

October 29, 2023

10:00 a.m.

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Carolyn Stevenson

PRELUDE "Love Goes On" Bernadette Farrell

### 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.

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name.....(silence for personal confession)**

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

OPENING HYMN #220 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

#### 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 Matthew 28:18-20 (N.T. pg. 34)

ANTHEM "The Summons" KELVINGROVE, John L. Bell

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Sermon

SERMON: "Fulfilling the Mission of Christ on Earth"  
Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

### SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*RESPONSE HYMN #372 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

#### 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 #525 "Here I Am, Lord"

\*BENEDICTION

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

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

\*Please stand if able

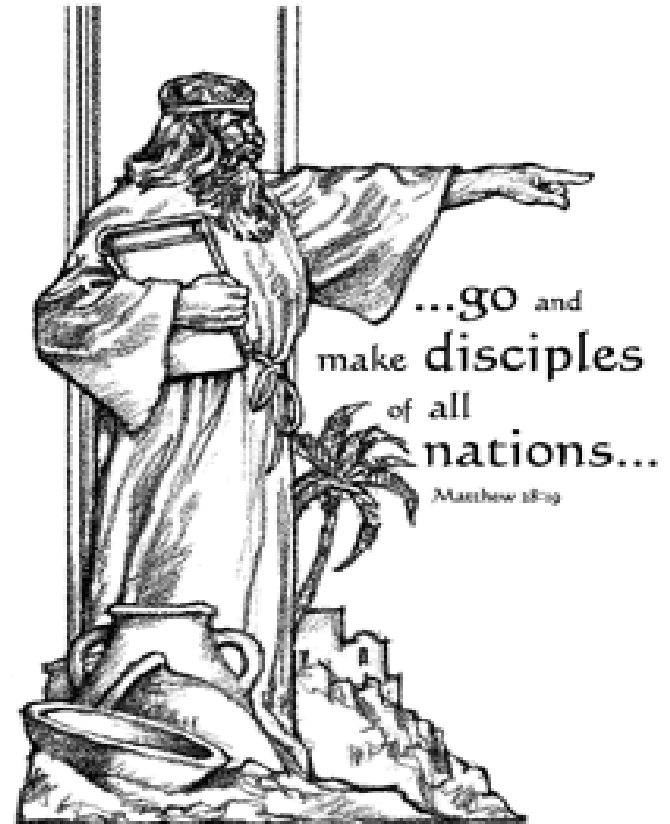


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621 East Woodbridge Avenue

Avenel, NJ 07001

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"Fulfilling the Mission of Christ on Earth"

Dr. Rev. Glen C. Misick

### **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

Steven Stockl – Carolyn & Jake Stockl’s nephew

#### **OVERSEAS**

Daniel Hedner – deployed to Japan – Carolyn & Jake 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 –

Boys Town

Christian Appalachian Project, Kentucky

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 29, 2023***

***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*

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

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

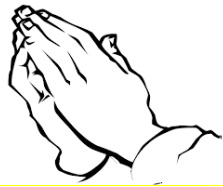
*Prayers and Sympathies*

*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

**STEWARDSHIP 2023**

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
12/31/2022	\$ 83,459.40		
01/31/2023	\$ 80,730.57	\$(2,728.83)	\$( 2,728.83)
02/28/2023	\$ 79,873.93	\$ (856.64)	\$( 3,585.47)
03/31/2023	\$ 79,283.62	\$ (590.31)	\$( 4,175.78)
04/30/2023	\$ 79,248.48	\$ (35.24)	\$( 4,210.92)
05/31/2023	\$ 80,317.20	\$ 1,068.72	\$( 3,142.20)
06/30/2023	\$ 85,270.39	\$ 4,953.19	\$ 1,810.99
07/31/2023	\$ 90,105.95	\$ 4,835.56	\$ 6,646.55
08/31/2023	\$ 91,709.07	\$ 1,602.12	\$ 8,249.67
09/30/2023	\$ 94,254.05	\$ 2,544.98	\$10,794.65

**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 \$14/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 29, 2023**

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

**MONDAY, October 30, 2023**

**TUESDAY, October 31, 2023**

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

**WEDNESDAY, November 1, 2023**

**All Saints' Day**

10:30 a.m. Property Care Mtg. – CO

**THURSDAY, November 2, 2023**

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

**FRIDAY, November 3, 2023**

**SATURDAY, November 4, 2023**

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

***DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS - Turn Clocks Back One Hour This Evening***

**SUNDAY, November 5, 2023**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
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 open: 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, & 11/26. 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 the glory of God.*

**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 now 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.

**WALTER HOVING HOME** – once again we will participate in giving Christmas Donations to the ladies. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

**PASTORAL LETTER AND BIBLE STUDY SURVEY** – is attached. Please read and fill out the survey.



## 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  
Michael Peterson  
Stephanie Kurowsky  
Belinda Kerchner  
Linda Vassallo  
Susan Smolsky

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*Scripture for Sunday, November 5th*

Acts 20:7-12

Greetings,

I am grateful to be able to send out this email to invite you all to opportunities to get involved with us for the upcoming holiday season and the events that take place during this time. We are preparing to make sure our ladies have a blessed holiday as they enjoy and create new memories that are surrounded by the love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Below are two ways to get involved:

1. **Christmas Donations** – Please, if it has been placed on your heart to donate gifts or know of someone who would like to donate gifts to our ladies according to our needs there is a list of gift ideas attached. All gifts are to be donated unwrapped by **December 15, 2023**. You may provide the gift wrap, box or bag of your choice!

