

**October 13, 2024**

**10:00 a.m.**

**21st Sunday after Pentecost**

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**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Gayle Nolan

THE SONG OF PRAISE “Alpha & Omega” [insert]

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

CALL TO WORSHIP

The kingdom of God is at hand.

**We want to enter this kingdom.**

The mercy of God is made known.

**We want to receive this mercy.**

The grace of God is abundant for all.

**We praise you, O God, for Your compassion and Your love. Accept our grateful praise as we come to worship You today.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Rev. Lydia Tembo

OPENING HYMN #324 “Open My Eyes That I May See”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, we look for You in the wrong places. We put our trust in material things. We worry about things we cannot change. We wonder if You are even there at all. For all the times we have doubted You, Lord, forgive us. For all the ways we have neglected Your word and ignored Your people, forgive us. Do not be far from us, Lord. There is no one else we can turn to for help. Renew our fickle hearts and help us put our trust in You.....(silence for personal confession)**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Lydia Tembo

There is no wrong that God cannot make right. There is no chasm that can separate us from God’s love. The Lord is patient and kind, generous and good. God will not forsake you or leave you. Turn to the Lord with confidence and put your faith in God’s great mercy. By the power of Jesus Christ, we are made whole. In Jesus 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: Mark 10:17-31 (N.T. pg.46)

Children’s Sermon

MUSICAL SELECTION “How Beautiful” Twila Paris

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

SERMON: “The God of the Impossible” Rev. Lydia Tembo

**SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*RESPONSE HYMN #263 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

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 #426 "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

\*BENEDICTION

MUSICAL POSTLUDE (A QUIET TIME OF REFLECTION)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

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

\*Please stand if able

### **REV. LYDIA TEMBO BIO:**

Rev. Lydia 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.

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621 East Woodbridge Avenue

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“The God of the Impossible”

### **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 13, 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*

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

*3<sup>rd</sup> Week*

*4<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 her last chemotherapy treatment.

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

*6<sup>th</sup> Week*

*Prayers and Sympathies*

*Charles Olah, son of Robbie, went home to our Lord, Thursday, 10/10. He died peacefully at home. Please keep Robbie and her family in your prayers at this very sad time.*

*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 13, 2024**

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

#### **MONDAY, October 14, 2024**

#### **TUESDAY, October 15, 2024**

#### **WEDNESDAY, October 16, 2024**

5:00 p.m. Bible Study – JMH (**CANCELLED**)

#### **THURSDAY, October 17, 2024**

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

#### **FRIDAY, October 18, 2024**

#### **SATURDAY, October 19, 2024**

9:00 a.m. Leadership Workshop – JMH  
9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

#### **SUNDAY, October 20, 2024**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service – Walter Hoving Home  
(Guest Musician-Jon Benjamim)  
Live Stream–Facebook

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

**CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY** – The following dates are open 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, & 11/24. 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 Lillian Thorsen  
on her 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday.*

*Given with love by her family*

**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.

**BIBLE STUDY** – is cancelled for Wednesday, 10/16. It will resume Wednesday, 10/23.

**LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP** – is this Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am in Jacob Morgan Hall.

**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. Reservation form and details are in the bulletin attachment. Reservation deadline is **November 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**GUEST MUSICIAN** – for Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> is Jonathan Benjamin. Since the completion of his Masters of Music at Rice University, Jonathan Benjamin has built a varied career as a pianist, composer, and arranger. Since returning to his home state of New Jersey, Jon has played at Broadway Dance, Steps Over Broadway, and American Ballet Theater. His projects for American Repertory Ballet include a restaging of Twyla Tharp's Eight Jelly Rolls and Kirk Peterson's Eyes That Gently Touch. Most recently, he collaborated with Ethan Stiefel on Stiefel's new production of Midsummer Night's Dream. Jon keeps a busy freelance career throughout the New Jersey area.

## 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>gmisick@gmail.com</i>
<i>William Gorman</i>	<i>Music Director</i>	<i>williamgormanmusic@gmail.com</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, October 20<sup>th</sup>*

**Psalm 27; Matthew 28:18-20**

The First Presbyterian  
Church of Avenel's 3rd Annual

# TRUNK OR TREAT

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

CANDY

HOTDOGS

GAMES

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

CIDER  
& DONUTS

PHOTO OPS



## “ALPHA AND OMEGA”

You are Alpha and Omega,  
We worship You, our Lord  
You are worthy to be praised  
You are Alpha and Omega  
We worship You, our Lord  
You are worthy to be praised

We give You all the glory  
We worship You, our Lord  
You are worthy to be praised  
We give You all the glory  
We worship You, our Lord  
You are worthy to be praised



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  
621 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**