

September 25, 2022
10:00 a.m.
16th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carolyn Gilligan

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

The word has come for us from God:

who promises to shelter us under the wings of hope and grace.

The word has come to us from Jesus:

who encourages us to remember the good news we have received.

The word flows to us from the Spirit:

who reminds us to place our hope and trust in God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We need to confess, God of Abraham and Lazarus, how often we are not content with the simple gifts and lives you offer. Tempted by everything, we can become insensitive to those who have nothing. Encouraged by the world to accumulate more, we may miss the chance to gather your goodness and godliness. Chasing after all which has no value, we may not have the energy to pursue the faith, the love, the gentleness you have for us. Forgive us, God of Reversals. You have sent the One who speaks the words we need to listen to in order to have life. Help us to remember how you have redeemed us, and in remembering, may we make that good confession that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior, now and forever.....(silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God has covered us with grace; under God's hope we will find shelter.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

OPENING HYMN #482 “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

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: Luke 16:19-31 (N.T. pgs. 79-80)

ANTHEM “We Belong to You” Trevor & Victoria Thomson

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SERMON: “The Living Bread”

Rev. David Bowman

SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #388 “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

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

CARRYING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN #420 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "We Are Called" David Haas

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

*Please stand if able

CONGREGATION MEETING

BY ORDER OF THE SESSION OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AVENEL, NEW JERSEY, A CONGREGATION MEETING WILL BE HELD TODAY *IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE*. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO DISCUSS THE MANSE.

Rev. David Bowman Bio:

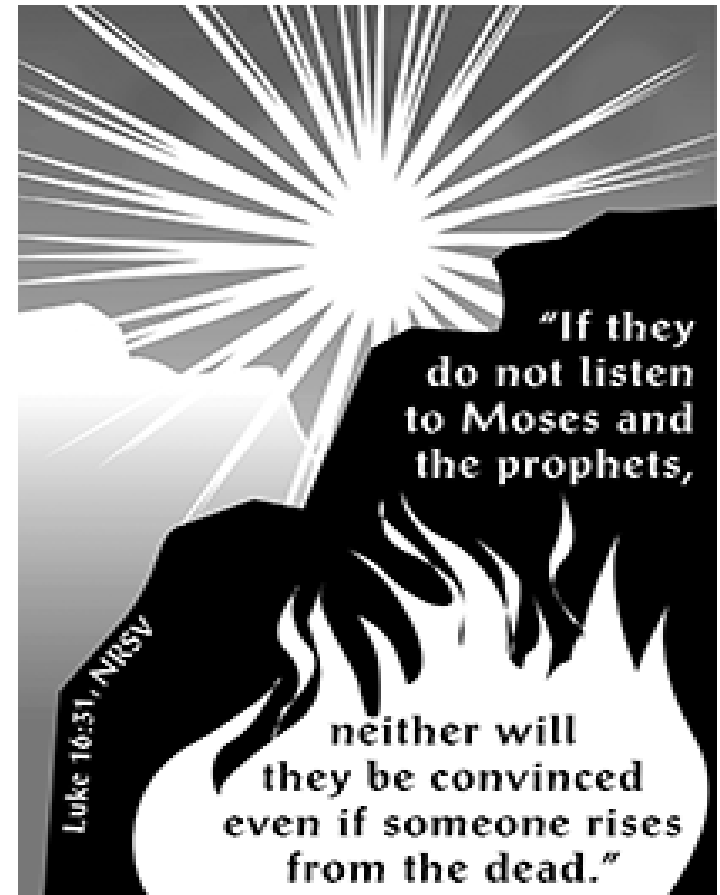
Rev David Bowman is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary and has served in a pastoral role in several Presbyterian Churches in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. For the past 17 years he has been Pastoral Ministries Manager at Seabrook Village, a large continuing care retirement community in Tinton Falls, NJ. He resides on a small farm in New Egypt, NJ.

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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 – 1st LT, – Stephanie & Charlie Kurowsky's niece

Jeffrey Hansen – 1st LT, Kuwait, Stephanie & Charlie Kurowsky's nephew

Steven Stockl – Carolyn & Jake Stockl's nephew

OVERSEAS

Daniel Hedner – deployed to Japan – Carolyn & Jake 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 –

Boys Town

Camp Johnsonburg

Christian Appalachian Project, Kentucky

Elijah's Promise, New Jersey

International Justice Mission, Washington DC

International Students, Inc.