2. **Christmas Wrapping Week – Starting December 18-22**

Please come share your wrapping skills of various presents – and organizational skills necessary to log and categorize the gifts that have been donated. There will be cookies, hot cocoa, coffee, Christmas music and lots of cheer during the scheduled time slots.

***We look forward to hearing from you and seeing how the Lord works in this season for the ladies! Thank you for all you do for the kingdom and for our ladies! Please contact [ccaldwell@hovinghome.org](mailto:ccaldwell@hovinghome.org) with any questions or to set up donations times.***

Zoe Barkon | Program Manager

**Hoving Home**

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## Hoving Home Christmas Gift Ideas

### For the House:

Vacuum Cleaners - Brooms & Mops

“HE” Laundry Detergent - Dish Soap & Hand Soap - Disinfectant

Copy Paper (not WB Mason) - Bath & Shower Mats

Cleaning Supplies - College Lined Notebooks - Swiffer Dusters Plastic

Shower Curtains - All Sizes New Sports Bras - Pajamas All Sizes New Underwear Packages - All Sizes New Socks

### For the Ladies:

UGG Boots/Shoes/Sneakers, Cardigans, Clear Water Bottles, Laundry Bags, Devotionals, Winter Wear, Slippers/Socks, Book Bags, Curling Irons/Flat Irons, Purses/Wallets

Stationary/Stamps, Perfume (no twist off cap), Writing Journals, Christian Books, Watches/Fit Bit, Batteries AA/AAA, Hair Dryers, Pajamas/Night Gowns/Robes (all sizes), Flashlights, Make-Up Cases/Shower Caddies, Make-Up, Manicure Kits, Jewelry, Bibles (NIV), Alarm Clocks (no radios), MP3 Players (Eclipse Fit Clip no radio), Bible Highlighter, Markers, Pens, Toiletries, Lotions, Hygiene Products, Photo Albums/Frames (no candles), Book Lights/Night Light that clips to bed, African American Hair Products

IF YOU OR YOUR CHURCH CAN HELP US WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE ITEMS:

Please drop off any time before, but no later than December 15, 2023

You can donate gifts- wrapped or unwrapped.

Please Contact: Chelsea Caldwell at 908-651-5846 or email:

[ccaldwell@hovinghome.org](mailto:ccaldwell@hovinghome.org)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT

## **Pastoral Letter to Members of First Presbyterian Church of Avenel**

Dear beloved members of the First Presbyterian Church of Avenel,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is with great joy and excitement that I write to you today as your newly appointed part-time Pastor. I am truly delighted and humbled to have the opportunity to serve alongside you in ministry to the Avenel and surrounding communities.

First and foremost, I want to express my gratitude for the warm welcome I have received since stepping into this role. Your kindness and hospitality have made me feel at home, and I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this loving congregation. I want to add a special thanks to the Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) for their hard work in this process. Together, I believe we can make a significant impact in the lives of those we encounter, sharing the transformative power of the Gospel.

As your Pastor, my primary focus will be on preaching and teaching the Word of God. I believe that the proclamation of biblical truths is vital in providing focus and direction to the Body of Christ, especially in this 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Therefore, I am committed to delivering sermons that are rooted in Scripture, relevant to our lives, and inspiring to our faith. I am excited to share God's Word with you, and I pray that our time together in worship will be enriching and edifying for all.

In addition to preaching, I am also in the process of developing a Bible Study class for our congregation. However, I value your input and would like to gauge your spiritual temperature and availability for such a class. Therefore, I have included a brief survey (see attachment) for you to peruse and solicit your response. Your participation will greatly assist me in determining the best time and format for our Bible Study.

Finally, as we embark on this journey together, I want to assure you of my commitment to serve you faithfully and to walk alongside you in your spiritual growth. I am here to support and encourage you in your journey of faith, and I encourage you to reach out to me with any questions, concerns, or prayer requests you may have.

Let us pray for one another, for our community, and for God's guidance and wisdom as we step into this new season of ministry together. May the Holy Spirit empower us, unite us, and use us for His glory.

With love and gratitude,

Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick  
Pastor  
First Presbyterian Church of Avenel  
New Jersey



**First Presbyterian Church of Avenel  
New Jersey**

**Bible Study with Pastor Glen C. Misick**

**SURVEY**

1. Please indicate your preference by checking your availability for a Bible Study class:

- Wednesday evenings (Zoom) \_\_\_\_\_
- Tuesday afternoons (In-person) \_\_\_\_\_
- Sunday mornings \_\_\_\_\_

2. Please check topics that interests you for Bible Study:

- Journey Into Changing the World (Acts) \_\_\_\_\_
- Journey into God's Applause (The Life of David) \_\_\_\_\_
- Building Better Relationships (1 Corinthians 13) \_\_\_\_\_
- Journey through Adversity (Job) \_\_\_\_\_
- Journey of a Lifetime (Study of Old & New Testament) \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Your feedback will be invaluable in shaping our future Bible Study sessions, and I am eager to hear your thoughts and preferences.

(Please return Survey to the Church Office. We will also distribute them during the Worship Service and you can return it to one of the Ushers).