

ANTHEM "O Holy Night" Adolphe Adam

Ninth Lesson: The Word Became Flesh
John 1:1-14 Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

HYMN #31 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (v.1)

WORSHIP IN TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY HYMN #23 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

*THE DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN #40 "Joy to the World!" (Recessional)

*THE BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick

POSTLUDE "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

First Presbyterian Church of Avenel
621 East Woodbridge Avenue
Avenel, NJ 07001
Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick
December 15, 2024



LESSONS
& CAROLS

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

December 15, 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

Prayers for Robbie.

Prayers for Joan who is in assisted living.

2nd Week

3rd Week

4th Week

5th Week

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

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, December 15, 2024

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

MONDAY, December 16, 2024

5:45 p.m. Christmas Caroling – Sanctuary Parking Lot

TUESDAY, December 17, 2024

5:30 p.m. Session Meeting (Joint w/ Deacons) – JMH

WEDNESDAY, December 18, 2024

6:30 p.m. Bible Study – On-Line (**CANCELLED**)

THURSDAY, December 19, 2024

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

FRIDAY, December 20, 2024

SATURDAY, December 21, 2024

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CR

SUNDAY, December 22, 2024

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY – The following dates are open 12/22, 12/29, 1/5, 1/12, 1/19, & 1/26. Please make reservations through the church office. The cost is \$30.00 for two arrangements and must be paid in advance.

PRAYER GATHERING – is 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 – will begin **January** every Wednesday on-line beginning at 6:30pm taught by Rev. Misick.

STAFF APPRECIATION – We have begun our year-end collection for Staff Appreciation. Envelopes are located in the bulletin bin.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING – is Monday, December 16th at 5:45pm in the Sanctuary parking lot.

2025 GIVING ENVELOPES – are located in the rear of the Sanctuary.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES – for Family and Candlelight will be combined on Sunday, December 24th at 3:00pm.

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

**PLEASE NOTE: THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
TUESDAY, 12/24 AND WEDNESDAY, 12/25
FOR CHRISTMAS**

Scripture for Sunday, December 22nd

Luke 1: 39-45



Christmas Caroling
December 16, 2024

Leaving from the church parking
lot at 5:45 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.**

**The Christmas Eve
Family Service
and Candlelight Service
will be combined at 3:00pm
in the Sanctuary.**



JESU, JOY OF OUR DESIRING

WERDE MUNTER



1. Je - su, joy of our de - sir - ing, Ho - ly wis - dom,
2. Through the way where hope is guid - ing, Hear what peace - ful



1. love most bright, Drawn by you, our souls as - pir - ing,
2. mu - sic rings; Where the flocks in you con - fid - ing,



1. Soar to un - cre - at - ed Light. Word of God, our flesh that
2. Drink of joy from death - less springs! Theirs is beau - ty's fair - est



1. fash - ioned With the fire of life im - pas - sioned, Striv - ing
2. plea - sure; Theirs is wis - dom's ho - liest trea - sure; You do



1. still to truth un - known, Soar - ing, dy - ing, 'round your throne.
2. ev - er lead your own, In the love of joys un - known.