

October 5, 2025

10:00 a.m.

World Communion Sunday/Joint Worship Service

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENT Delia Zelazny

THE INTROIT "To Be What You Want Me To Be" Don Wyrzten

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world and those who live in it.

What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?

We will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Rev. Dr. Glen Misick

OPENING HYMN #420 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As we come today to Your great table, O God, we realize how small we have made our own. Our vision of Your grace is too narrow. Our awareness of Your mercy is too limited. Our understanding of Your kingdom always falls short. We fail to measure up to the people You have called us to be. Hear our prayers and forgive our shortcomings. Raise our eyes, lift our hearts, and inflate our spirits, so that we may live joyfully and abundantly in the manner of Jesus.....(silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Joshua Umboh
Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, across time and space and through the generations, God seeks us out. This is good news!
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)

MUSICAL SELECTION The Alpha Omega Church Choir

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 6:15-17 (N.T. pg. 195) Betsy Christensen
Matthew 26:17-30 (N.T. pg. 30) Rev. Joshua Umboh

ANTHEM GMIM Alpha Omega Choir

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SERMON: Series: "Stand" – Pt. 3 "Stand Ready for Battle"
Rev. Dr. Glen Misick

SEALING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*RESPONSE HYMN #363 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

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.

COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION HYMN #513 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

THE BLESSING AND ANOINTING OF THE CHILDREN

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CARRYING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN #408 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

*BENEDICTION

MUSICAL POSTLUDE (A QUIET TIME OF REFLECTION)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

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

*Please stand if able

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Rev. Dr. Glen Misick

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"Series: "Stand" ~ Pt3
"Stand Ready for Battle"

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.

Robbie Olah

Joan Benkert

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

Samaritan’s Purse

Walter Hoving Home

World Vision

Prayer Concerns and Praises

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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 peace and comfort for Carolyn Cameron, Gayle's mom.

2nd Week

3rd Week

Prayers for Betty Hulsizer recovering from surgery.

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



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

World Communion Sunday is an annual celebration, held on the first Sunday of October, to promote Christian unity and acknowledge the interconnectedness of believers worldwide, regardless of denomination or language. Initiated in 1933 by Rev. Hugh Thompson Kerr, it serves as a way to foster peace, mutual edification, and a greater understanding of the global church through the practice of Holy Communion.

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, October 5, 2025

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. Worship Service – (Joint with Oak Tree-Iselin Church Members and GMIM Alpha Omega)

Live Stream – Facebook

11:00 a.m. Annual Mayor's Award – Belinda Kerchner
(Acacia Center, 95 Port Reading Avenue)

MONDAY, October 6, 2025

4:00 p.m. Property Care Mtg. – CO

TUESDAY, October 7, 2025

2:00 p.m. Missions/Outreach Committee Mtg. – CO

WEDNESDAY, October 8, 2025

6:30 p.m. Bible Study – On-Line Via Zoom (**FINAL DAY**)

THURSDAY, October 9, 2025

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

FRIDAY, October 10, 2025

SATURDAY, October 11, 2025

9:30 a.m. Sit & Knit (Crochet) – CO

SUNDAY, October 12, 2025

PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Live Stream – Facebook

11:00 a.m. Missions/Outreach Lunch & Farewell Celebration for
Rev. Glen Misick and his wife, Jennifer

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR SHARE

CHANCEL FLOWER AVAILABILITY – The following dates are open 11/9, 11/16, 11/23, & 11/30. Please make reservations through the church office. The cost is \$30.00 for two arrangements and must be paid in advance.

*Today's flowers on the communion table are in honor of
Belinda Kerchner. Congratulations on your award, Miss Belinda.
Love, The Sunday School Kids*

PRAYER GATHERING – is every Thursday evening at 8:00pm. 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.

SIT AND KNIT (and CROCHET) – is every Saturday morning 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. It will

BIBLE STUDY – 10/8 FINAL WEDNESDAY evening at 6:30pm Eastern Time (US and Canada) via Zoom. Topic: A study of Philipians

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81062021257?pwd=IRhVuMM65Ek1aJYppLviucx6HpgbLY.1> Meeting ID: 810 6202 1257__ Passcode: 583937

One tap mobile: +19292056099, 81062021257#, *583937# US (New York)
+16469313860, 81062021257#, *583937# US

Join instructions:

https://us06web.zoom.us/join/81062021257/invitations?signature=ApigJTeYcG9gPDTF6K6zW21g6UXLetFaTRp_8_9Ojfc

MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE – outdoor lunch and farewell celebration for Rev. Dr. Glen Misick and his wife, Jennifer, is next Sunday, October 12, immediately following worship in the Church Parking Lot.

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, October 12

Isaiah 6:1-8

Hebrews 12:1-3

Matthew 28:18-20