Mr. Matt Barany Jr., who serves with Second Level Ministry

Reliant Redemption Church, Pennsylvania

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 25, 2022

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

Please pray for James Tuerke, Emily Palmer's brother, who has been diagnosed with Lukemia. He will be in CHOP (Children's Hospital of Philadelphia) for 2 weeks and then to another facility for about 2 months to continue his chem treatments. Please also pray for Emily.

2nd Week

3rd Week

Prayers for the Spewak family on the passing of John, Carol Palmer's sister's father-in-law.

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

Carol Palmer and 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

STEWARDSHIP 2021

In an effort to help our congregation track our annual budget as it compares to giving, the Session has decided to include a brief monthly report. We are a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, and are completely dependent upon tithes, offerings, and donations to fulfill our budgeted expenses.

General Fund Balance	Net for the month	YTD
12/31/2021 \$ 76,156.39		
01/31/2022 \$ 73,393.05	\$(2,753.34)	\$(2,753.34)
02/28/2022 \$ 73,809.90	\$ 416.85	\$(2,336.49)
03/31/2022 \$ 64,806.01	\$(9,003.89)	\$(11,340.38)
04/30/2022 \$ 59,120.22	\$(5,685.79)	\$(17,026.17)
05/31/2022 \$ 54,878.34	\$(4,241.88)	\$(21,268.05)
06/30/2022 \$ 60,701.39	\$ 5,823.05	\$(15,445.00)
07/31/2022 \$ 67,525.20	\$ 6,823.81	\$(8,621.19)
08/31/2022 \$ 74,944.98	\$ 7,419.78	\$(1,201.41)

CHURCH PROPERTY ACTIVE STEWARDS NEEDED (for pay) – When we rent church property such as the gym (Westminster Hall) or Jacob Morgan Hall, a church member must be present on site. Stewards open/close the building and oversee good property stewardship. For their service, stewards are paid \$12/hour (by renters). If you are able to serve in this way (occasionally or regularly), or have questions or would like more information, please call the church office from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday.

Per Capita Amount has been changed from \$45.00 to \$40.00

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 25, 2022

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Guest Preacher–Rev. David Bowman)
Live Stream-Facebook
- 11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting-Sanctuary

MONDAY, September 26, 2022

TUESDAY, September 27, 2022

- 10:00 p.m. JoAnn’s Food Pantry – CE Bldg.
- 6:30 p.m. Presbytery Meeting – Zoom (Belinda Kerchner)

WEDNESDAY, September 28, 2022

THURSDAY, September 29, 2022

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

FRIDAY, September 30, 2022

SATURDAY, October 1, 2022

- 9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

SUNDAY, October 2, 2022

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Guest Preacher–Rev. Mike Atzert)
Live Stream-Facebook

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY – The following dates are available on the chancel flower calendar: October 2nd & October 9th. Reservations for chancel flowers may be made through the church office. The cost is \$30.00 for two arrangements and is to be paid in advance.

*The flowers are in memory for Delia Cruz's family loss given by
Robert R. Haynes, Jr.*

PRAYER GATHERING – is every Thursday evening at 8 pm. Dial (425) 436-6302 then enter code 773724#. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Kosakowski 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 at the church. Please tell your friends, especially shut ins.

BULLETINS – will now be on our website. Weekly bulletins can be emailed as well. If you would like a weekly bulletin emailed, please contact the Church Office to be put on the emailing list.

SIT AND KNIT (and CROCHET) – is 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. We can learn new things from each other.

WALTER HOVING HOME – will be celebrating 55 years and hosting a two-night Faith, Hope, and Love banquet at the Palace at Somerset Park beginning Thursday, September 29th. Registration is 6:00pm and Dinner and Program to follow at 7:00pm. Please visit WWW.HOVINGHOME.ORG/NJ Tickets for details.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT FALL FEST – Mark your calendars! Friday, 10/28 5:00-7:00pm in the Sanctuary parking lot. Free hot dogs, games, and crafts. If you would like to decorate your car and pass out candy, or to man a table or game, see the sign-up sheet in the back

of the Sanctuary. If you have questions, contact Cindy Culton at 732-261-3720

GUEST PREACHER – for Sunday, October 2, 2022, is Rev. Mike Atzert. He is a Hospice Chaplain after serving as pastor of Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church (Ringoes) for 8 years and First Presbyterian Church of Blackwood, NJ for 10 years. Mike graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2003 and was ordained by New Castle Presbytery (Delaware). Mike has been married to Amy for 30 years. They have two daughters, a son-in-law, a future son-in-law, and a rescue dog named Auggie.

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, October 2nd

Luke 17:5-10
1 Timothy 1:1-14



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Ferrie Sept. 5, 2022.†