

November 7, 2021
10:00 a.m.
24th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of Preparation (*for silent meditation before worship*)
Gracious God, be present in this space and prepare our hearts and minds to truly hear Your word to us this day. Grant us the strength and courage needed to act on Your word in this most strange and beautiful world. Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Delia Zelazny

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

May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep.
Amen. Thanks be to God.

OPENING HYMN #333 "Seek Ye First"

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE 1 Kings 17:8-16 (O.T. pg. 324)
Mark 12:38-44 (N.T. pgs. 49-50)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SERMON: "Courage for a Broken and Fearful World"
Rev. Emily Lueder

SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #339 "Be Thou My Vision"

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 #513 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

CARRYING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN #540 “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “How Can I Keep from Singing” (Tune: Endless Song)

*Please stand if able

Rev. Emily Lueder Bio:

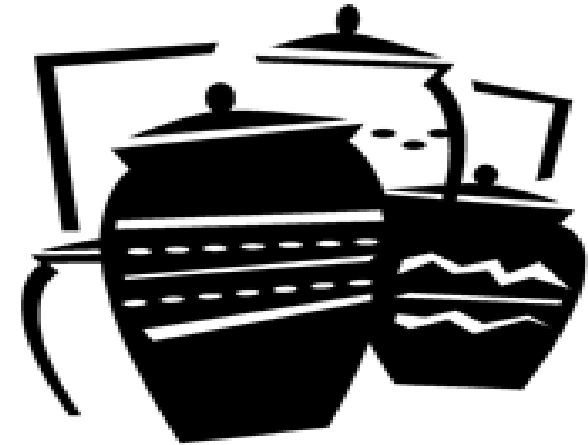
Originally from Northwest Indiana, Emily studied theology and ministry and philanthropic leadership and service at Valparaiso University. She moved to Princeton, NJ and graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2019. She completed her yearlong chaplain residency at the Mount Sinai Hospital in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

**The jar of meal
will not be emptied
and the jug of oil
will not fail ...**

1 KINGS 17:14, NRSV

“Courage for a Broken and
Fearful World”

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

Daniel Hedner – Carolyn & Jake Stockl's nephew

Steven Stockl – Carolyn & Jake Stockl's nephew

Amy Updike

Rob – serving in the U.S. Navy, San Diego, CA. - Lynn & Wayne Dubin's son.

Anthony Service – U.S. Air Force, in San Antonio.

OVERSEAS

Jeffrey Hansen – 1st LT, Kuwait, Stephanie & Charlie Kurowsky'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

Elizabeth Port Presbyterian Church Children's Center, NJ

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 7, 2021

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

Prayers for guidance and comfort for Matt Barany Sr. and his family. Matt is battling advanced prostate cancer.

2nd Week

3rd Week

4th Week

5th Week

6th 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
12/31/2020	\$109,515.39		
01/31/2021	\$104,658.48	\$(4,856.91)	\$(4,856.91)
02/28/2021	\$100,834.39	\$(3,824.09)	\$(8,681.00)
03/31/2021	\$ 94,305.80	\$(6,528.59)	\$(15,209.59)
04/30/2021	\$ 88,398.27	\$(5,907.53)	\$(21,117.12)
05/31/2021	\$ 86,186.03	\$(2,212.24)	\$(23,329.36)
06/30/2021	\$ 83,254.27	\$(2,931.76)	\$(26,261.12)
07/31/2021	\$ 70,951.00	\$(12,303.27)	\$(38,564.39)
08/31/2021	\$ 71,414.52	\$ 463.52	\$(38,100.87)
09/30/2021	\$ 71,063.34	\$ (351.18)	\$(38,452.05)
10/31/2021	\$ 72,418.97	\$ 1,355.63	\$(37,096.42)

CHURCH PROPERTY 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 7, 2021

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School – SSO
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Guest Preacher–Rev. Emily Lueder)
Live Stream-Facebook
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group – CE Bldg

MONDAY, November 8, 2021

TUESDAY, November 9, 2021

- 7:00 p.m. Deacons Mtg – CO

WEDNESDAY, November 10, 2021

THURSDAY, November 11, 2021

VETERANS DAY

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

FRIDAY, November 12, 2021

SATURDAY, November 13, 2021

SUNDAY, November 14, 2021

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School – SSO
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Guest Preacher–Rev. Emily Lueder)
James Robert Aumick, Jr. Baptism
Live Stream-Facebook

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

SUNDAY SCHOOL – meets every Sunday at 9 am in the Christian Education Building's Sunday School Office.

