

November 12, 2023
10:00 a.m.
24th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Charles Kurowsky

PRELUDE "Psalm 42: As the Deer Longs" O WALY WALY, atl.
Danna Harkin, Danna J. Gunther

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Worship
the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

OPENING HYMN #138 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and

image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.....(silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick
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.

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 Jeremiah 18:1-10 (O.T. pg. 720)

Children's Sermon

ANTHEM "Rain Down" Jaime Cortez

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SERMON: "A Visit To The Potter's House"
Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*RESPONSE HYMN #359 "More Love to Thee, O Christ"

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 #379 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "In the Day of the Lord" M.D. Ridge

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

*Please stand if able

CALL FOR CONGREGATION / CORPORATION MEETING
BY ORDER OF THE SESSION OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AVENEL, NEW JERSEY, THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION/CORPORATION 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.

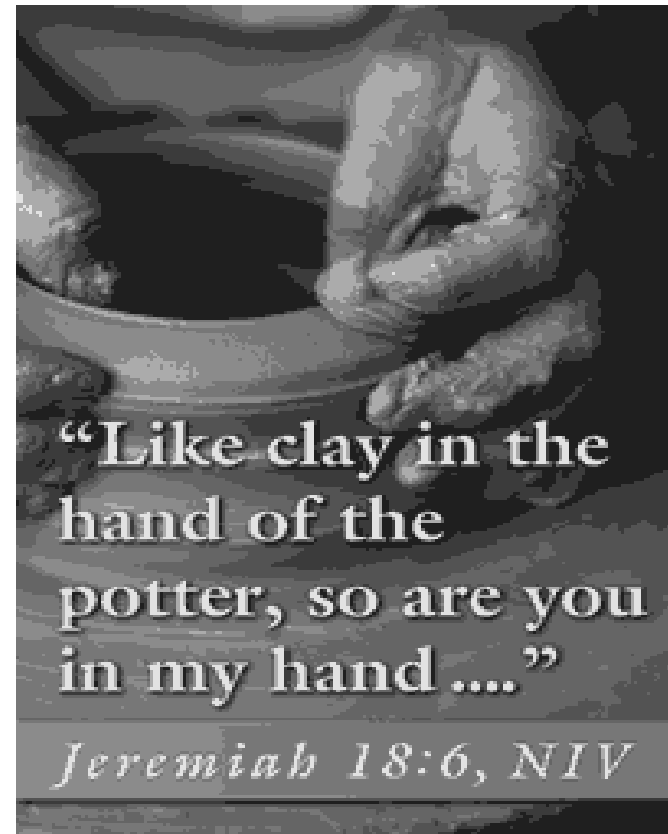
First Presbyterian Church of Avenel

621 East Woodbridge Avenue

Avenel, NJ 07001

Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick, Pastor

November 12, 2023



"A Visit To The Potter's House"

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

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 12, 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

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

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
10/31/2023	\$100,771.56	\$ 6,517.51	\$17,312.16

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 12, 2023

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

MONDAY, November 13, 2023

TUESDAY, November 14, 2023

4:15 p.m. Deacons Mtg – CR

WEDNESDAY, November 15, 2023

THURSDAY, November 16, 2023

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

FRIDAY, November 17, 2023

SATURDAY, November 18, 2023

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

SUNDAY, November 19, 2023

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
Live Stream-Facebook
11:15 a.m. Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

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: 11/19, & 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.

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
Belinda Kerchner
Linda Vassallo
Susan Smolsky*

*Music Director
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Scripture for Sunday, November 19th

Luke 4:14-19

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

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