the earth you can run, where God cannot find you. There is nothing on earth or beyond death that can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. You are forgiven. You are loved. You are reconciled to God. Go and live with the love of God.

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)

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 18:1-11 (O.T. pg. 720) (Elder from Oaktree Iselin PC)

Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18 (O.T. pgs. 577;578) (Elder from FPCA)

Luke 14: 25-33 (N.T. pg. 78) (Rev. Joshua Umboh)

ANTHEM "Here I Am To Worship" Tim Hughes

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SERMON: "The Potter's Hands: Shaping Our Future" Rev. Dr. Glen Misick

SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*RESPONSE HYMN #100 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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 #513 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

THE BLESSING AND ANOINTING OF THE CHILDREN

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CARRYING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN #341 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

*BENEDICTION

MUSICAL POSTLUDE (A QUIET TIME OF REFLECTION)

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

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"The Potter's Hands: Shaping
Our Future"

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.

Robbie Olah

Joan Benkert

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 – Jake & Carolyn Stockl’s nephew

Steven Stockl – deployed to Iraq – Jake & 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

Samaritan’s Purse

Walter Hoving Home

World Vision

Prayer Concerns and Praises ***September 7, 2025***

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

3rd Week

4th Week

5th Week

6th Week

Prayers and Sympathies

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Morgan Family on the passing of William Perry Morgan who died in a car accident in North Carolina. Please pray for peace and comfort for the Morgan family.

SHUT-INS

Please continue to keep in your prayers those members who are unable to join us for worship on Sundays.

Health and Healing



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

Sermon Notes

Sunday:

Preacher:

Sermon Topic/Theme:

Scripture:

Point # 1:

Point # 2

Point # 3

**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 7, 2025

10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Joint with Oak Tree-Iselin Church
Members and GMIM Alpha Omega)

Live Stream – Facebook

11:00 a.m. Mission Committee Lunch-Church Parking Lot

MONDAY, September 8, 2025

TUESDAY, September 9, 2025

4:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting – CR

WEDNESDAY, September 10, 2025

6:30 p.m. Bible Study – On-Line Via Zoom

THURSDAY, September 11, 2025

8:00 p.m. Prayer Gathering – Dial In
(425) 436-6302 then enter code 773724#.

FRIDAY, September 12, 2025

SATURDAY, September 13, 2025

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CO

SUNDAY, September 14, 2025

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Live Stream – Facebook

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY – The following dates are open 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, & 10/26. Please make reservations through the church office. The cost is \$30.00 for two arrangements and must be paid in advance.

PRAYER GATHERING – will resume on Thursday, September 11th. Dial (425) 436-6302 then enter code 773724#. 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.

SIT AND KNIT (and CROCHET) – will resume on Saturdays beginning September 13th 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. It will

BIBLE STUDY – will resume on Wednesday, September 10th at 6:30pm via Zoom. Topic: Wednesday Bible Study: A study of Philippians Time: Sep 10, 2025, 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada). Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81062021257?pwd=IRhVuMM65Ek1aJYppLviucx6HpgbLY.1> Meeting ID: 810 6202 1257 Passcode: 583937
One tap mobile: +19292056099, 81062021257#, *583937# US (New York) +16469313860, 81062021257#, *583937# US

Join instructions:

https://us06web.zoom.us/join/81062021257/invitations?signature=ApjgJTeYCG9gPDTF6K6zW21g6UXLetFaTRp_8_9Ojfc

MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE – invites all members and visitors to an outdoor lunch today immediately following worship in the Church Parking Lot.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation to our Heat and Air Conditioning Fund. There are labeled envelopes on the table in the back of the Sanctuary that can be placed in the collection plate or dropped off at the church office. If you choose to donate another way, please be sure to include

'Heat and Air Conditioning Fund.' We are making great strides in phase one of our Capital fundraising campaign, please help keep this momentum going! Your donation is greatly appreciated!

-Sandy Kosakowski

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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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
TUESDAY – FRIDAY 8:30AM – 1:30PM

Scripture for Sunday, September 14

TBD