

September 8, 2024

10:00 a.m.

**16th Sunday after Pentecost/Holy Communion**

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**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Carolyn Gillian

THE INTROIT "Here I Am to Worship" Jillian Rinaldi, Soloist

**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. Glen Misick

OPENING HYMN #466 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is nothing good in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto men in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His name.....(silence for personal confession)**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Dr. Glen Misick

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: Romans 12:3-8 (N.T. pg. 162)  
Matthew 25:14-21 (N.T. pg. 28)

**+++A Blessing on Students Returning to School+++**

**PRESENTATION OF FOOD PANTRY PLAQUE IN MEMORY OF  
JAKE STOCKL**

MUSICAL SELECTION "Be Not Afraid" Jillian Rinaldi, Soloist

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

SERMON: "Service in the Body Of Christ"  
Rev. Dr. Glen Misick

**SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*RESPONSE HYMN #324 "Open My Eyes That I May See"

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 #84 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

THE BLESSING AND ANOINTING OF THE CHILDREN

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**CARRYING THE WORD TO THE WORLD**

\*CLOSING HYMN #536 "Lord, Make Us More Holy"

\*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 Misick

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“Service in the Body of Christ”

### **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

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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* September 8, 2024

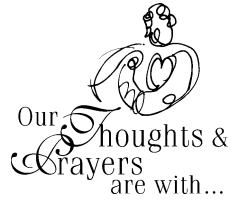
**The Prayer Chain** - provides immediate prayer for *critical and emergency situations*. All other needs will be taken care of through the prayer list. To place someone on the prayer chain call Millie Knotts at 732-382-9391.

**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*

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

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

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

*5<sup>th</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.

*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, September 8, 2024**

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

#### **MONDAY, September 9, 2024**

4:30 p.m. Property Care Committee Mtg. – CO

#### **TUESDAY, September 10, 2024**

4:30 p.m. Deacons Committee Mtg. – CR

#### **WEDNESDAY, September 11, 2024**

#### **THURSDAY, September 12, 2024**

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

#### **FRIDAY, September 13, 2024**

#### **SATURDAY, September 14, 2024**

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

#### **SUNDAY, September 15, 2024**

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

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

**CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY** – The following dates are open: 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 now back every **Thursday** evening at 8 pm. 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.

**BULLETINS** – are now on our website.

**SIT AND KNIT (and CROCHET)** – is back on **Saturdays** 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 25<sup>th</sup>** 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: [gmisick@yahoo.com](mailto:gmisick@yahoo.com) or Call: 917 679-5676

**GUEST SOLOIST** – today is Jillian Rinaldi. Jillian started singing at a young age, cantoring her first church service at 16. She studied musical theatre and received her Bachelor of Fine Arts from the prestigious Boston Conservatory of Music. Jillian has performed as Elphaba in Wicked in Japan, as well as in national tours and cruise ships. She is now a mother of 2, and a teacher of piano and voice for the next generation of aspiring artists.

**GUEST MUSICIAN** – today through October 27<sup>th</sup> 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 15th*

*2 Corinthians 5:17-21*