YOUTH GROUP – meets every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 6:00pm in the Christian Education Building.

CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY – The following dates are available on the chancel flower calendar: November 21st & November 28th. Reservations for chancel flowers may be made through the church office. The cost is \$30.00 for two arrangements.

PRAYER GATHERING – is on Thursday evenings at 8 pm. Dial (425) 436-6302 then enter code 773724#. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Kosakowski 908-930-3628.

WORSHIP SERVICE LIVE STREAM – via Facebook every Sunday 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 – will now be on our website. Weekly bulletins can be emailed as well. If you would like a weekly bulletin emailed, please contact the Church Office to be put on the emailing list.

LIVE STREAM CAMERA VOLUNTEERS – The mission team is asking for several people to consider operating the live streaming camera so we can insure no interruptions in our outreach. It is easy, requires very little work once setup. Stephen will show exactly how to operate. If you are willing, see Stephen after worship or Bob Toro.

MUSIC MINISTRY – if you are interested in joining, we are seeking vocalists and instrumentalists. Please see Joe after service or contact him at (908) 868-4020. Or email at resolutjoe@gmail.com.

SANCTUARY DECORATING – We will decorate the sanctuary for Christmas on Sunday, Nov 21st immediately after service. All are invited!! Please come out and help us start the holiday season!!!

POINSETTIA ORDERS – Poinsettia plants will be obtained from Floral Expressions at a cost of \$10 per plant. All orders must be in by Thursday, December 9th. Detailed order form is attached.

GUEST PREACHER – for Sunday, November 14, 2021, 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, the worship assistant or Pastor Bob.

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 2021
Linda Vassallo	Church Office	(732) 634-1631
Susan Smolsky	Webmaster	rustisioux@comcast.net
	Church Email	avenelpres@gmail.com
	Church Website	avenelpresbyterianchurch.org

Scripture for Sunday, November 14th

1 Samuel 2:1-10
Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

Walter Hoving Home Christmas Program

Hi Friends!

It's coming up on that time of year again. The Hoving Home is looking forward to celebrating our 54th holiday season with the ladies, staff, volunteers, and families of the ministry. We are beyond grateful for how folks like you have partnered in the vision of making each Christmas season special for the ladies entrusted to our care. Before entering the Hoving Home, most of the women have little to no positive Christmas memories. It is with great joy and through the remarkable generosity of individuals such as yourself, that the ministry can provide the ladies in the Hoving Home with a Christmas experience centered around the love of Christ. This Christmas the Hoving Home has an incredible opportunity for creating a Christmas to remember for our ladies.

This year we will continue doing our new Christmas program where those who contribute will not only enrich the ladies' holiday season but simultaneously improve their future at large. In reflection of the structure we currently utilize, the ministry desires to shift into a greater stewardship of your kindness. We realized that if the very same funds that currently go into purchasing generalized items, was instead invested in gifting items the resident specifically needs, the impact would be immeasurable. Whether needing a pair of winter boots or finances towards getting their driver's license. The harvest of this new program will surely abound.

If you are interested in contributing to the Christmas program, you will see on the next page the general wants/needs and community needs which benefit the ladies directly for Christmas. Please do not hesitate to contact, Kaitee Coe, at 908-651-5846 or kcoe@hovingshome.org with any questions. Thank you for considering this opportunity to extend God's love to the ladies, not only while they are in the program, but also throughout their lifetime.



Walter Hoving Home Christmas Items List.pdf

Once again our sanctuary will be decorated for Christmas. Poinsettia plants will be obtained from Floral Expressions at a cost of \$10 per plant. If you would like to donate toward the poinsettias, you may do so. If you wish your gift to be in honor or in memory of a loved one, please designate the name(s) when placing your request. If you would like to make a contribution to the church for music or in lieu of sending Christmas cards to church family and friends, you may do that as well on the form below.



Poinsettia plants may be taken after the 4:30 worship service on Friday, December 24, by those who donated them.

Please have all donations and requests in the church office no later than **Thursday, December 9, 2021**. Requests can be sent by mail, dropped off to the Church Office, or placed in the offering tray.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Your name: _____

Poinsettias \$ _____ (\$10.00 each) Music \$ _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Greetings from: _____ \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____



Inviting all congregation members to join us for

**SANCTUARY
 DECORATING**

on November 21st
 immediately following
 Worship