

October 3, 2021

10:00 a.m.

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of Preparation *(for silent meditation before worship)*
Spirit of God, give us ears to hear, eyes to see, minds to understand,
and feet to live out the Living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Elaine Ferrie-Kaczmarek

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Triune God, we fail to remember and rejoice in Your covenantal promises. In the daily battle against the world, the flesh and the Devil, we forget to put on Your full armor. Transform us daily as we are clothed with the shining garment of Christ's righteousness.....(silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

.....The Lord Jesus Christ keeps His promise of mercy bestowed on us in the Sacrament of Baptism.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

*OPENING HYMN #98 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 10:15-25 (N.T pgs. 224-225)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SERMON: "Good Friday in October"

Rev. Dr. Ken Macari

SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #101 "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.

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.

HYMN #95 "He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word"

CARRYING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN #102 "Were You There?"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE ““We Praise You” Darryl Ducote and Gary Daigle

*Please stand if able

Rev. Dr. Ken Macari Bio:

Rev. Dr. Ken Macari is an honorably retired minister of the Elizabeth Presbytery. He earned both a Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry from Gordon-Conwell Seminary in MA. He has served churches in his native Philadelphia, PA, Buffalo, NY, and, most recently, at Community Presbyterian, Edison. Ken now currently volunteers at the Fanwood Church where his wife, Linda, serves on session. He regularly serves as a pulpit supply throughout New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

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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

Daniel Hedner – Carolyn & Jake Stockl's nephew

Steven Stockl – Carolyn & Jake Stockl's nephew

Amy Updike

Rob – serving in the U.S. Navy, San Diego, CA. - Lynn & Wayne Dubin's son.

Anthony Service – U.S. Air Force, in San Antonio.

OVERSEAS

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

Elizabeth Port Presbyterian Church Children's Center, NJ

International Justice Mission, Washington DC

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 October 3, 2021

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

Prayers for Carol Palmer. She took a CAT SCAN on 9/28 to determine outcome of HIPEC procedure. Please pray for Larry, her husband, and their extended families.

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

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
12/31/2020	\$109,515.39		
01/31/2021	\$104,658.48	\$(4,856.91)	\$(4,856.91)
02/28/2021	\$100,834.39	\$(3,824.09)	\$(8,681.00)
03/31/2021	\$ 94,305.80	\$(6,528.59)	\$(15,209.59)
04/30/2021	\$ 88,398.27	\$(5,907.53)	\$(21,117.12)
05/31/2021	\$ 86,186.03	\$(2,212.24)	\$(23,329.36)
06/30/2021	\$ 83,254.27	\$(2,931.76)	\$(26,261.12)
07/31/2021	\$ 70,951.00	\$(12,303.27)	\$(38,564.39)
08/31/2021	\$ 71,414.52	\$ 463.52	\$(38,100.87)

CHURCH PROPERTY 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.

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, October 3, 2021

10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Guest Preacher–Rev. Dr. Ken Macari)
Live Stream-Facebook

MONDAY, October 4, 2021

7:00 p.m. Property Care/Stewardship Mtg – CR

TUESDAY, October 5, 2021

2:00 p.m. Mission/Outreach Mtg – CO
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Mtg – CO
7:30 p.m. Christian Education Mtg – SSO

WEDNESDAY, October 6, 2021

THURSDAY, October 7, 2021

8:00 p.m. Prayer Gathering – Dial In

FRIDAY, October 8, 2021

SATURDAY, October 9, 2021

SUNDAY, October 10, 2021

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

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

SUNDAY SCHOOL – will begin in October. Dates to follow shortly.

YOUTH GROUP – will begin in October. Dates to follow shortly.

CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY – The following dates are available on the chancel flower calendar: October 17th & October 31st. Reservations for chancel flowers may be made through the church office. The cost is \$30.00 for two arrangements.

CHILD CARE – is available for infants and those not yet in Kindergarten in the care room in the back of the Sanctuary. Please let an usher know if you would like to have your child there during the service. We will have a Toddler Care volunteer to help.

PRAYER GATHERING – is on Thursday evenings at 8 pm. Dial (425) 436-6302 then enter code 773724#. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Kosakowski 908-930-3628.

God said, "Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me and I will hear you." Jeremiah 29:12

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 and 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.

LIVE STREAM CAMERA VOLUNTEERS – The mission team is asking for several people to consider operating the live streaming camera so we can insure no interruptions in our outreach. It is easy, requires very little work once setup. Stephen will show exactly how to operate. If you are willing, see Stephen after worship or Bob Toro.

GUEST PREACHER – for Sunday, October 10, 2021, is Rev. William Reyes. He was born in Caguas, Puerto Rico. He came to New York City after high school. He obtained an Associate Degree in Human Services psychology from La Guardia Community College of City University of New York (CUNY). He also has a Bachelor Science Degree from John Jay College of Criminal Justice (CUNY). He received a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary. He acquired a certificate in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) from New York Presbyterian Psychiatric Hospital Westchester Division. He accomplished a certification in Transitional and Interim Ministry from Princeton Theological Seminary. He completed and received a certificate in Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders, sponsored by the Synod of the Northeast (PCUSA); Presented by the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center - Lombard, IL. He is honorably retired. And he is certified ready for a call and ordination. He is married to the Reverend Carmen M. Rosario, an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

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, the worship assistant or Pastor Bob.

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Scriptures for Sunday, October 10th

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Mark 10:17-31