

**September 15, 2024**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**17th Sunday after Pentecost**

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**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Hanna Pallitto

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us gather together in the presence of God,

**Our strength and our salvation.**

The Lord is calling us to worship.

**We will respond with joyful hearts and open minds.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Rev. Dr. Glen Misick

OPENING HYMN #476 “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord Jesus, we have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek You in our daily lives. Our sins and shortcomings present us with a list of accusations, but we thank You that they will not stand against us, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver us from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of Your grace in us, everything that prevents us taking delight in You.....(silence for personal confession)**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Dr. Glen Misick

When we confess our sins, our Lord is faithful and will forgive our sins. Therefore, in Christ 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: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (N. T. pg. 181)

Children's Sermon

ANTHEM "How Great Thou Art"

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

SERMON: “The Message of Reconciliation”  
Rev. Dr. Glen Misick

**SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*RESPONSE HYMN #326 “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

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 #538 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

\*BENEDICTION

MUSICAL POSTLUDE (A QUIET TIME OF REFLECTION)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

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

\*Please stand if able

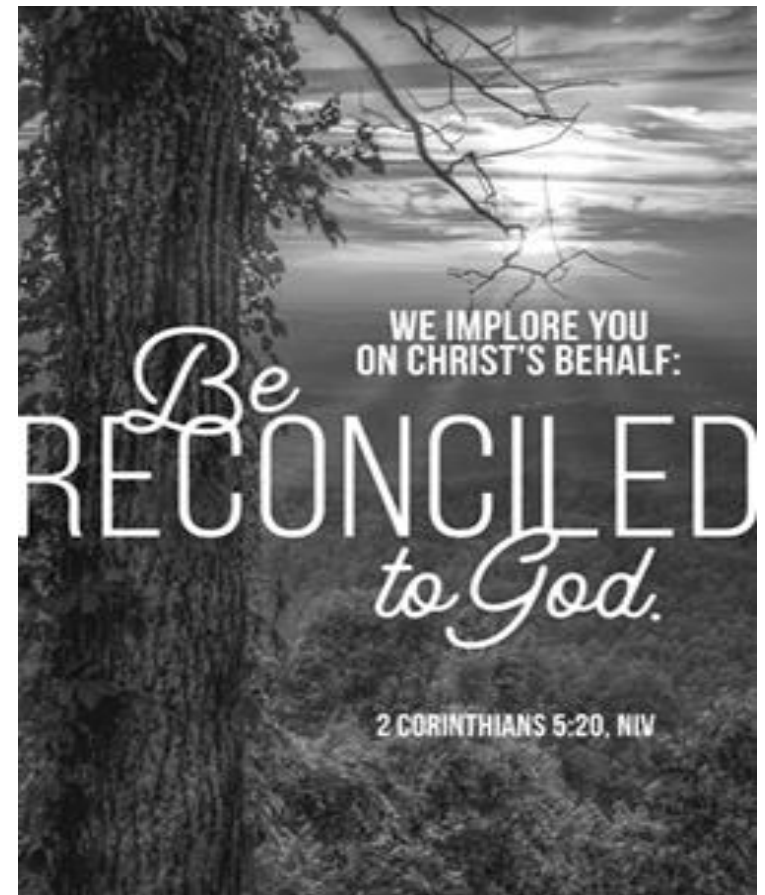
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“The Message of Reconciliation”

### **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 15, 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*

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

Prayers needed for Tom who fractured his neck vertebrae and is recovering at home.

*5<sup>th</sup> Week*

*6<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.

*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 15, 2024**

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

#### **MONDAY, September 16, 2024**

#### **TUESDAY, September 17, 2024**

#### **WEDNESDAY, September 18, 2024**

#### **THURSDAY, September 19, 2024**

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

#### **FRIDAY, September 20, 2024**

#### **SATURDAY, September 21, 2024**

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

#### **SUNDAY, September 22, 2024**

#### **FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN**

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: 9/22, 9/29, 10/6, 10/13, 10/20 & 10/27. Please make reservations through the church office. The cost is \$30.00 for two arrangements and must be paid in advance.

*Today's flowers are in honor of Cecilia's 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday.  
Given with love by Beste and Poppy*

**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 from 5:00pm-5:30pm in Jacob Morgan Hall. Topic is on the Book of Revelation taught by Rev. Misick. Please register by Email: [gmsick@yahoo.com](mailto:gmsick@yahoo.com) or Call: 917 679-5676

**LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP** – We will be having a Leadership Workshop on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am in Jacob Morgan Hall. All Elders, Deacons, and Committee Members are encouraged to attend. We will have a light breakfast and order out for lunch. Please call the Church Office with your RSVP info by **October 11<sup>th</sup>** with a response of Yes or No.

**TRUNK-OR-TREAT** – Our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Trunk-Or-Treat is Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm to 5:30pm in the Sanctuary parking lot. Please check the bulletin flyer for more details.

**LADIES TEA** – is Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Details to follow.

**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.*

<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Rev. Glen C. Misick</i>	<i>gmsick@gmail.com</i>
<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Music Director</i>	
<i>Michael Peterson</i>	<i>Sexton</i>	<i>avenelpres@gmail.com</i>
<i>Belinda Kerchner</i>	<i>SS Superintendent</i>	<i>For 2024</i>
<i>Linda Vassallo</i>	<i>Church Office</i>	<i>(732) 634-1631</i>
<i>Hanna Pallitto</i>	<i>Webmaster</i>	<i>hannapallitto@gmail.com</i>
	<i>Church Email</i>	<i>avenelpres@gmail.com</i>
	<i>Church Website</i>	<i>avenelpresbyterianchurch.org</i>

*Scripture for Sunday, September 22nd*

**Jeremiah 8:18-22**

**Revelation 22:1-2**

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# TRUNK OR TREAT

CANDY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26  
4:00 - 5:30 PM

HOTDOGS

GAMES

If you would like to decorate your car  
and pass out candy, contact Cindy  
Culton at [ccculton@comcast.net](mailto:ccculton@comcast.net) to  
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