

November 6, 2022
10:00 a.m.
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stephanie Kurowsky

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right.

Come, let us worship the Lord, our God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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 and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.....*(silence for personal confession)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

OPENING HYMN #417 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: Job 19:23-27a (O.T. pg. 468)
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 (N.T. pg. 206)

ANTHEM

"Stand by Me"

Tom Kendzia

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Sermon

SERMON:

"On the Day of the Lord"

Rev. Emily Lueder

SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*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.

HYMN #521

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

CARRYING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN #339 "Be Thou My Vision"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "How Can I Keep from Singing" ENDLESS SONG
Robert Lowry & Randall DeBruyn

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

*Please stand if able

Rev. Emily Lueder Bio:

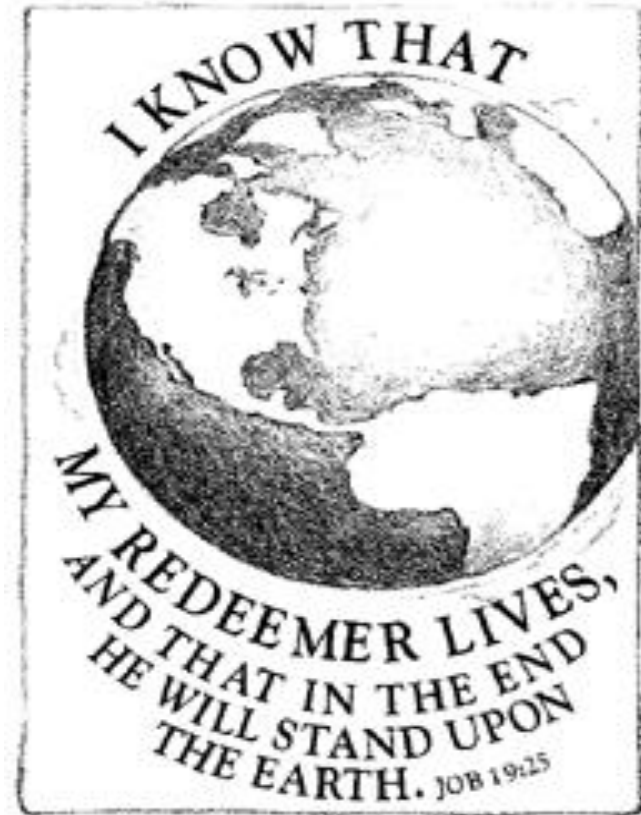
Originally from Northwest Indiana, Emily studied theology and ministry and philanthropic leadership and service at Valparaiso University. She moved to Princeton, NJ and graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2019. She completed her yearlong chaplain residency at the Mount Sinai Hospital in 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

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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 – 1st LT, – Stephanie & Charlie Kurowsky's niece

Jeffrey Hansen – 1st 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 November 6, 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

Praise God! James Tuerke's numbers went up and he is receiving his chemo.

Emily Palmer will see her cardiologist on Nov. 8th. Please pray for a positive outcome.

2nd Week

3rd Week

4th Week

5th Week

6th 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.

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)

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.

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 6, 2022

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

MONDAY, November 7, 2022

7:00 p.m. Property Care Meeting – CO

TUESDAY, November 8, 2022

WEDNESDAY, November 9, 2022

7:00 p.m. Deacons Mtg – CR
8:00 p.m. Prayer Gathering – Dial In (**NEW DAY**)
(425) 436-6302 then enter code 773724#.

THURSDAY, November 10, 2022

95th Church Anniversary

FRIDAY, November 11, 2022

SATURDAY, November 12, 2022

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

SUNDAY, November 13, 2022

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

Per Capita Amount has been changed from \$45.00 to \$40.00

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 20th & November 27th. 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 **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.

MAYOR'S VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION AWARD - Congratulations to Gary Stevenson! Gary will receive the 2022 Mayor's Volunteer Appreciation Award for dedication and service to our church and community. The ceremony is **TODAY**, at 12:00 pm at the Woodbridge Community Center.

SANCTUARY DECORATING – will be on Saturday, November 26th from 12:00pm noon on.

WALTER HOVING HOME – invites you all to get involved with upcoming holiday season events. Christmas donations will be accepted from now through 12/19. A list of ideas is attached. Christmas Wrapping week will be from 12/19-12/22. Please show your support.

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 13, 2022, is Rev. Gail Pendleton. The Rev. Pendleton is an adjunct professor in English at Sussex County Community College, Newton, NJ. For many years, she worked in journalism as a reporter, columnist, and editor at the New Jersey Herald in Newton and the Daily Record in Morristown, NJ. A 1973 graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, she was ordained in 1974. She is a mother and grandmother.

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	resolutjoe@gmail.com
Michael Peterson	Sexton	avenelpres@gmail.com
Stephanie Kurowsky	Stream Lines	avenelstreamlines@comcast.net
Belinda Kerchner	SS Superintendent	For 2022
Linda Vassallo	Church Office	(732) 634-1631
Susan Smolsky	Webmaster	rustisioux@comcast.net
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	Church Website	avenelpresbyterianchurch.org

Scripture for Sunday, November 13th

Genesis 12:1-9

1 Timothy 2:1-6a



Thursday, November 10th marks the official
95th Anniversary of The First Presbyterian
Church of Avenel.

The Fellowship and Spiritual Life Committee
invite you to join us Sunday, November 13th
after worship in the back of the sanctuary as
we commemorate this special anniversary with
light refreshments, coffee, and cake.

Let us continue to glorify God as we celebrate
this milestone together!

Hope to see you there!



Inviting all congregation members to join us for

SANCTUARY DECORATING

on Saturday, November 26th
from noon on



Christmas Caroling

December 15, 2022

Leaving from the church parking
lot at 6:00 pm

**Come join with others, as we bring
joy to several homebound
members of our congregation this
Christmas season!**

**Each family will drive their own
car as we travel to their homes.
Masks should be worn.**

**If you have any questions or
recipient suggestions, please let
us know.**