

November 24, 2024
10:00 a.m.
THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

MUSICAL PRELUDE (If you must speak, speak to God)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Delia Zelazny

THE INTROIT "Come to Jesus" Chris Rice

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

His love endures forever.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

OPENING HYMN #555 "Now Thank We All Our God"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we get so caught up in our own lives and needs that we fail to give You thanks for all the things You have done for us and through us. Things so undeserved, yet You always prove Your love to us. Indeed, the voices of a million angels could not express our gratitude. All that we are and ever hope to be, we owe it all to Thee. To You we give all the Glory and Praise! Forgive us and heal our wounds of greed and selfishness. We greet this day with thanksgiving, so that the hope of the Reign of Christ can be made manifest, and we can be part of this glorious kingdom of peace and compassion. In Jesus' Name, we pray.....(silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick
In the name of Jesus Christ who brings peace and hope to us, we are forgiven, healed and enabled to be part of the ministries of compassion in God's world. Rejoice! You are chosen and loved!
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: 2 Corinthians 9:10-15 (N.T. pg. 184)

Children's Story Gayle Nolan

MUSICAL SELECTION "Be Not Afraid" Craig Courtney

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SERMON: "Gifts of Thanksgiving"
Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*RESPONSE HYMN #551 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

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.

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CARRYING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN #368 "I Got Peace Like a River"

*BENEDICTION

MUSICAL POSTLUDE (A QUIET TIME OF REFLECTION)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

+++WE ENTER TO WORSHIP; WE LEAVE TO SERVE!!!

*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 **TODAY** IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO REVIEW THE NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICERS.

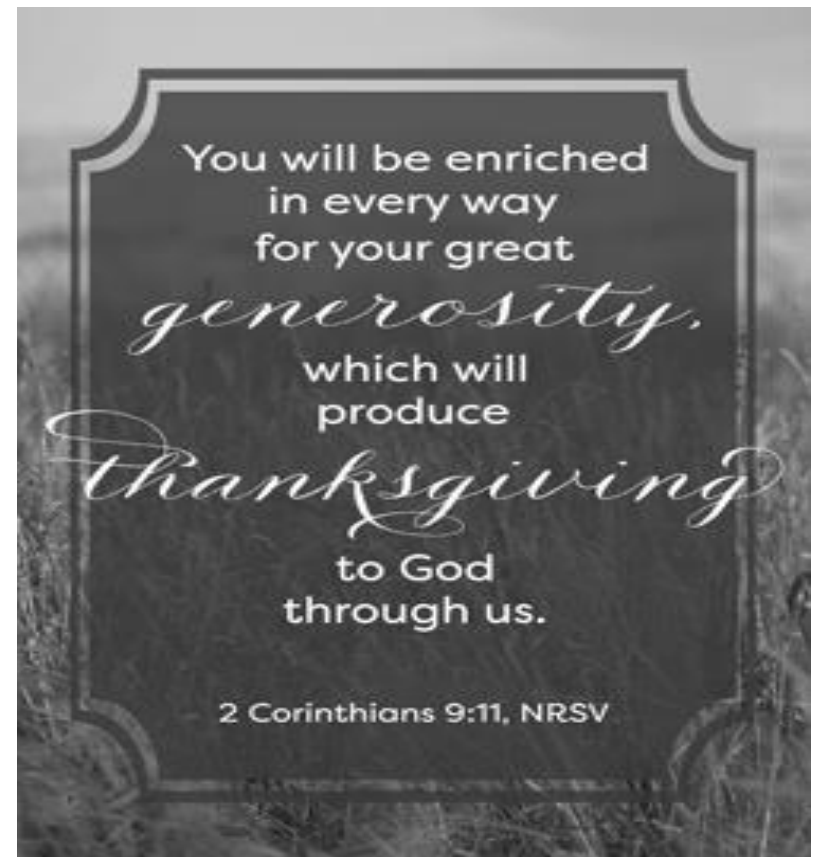
First Presbyterian Church of Avenel

621 East Woodbridge Avenue

Avenel, NJ 07001

Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

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“Gifts of Thanksgiving”

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

OVERSEAS

Daniel Hedner – deployed to Japan – Jake & Carolyn Stockl’s nephew

Steven Stockl – deployed to Iraq – Jake & Carolyn 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 –

Christian Appalachian Project, Kentucky

International Justice Mission, Washington DC

Mr. Matt Barany Jr., who serves with Second Level Ministry

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 24, 2024***

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

Prayers needed for Tom who fractured his neck vertebrae and is recovering at home.

3rd Week

4th Week

Prayers for Robbie.
Prayers for Joan who is in assisted living.

5th Week

6th Week

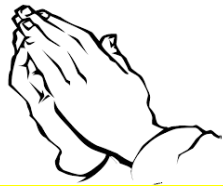
Prayers and Sympathies

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

Sermon Notes

Sunday:

Preacher:

Sermon Topic/Theme:

Scripture:

Point # 1:

Point # 2

Point # 3

**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 24, 2024

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
Live Stream–Facebook
11:15 a.m. Congregational Meeting – Sanctuary

MONDAY, November 25, 2024

TUESDAY, November 26, 2024

10:00 a.m. JoAnn Breza and Jake Stockl Food Pantry – CE Bldg.

WEDNESDAY, November 27, 2024

5:00 p.m. Bible Study – JMH

THURSDAY, November 28, 2024

THANKSGIVING DAY – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

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

FRIDAY, November 29, 2024

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY, November 30, 2024

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR
9:30 a.m. Sanctuary Decorating

SUNDAY, December 1, 2024

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY – The following dates are open 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22, & 12/29. Please make reservations through the church office. The cost is \$30.00 for two arrangements and must be paid in advance.

PRAYER GATHERING – is 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 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.

BIBLE STUDY – is every Wednesday from 5:00pm-5:50pm in Jacob Morgan Hall. Topic is on the Book of Revelation taught by Rev. Misick. Please register by Email: gmisick@yahoo.com or Call: 917 679-5676

WALTER HOVING HOME – once again we will participate in giving Christmas Donations to the ladies. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

POINSETTIA ORDERS – Poinsettia plants will be purchased from Floral Expressions at a cost of \$10.50 per plant. The order deadline is **Thursday, December 5th**. Detailed order form is attached to bulletin.

SANTUARY DECORATING – will be on Saturday, November 30th. All are invited.

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.

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
Tuesday – Friday 8:30am – 1:30pm**

Scripture for Sunday, December 1st

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Once again our sanctuary will be decorated for Christmas. Poinsettia plants will be purchased from Floral Expressions at a cost of \$10.50 per plant. 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.



POINSETTIAS

Poinsettia plants may be taken after the 10:00am worship service on Saturday, December 24, by those who donated them.

Please have all donations and requests in the church office no later than **Thursday, December 5, 2024**. Requests can be sent by mail, dropped off to the Church Office, or placed in the offering tray.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Your name: _____

Poinsettias \$ _____ (\$10.50 each) Quantity _____

Music \$ _____

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Greetings from: _____ \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____



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