

**October 20, 2024**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**22nd Sunday after Pentecost**

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**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Carolyn Gillian

THE INTROIT “Here I Am to Worship” Tim Hughes

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

CALL TO WORSHIP

O come, let us sing to the Lord:

**Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;

**Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Rev. Dr. Glen Misick

OPENING HYMN #464 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

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 God of David, the father of Jesus knows all that we are. In God’s love and grace, we know that we are indeed cleansed from

all our sin and sustained by the Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ, God’s ultimate sacrifice, 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: Psalm 27 (O.T. pgs. 503-504)  
Matthew 28:18-20 (N.T. pg. 34)

MUSICAL SELECTION “Angus Dei” Michael W. Smith

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS Elder, Carolyn Stevenson

TESTIMONIALS: “The Ladies Choir of Walter Hoving Home”

**SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*RESPONSE HYMN #276 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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 #391 "Take My Life"

\*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

October 20, 2024



*Having Home*  
REBUILDING SHATTERED LIVES

"Testimonials and The Ladies Choir"

**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

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 20, 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*

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

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

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

*5<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.

*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 20, 2024**

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

#### **MONDAY, October 21, 2024**

#### **TUESDAY, October 22, 2024**

6:30 p.m. Session Meeting – Via Zoom

#### **WEDNESDAY, October 23, 2024**

5:00 p.m. Bible Study – JMH

#### **THURSDAY, October 24, 2024**

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

#### **FRIDAY, October 25, 2024**

#### **SATURDAY, October 26, 2024**

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR  
10:00 a.m. His Hands Clothes Closet – CE Bldg.  
4:00 p.m. Trunk-Or-Treat – Sanctuary Parking Lot

#### **SUNDAY, October 27, 2024**

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

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

**CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY** – The following dates are open 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.

**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 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 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 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

**TRUNK-OR-TREAT** – Our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Trunk-Or-Treat is this Saturday, October 26th 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** – today 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>
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	<i>Church Website</i>	<i>avenelpresbyterianchurch.org</i>

*Scripture for Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>*

**Psalm 24**

**Deuteronomy 9:10-13**

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

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& 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  
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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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**