

October 6, 2024

10:00 a.m.

20th Sunday after Pentecost/World Communion Sunday

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**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robert Toro

THE SONG OF PRAISE

“Alpha & Omega”

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

**sing the glory of His name;**

give to Him glorious praise!

**Say to God, “How awesome are Your deeds!**

So great is Your power that Your enemies come cringing to You.

**All the earth worships You**

and sings praises to You;

**they sing praises to Your name.”**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. Glen Misick

OPENING HYMN #220 “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious Lord, creator of this universe, in Your generosity You have given us a world of abundance and diversity, yet we live guided by greed and selfishness. In Christ, You made us brothers and sisters and intended for us to be united, and yet we have built walls to separate us. You gave us laws to order our lives, and we have abused them to take revenge and punish our enemies. We love war rather than strive for peace. We ignore the poor and the weak and honored the rich and powerful. In all this we have not**

**lived according to Your will. Forgive us, Lord, for daring to boast in our human achievements and for failing to recognize that You alone are worthy of praise. In Your mercy, forgive us our sins.....(silence for personal confession)**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Dr. Glen Misick

“God accepted us simply because of our faith in Christ,” through whom our sins were forgiven. May he help us to continue to “preach peace to those who are near and far.”

**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:

Jeremiah 8:18-22 (O. T. pg. 709)

Revelation (N. T. pg. 260)

MUSICAL SELECTION

William Gorman

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

SERMON:

“A Vision of Hope”

Rev. Dr. Glen Misick

**SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*RESPONSE HYMN #394

“There is A Balm in Gilead”

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 #361 "How Firm a Foundation"

\*BENEDICTION

MUSICAL POSTLUDE (A QUIET TIME OF REFLECTION)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

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

\*Please stand if able

First Presbyterian Church of Avenel

621 East Woodbridge Avenue

Avenel, NJ 07001

Rev. Dr. Glen Misick

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"A Vision of Hope"

### **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*

*October 6, 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*

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

*2<sup>nd</sup> Week*

*3<sup>rd</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 her last chemotherapy treatment.

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

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

*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, October 6, 2024**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Live Stream–Facebook

#### **MONDAY, October 7, 2024**

4:30 p.m. Property Care Meeting – CO

#### **TUESDAY, October 8, 2024**

4:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting – CO

#### **WEDNESDAY, October 9, 2024**

5:00 p.m. Bible Study – JMH

#### **THURSDAY, October 10, 2024**

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

#### **FRIDAY, October 11, 2024**

Last day to **RSVP** for Leadership Workshop

#### **SATURDAY, October 12, 2024**

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

#### **SUNDAY, October 13, 2024**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service – (Guest Minister-Rev. Lydia Tembo)  
Live Stream–Facebook

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

**CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY** – The following dates are open 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 memory of Ilene Nisbet.  
Given with love by  
Barbara and Nick Altieri*

**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.

**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** – has begun on September 25<sup>th</sup> and will continue every Wednesday from 5:00pm-5:50pm 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 MINISTER** – for Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> is Rev. Lydia Tembo. Rev. Tembo is a Zambian born, semi-cradle Presbyterian, raised in Forest Hills, NY. Rev. Tembo earned a Master of Divinity and a Certificate in Theology, Women and Gender from Princeton Theological Seminary. Rev. Tembo is the Director of Admissions at Princeton Theological Seminary and serves as a discernment partner for those exploring their sense of call to ministry and theological education. She enjoys walks to the local coffee shop with her partner Michael and their daughter Seraphina.

**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.

**WALTER HOVING HOME** – Please join us on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am as the ladies from the Walter Hoving Home will share their faith journeys and sing some songs. This always proves to be a very inspiring and emotional service.

**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> from 1:00pm – 3:00pm in Jacob Morgan Hall. Invitation/reservation form and details are in the bulletin attachment. Reservation deadline is **November 1<sup>st</sup>**.

## 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.*

Pastor	Rev. Glen C. Misick	<a href="mailto:gmisick@gmail.com">gmisick@gmail.com</a>
William Gorman	Music Director	<a href="mailto:williamgormanmusic@gmail.com">williamgormanmusic@gmail.com</a>
Michael Peterson	Sexton	<a href="mailto:avenelpres@gmail.com">avenelpres@gmail.com</a>
Belinda Kerchner	SS Superintendent	For 2024
Linda Vassallo	Church Office	(732) 634-1631
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	Church Email	<a href="mailto:avenelpres@gmail.com">avenelpres@gmail.com</a>
	Church Website	<a href="http://avenelpresbyterianchurch.org">avenelpresbyterianchurch.org</a>

*Scripture for Sunday, October 13th*

**Mark 10:17-31**

The First Presbyterian  
Church of Avenel's 3rd Annual

# TRUNK OR TREAT

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

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

CANDY

HOTDOGS

GAMES

CIDER  
& DONUTS

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## Sermon Notes

Sunday:

Preacher:

Sermon Topic/Theme:

Scripture:

Point # 1:

Point # 2

Point # 3





You are cordially invited to attend a

**Ladies Tea**

Saturday, November 16, 2024

First Presbyterian Church Avenel  
Jacob Morgan Hall  
**1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

**RSVP by November 1**

**Please return this portion with your donation to:**

Cindy Culton  
C/O First Presbyterian  
Church Avenel  
631 E. Woodbridge Avenue  
Avenel, NJ 07001

Please make all checks payable to:  
**First Presbyterian Church of Avenel**  
(also note "Tea" on check memo)

Donation \$20.00 per person

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

If you are paying for more than yourself, please list the names of your friends that you will be sitting with, along with donations.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Guests to be seated with you

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Tables seat 8 ladies each. To reserve a table of 8, payment must be received along with the names of each guest. Reservations must be made early. We are limited to 80 guests.

\*\* Guests must be at least 13 years old

**WRESTLING N WRECOVERY**

**1st Annual Haunted  
Halloween Live Pro Wrestling  
Show and Halloween Event**

**First Presbyterian Church of  
Avenel, NJ  
621 E. Woodbridge Ave.  
Avenel, NJ**

**\$10.00 Tickets  
Renee 908-265-3319**

**NOVEMBER 2, 2024  
2:00pm - 6:00pm**