

October 23, 2022

10:00 a.m.

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hanna Pallitto

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

A day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

**For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.**

O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you. Come, let us worship the Lord, our God.

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.....(silence for personal confession)**

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

OPENING HYMN #376 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

#### 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 14:7-10, 19-22 (O.T. pgs. 715-716)

Luke 18:9-14 (N.T. pg. 81)

ANTHEM

"You Alone"

Sarah Hart, Dwight Liles

#### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Sermon

SERMON:

"A Humble Heart"

Rev. Emily Lueder

#### SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN #335

"Though I May Speak"

#### 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 #383 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Alleluia! Raise the Gospel"  
Bernadette Farrell, Owen Alstott

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

\*Please stand if able

### **Rev. Emily Lueder Bio:**

Originally from Northwest Indiana, Emily studied theology and ministry and philanthropic leadership and service at Valparaiso University. She moved to Princeton, NJ and graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2019. She completed her yearlong chaplain residency at the Mount Sinai Hospital in Manhattan and currently serves as a palliative care chaplain with Hackensack Meridian Health. In her free time, Emily enjoys all things Golden Girls and Abraham Lincoln.

First Presbyterian Church of Avenel

621 East Woodbridge Avenue

Avenel, NJ 07001

October 23, 2022

Those who  
humble  
themselves  
will be  
exalted.

Luke 18:14, NIV



"A Humble Heart"

Rev. Emily Lueder

### 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> LT, – Stephanie & Charlie Kurowsky's niece

Jeffrey Hansen – 1<sup>st</sup> 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*

October 23, 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*

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

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

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

Please continue your prayers for Maritza and her family, especially her dad who has health issues.

Prayers Donna, Emily Palmer's Mom. She fell and broke her wrist and will need surgery.

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

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.

*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***

*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) |
| 02/28/2022           | \$ 73,809.90      | \$ 416.85     |
| 03/31/2022           | \$ 64,806.01      | \$( 9,003.89) |
| 04/30/2022           | \$ 59,120.22      | \$( 5,685.79) |
| 05/31/2022           | \$ 54,878.34      | \$( 4,241.88) |
| 06/30/2022           | \$ 60,701.39      | \$ 5,823.05   |
| 07/31/2022           | \$ 67,525.20      | \$ 6,823.81   |
| 08/31/2022           | \$ 74,944.98      | \$ 7,419.78   |
| 09/30/2022           | \$ 74,880.75      | \$ (64.23)    |
|                      |                   | \$( 1,265.64) |

**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, October 23, 2022

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

#### MONDAY, October 24, 2022

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting – KHL

#### TUESDAY, October 25, 2022

10:00 a.m. JoAnn's Food Pantry – CE Bldg.

#### WEDNESDAY, October 26, 2022

#### THURSDAY, October 27, 2022

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

#### FRIDAY, October 28, 2022

5:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat Fall Fest – Sanctuary Parking Lot

#### SATURDAY, October 29, 2022

9:00 a.m. His Hands Clothes Closet – GYM  
9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR  
1:00 p.m. Wrestling-N-WRecovery-Gym

#### SUNDAY, October 30, 2022

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
(Guest Preacher–Rev. William Owen" Tex" Culton)  
Baptism-Mary James Pallitto  
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: November 6th & November 13th. 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.

**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 at the 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. We can learn new things from each other.

**TRUNK-OR-TREAT FALL FEST** – this 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.

**PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST** – Iselin Presbytery will be hosting a pumpkin decorating contest. Submit a photo to Margarita at [Margarita01@comcast.net](mailto:Margarita01@comcast.net) by Thursday, 10/27. Winner(s) will be published in November issue of Spire.

**WRESTLING-N-WRECOVERY** – on Saturday, Oct 29<sup>th</sup> event will be in our gym. This organization is a fun family event for all recovering addicts. They will have vendors, food, and all types of addiction

literature. All are invited! For ticket information, please email: [Wrestlingnwrecovery@yahoo.com](mailto:Wrestlingnwrecovery@yahoo.com)  
Any other questions please see Carolyn Stevenson.

**GUEST PREACHER** – for Sunday, October 30, 2022, is Rev. William Owen “Tex” Culton. Tex grew up in Avenel. College and graduate school: Tusculum & University of Tennessee, Princeton Theological Seminary. He was ordained here (Oct. 1969) and served the next 40 years at Frenchtown Presbyterian. Following retirement, he served as interim in five churches. He has a wife, Kendel, two children, Leah - Leandro and Aaron - Melody, four grandchildren, Aaron, Samantha, Emily, Alexia and a dog named Maia. His brother, Richard and his family are long time members of Avenel. He is honored to be a part of the salvation history of Avenel Presbyterian and the baptism of Mary next Sunday before All Saint's Day.

## 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.*

|                    |                   |  |
|--------------------|-------------------|--|
| Joseph Fernandez   | Music Director    | <a href="mailto:resolutjoe@gmail.com">resolutjoe@gmail.com</a>                   |
| Michael Peterson   | Sexton            | <a href="mailto:avenelpres@gmail.com">avenelpres@gmail.com</a>                   |
| Stephanie Kurowsky | Stream Lines      | <a href="mailto:avenelstreamlines@comcast.net">avenelstreamlines@comcast.net</a> |
| Belinda Kerchner   | SS Superintendent | For 2022   |
| Linda Vassallo     | Church Office     | (732) 634-1631   |
| Susan Smolsky      | Webmaster         | <a href="mailto:rustisioux@comcast.net">rustisioux@comcast.net</a>               |
|                    | Church Email      | <a href="mailto:avenelpres@gmail.com">avenelpres@gmail.com</a>                   |
|                    | Church Website    | <a href="http://avenelpresbyterianchurch.org">avenelpresbyterianchurch.org</a>   |

*Scriptures for Sunday, October 30th*

**Deuteronomy 6:1-9**

**Mark 12:28-34**