

September 21, 2025

10:00 a.m.

15th Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carolyn Gilligan

THE INTROIT

"How Great Is Our God"

Chris Tomlin

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 #260 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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. Glen Misick

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. 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)

BRIEF MEMORIAL MOMENT FOR WILLIAM PERRY MORGAN

(Our former organist)

SPECIAL MUSIC – Amazing Grace (Bagpipes)

Rich Culton

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE:

Ephesians 6:1-14 (N.T. pg. 195)

Children's Story

Hanna Pallitto

NATIONAL WIFE APPRECIATION SUNDAY – Flowers presented by children

ANTHEM "You Raise Me Up" Rolf Lovland

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SERMON: Series: Stand Pt.2 "Stand in Truth and Righteousness"
Rev. Dr. Glen Misick

SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*RESPONSE SONG "Goodness of God" CeCe Winans (Tape)
[Lyric insert]

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 #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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Avenel, NJ 07001

Rev. Dr. Glen Misick

September 21, 2025



Put on
the full
armor of
God, so
that...
you may
be able
to stand
your
ground...

Ephesians 6:13

"Sermon Series Pt. 2 ~ "Stand in Truth
and Righteousness"

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 21, 2025***

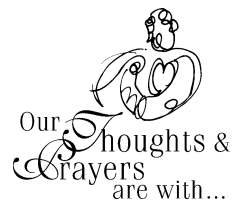
The Prayer Chain - provides immediate prayer for *critical and emergency situations*. All other needs will be taken care of through the prayer list. To place someone on the prayer chain call Millie Knotts at 732-382-9391.

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

Prayers for Betty Hulsizer recovering from surgery.

2nd Week

3rd Week

4th Week

5th Week

6th 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



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 – FRIDAY 8:30AM – 1:30PM

**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 21, 2025

10:00 a.m. Worship Service – (Guest Musician-Janette Goleme)

MONDAY, September 22, 2025

TUESDAY, September 23, 2025

6:30 p.m. Presbytery Meeting

WEDNESDAY, September 24, 2025

6:30 p.m. Bible Study – On-Line Via Zoom
(New Login Instructions)

THURSDAY, September 25, 2025

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

FRIDAY, September 26, 2025

SATURDAY, September 27, 2025

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CO

SUNDAY, September 28, 2025

10:00 a.m. Worship Service – (Guest Minister-Rev. Joshua Umboh)
– (Guest Musician-Janette Goleme)
Live Stream – Facebook

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY – The following dates are open 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 11/9, 11/16, 11/23, & 11/30. Please make reservations through the church office. The cost is \$30.00 for two arrangements and must be paid in advance.

Today's flowers on the communion table are in loving memory of William Perry Morgan given by The First Presbyterian Church of Avenel.

PRAYER GATHERING – is every Thursday evening at 8:00pm. 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) – is every Saturday morning 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 – is every Wednesday evening 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: LOGIN FOR 9/24/25 ONLY

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89370695191?pwd=yjCGIyaYGMcZ0hM1Y6MyljsQhgv85U.1> Meeting ID: 893 7069 5191 Passcode: 043690

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[Join instructions](#)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/89370695191/invitations?signature=BgB1-yY3pl235elef2Box6s1BzCCw4IT-PgZdyjo5s8>

GUEST MUSICIAN – for 9/21 & 9/28 is Janette Goleme. Janette has subbed as a church pianist for several years throughout NJ. She is also a singer and has sung opera, operetta, musical theater, and oratorio in the tri-state area. She teaches voice and piano, and has her own light opera company, Opera GoLightly in Metuchen.

GUEST MINISTER – for Sunday, 9/28 is Rev. Joshua Umboh. Joshua was born in Indonesia. His journey began at Universitas Kristen Indonesia Tomohon,

where he earned a Bachelor of Theological Studies (2015–2019). Driven by a desire to deepen his understanding of faith and its impact on the world, he pursued a Master of Sacred Theology at Drew University's Theological School (2021–2022). Since 2024, he has been serving in the Gereja Masehi Injili di Minahasa (GMIM) Congregation of New Jersey-New York, focusing on building a vibrant youth community and sharing the rich Minahasan culture through GMIM in our congregation. Now residing in Avenel, he seeks to combine his love for theology, preaching, and writing with his skills in cross-cultural communication.

MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE – **RAIN DATE** outdoor lunch and farewell celebration for Rev. Dr. Glen Misick and his wife, Jennifer, is Sunday, October 12th immediately following worship in the Church Parking Lot.

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 28

Matthew 25:35-40

“Goodness of God”

CeCe Winans

I love You, Lord
For Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

'Cause all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God, yeah

'Cause all my life You have been faithful, oh yes You have
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I surrendered now
I give You everything, oh Lord
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me (oh yeah, oh
yeah)
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me

With my life laid down, I surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, it keeps running after me
(turn over)

And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God
I'm gonna sing

All my life You have been faithful
(All of my life You've been faithful)
All my life You have been so, so good
(So good with every breath)
every breath that I am able
(Every breath I'm able)
I will sing (I'm gonna sing)
Of the goodness (of the goodness of God, yes I am)
I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God