

**October 30, 2022**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carol Palmer

### **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

With our lips and with our hearts:

**we bless God in every moment of our lives.**

With our ears and with our hearts:

**we will hear the cries of our brothers and our sisters, in every painful moment, in every broken place.**

With every gift and with our hearts:

**we will serve God and all God's children, with every moment of our lives.**

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, we admit that it is easier to have pain causing words on our lips, than praise for another. Our foolishness often keeps us from seeing the deep hurts and hunger of the suffering who are around us. We stand by the side of the road, afraid to step forward in faith, afraid to trust that you are with us, afraid to cry out for healing and hope. We are not people who repent in ashes, but we do know we need your mercy, and ask that you forgive our faithlessness, our fears, our hurts. Healer of all people, we lift our heart and souls to you, that through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we might find your grace, discover your love, and serve your people in your name.....(silence for personal confession)**

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Take heart: God hears our prayers. Get up: God has healed our brokenness. Listen: God calls to us with hope, with forgiveness, with life! In the name of Jesus Christ, I declare that we are forgiven.  
**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

OPENING HYMN #276      "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

#### 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

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (O.T. pg. 163)  
Mark 12:28-34 (N.T. pg. 49)

#### ANTHEM

"I Will Praise Your Name"      Scott Soper

### **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

Children's Sermon

#### SERMON:

"Command or Promise?"  
Rev. William "Tex" Culton

### **SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

#### \*HYMN #492

"Baptized in Water"

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM OF MARY JAMES PALLITTO

(Infant daughter of Hanna and Vincent Pallitto)

#### 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 #210 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Our God Is Here" Chris Muglia

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

\*Please stand if able

### Rev. William "Tex" Culton Bio:

Tex grew up in Avenel. College & 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 this Sunday before All Saint's Day.

WELCOME MARY JAMES PALLITTO  
TO THE CHURCH FAMILY

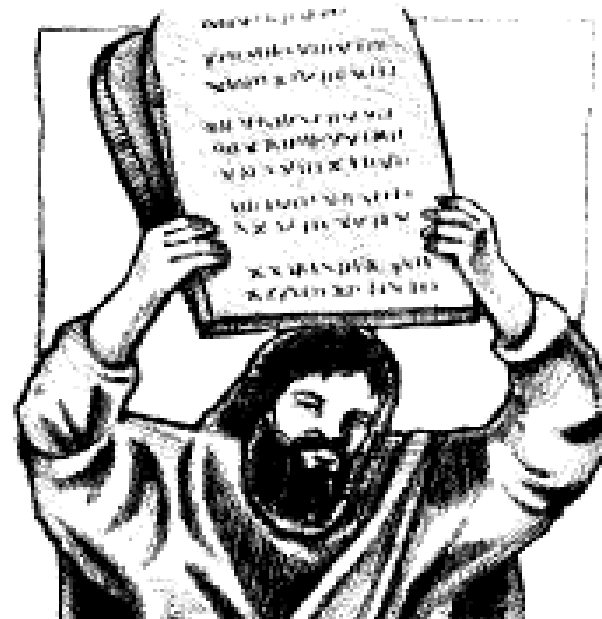


First Presbyterian Church of Avenel

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These commandments that I give  
you today are to be upon your hearts.

Deuteronomy 6:6

"Command or Promise?"

Rev. William "Tex" Culton

### 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

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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

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 30, 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*

Please pray for baby James Tuerke, Emily Palmer's brother. His counts became too low for him to have chemo. Please pray his counts will improve so he can have the chemo he needs to get well.

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

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

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

*5<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.

*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)	\$( 2,753.34)
02/28/2022 \$ 73,809.90	\$ 416.85	\$( 2,336.49)
03/31/2022 \$ 64,806.01	\$( 9,003.89)	\$(11,340.38)
04/30/2022 \$ 59,120.22	\$( 5,685.79)	\$(17,026.17)
05/31/2022 \$ 54,878.34	\$( 4,241.88)	\$(21,268.05)
06/30/2022 \$ 60,701.39	\$ 5,823.05	\$(15,445.00)
07/31/2022 \$ 67,525.20	\$ 6,823.81	\$( 8,621.19)
08/31/2022 \$ 74,944.98	\$ 7,419.78	\$( 1,201.41)
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 30, 2022**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
 (Guest Preacher–Rev. William Owen” Tex” Culton)  
 Baptism-Mary James Pallitto  
 Live Stream-Facebook

**MONDAY, October 31, 2022**

***HALLOWEEN***

**TUESDAY, November 1, 2022**

7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting – CO  
 7:30 p.m. Christian Education Meeting – SSO

**WEDNESDAY, November 2, 2022**

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

**THURSDAY, November 3, 2022**

**FRIDAY, November 4, 2022**

**SATURDAY, November 5, 2022**

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR  
***Turn Clocks Back One Hour This Evening***

**SUNDAY, November 6, 2022**

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

*The flowers on the communion table are given in recognition of  
Mary James Pallitto's baptism.*

*With love from her grandparents, Rich and Cindy Culton*

**PRAYER GATHERING** – is **now** every **Wednesday** 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.

**SUNDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY** – there will **NOT** be a Worship Service. Everyone is welcome to attend the 10:30am service at The First Presbyterian Church of Iselin located at 1295 Oak Tree Road.

**GUEST PREACHER** – for Sunday, November 6, 2022, is Rev. Emily Lueder. 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.

## 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 6th*

*Job 19:23-27a*

*2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17*