

November 5, 2023

10:00 a.m.

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Holy Communion**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sandra Kosakowski

PRELUDE "Come, Now Is the Time to Worship" Brain Doerksen

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

CALL TO WORSHIP

**Oh come, let us worship and bow down;**  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we call to You and name You as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times when we fail to recognize You in our daily lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom. Please forgive us loving Lord. In Jesus' name.....*(silence for personal confession)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, who freely pardons all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every repentant 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 #267 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

**HEARING THE WORD**

SCRIPTURE: Acts 20:7-12 (N.T. pgs. 140-141)

ANTHEM

"City of God"

Dan Schutte

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

Children's Sermon

SERMON: "The Essence of the Lord's Supper"

Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

**SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*RESPONSE HYMN #370 "Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

SANCTUS #581

"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

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.**

...The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Let us keep the feast.**

COMMUNION HYMN #100 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

## CARRYING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN #341 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Now Is the Time" Tom Kendzia

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

\*Please stand if able

### CALL FOR CONGREGATION MEETING

BY ORDER OF THE SESSION OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AVENEL, NEW JERSEY, THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION WILL BE HELD ON **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023** IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING *THE WORSHIP SERVICE*. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO REVIEW THE NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICERS.

First Presbyterian Church of Avenel

621 East Woodbridge Avenue  
Avenel, NJ 07001

Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick, Pastor  
November 5, 2023



"The Essence of the Lord's Supper"

### **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*** ***November 5, 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*

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

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

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

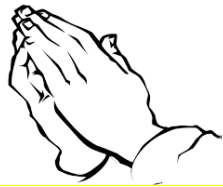
*Prayers and Sympathies*

*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, November 5, 2023**

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

**MONDAY, November 6, 2023**

**TUESDAY, November 7, 2023**

2:00 p.m. Mission/Outreach Mtg – CO  
6:00 p.m. Worship Committee Mtg – CO

**WEDNESDAY, November 8, 2023**

**THURSDAY, November 9, 2023**

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

**FRIDAY, November 10, 2023**

**SATURDAY, November 11, 2023**

***Veterans Day***

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

**SUNDAY, November 12, 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: 11/12, 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.

**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.

**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 12th*

**Jeremiah 18:1-10**

## 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

## 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).