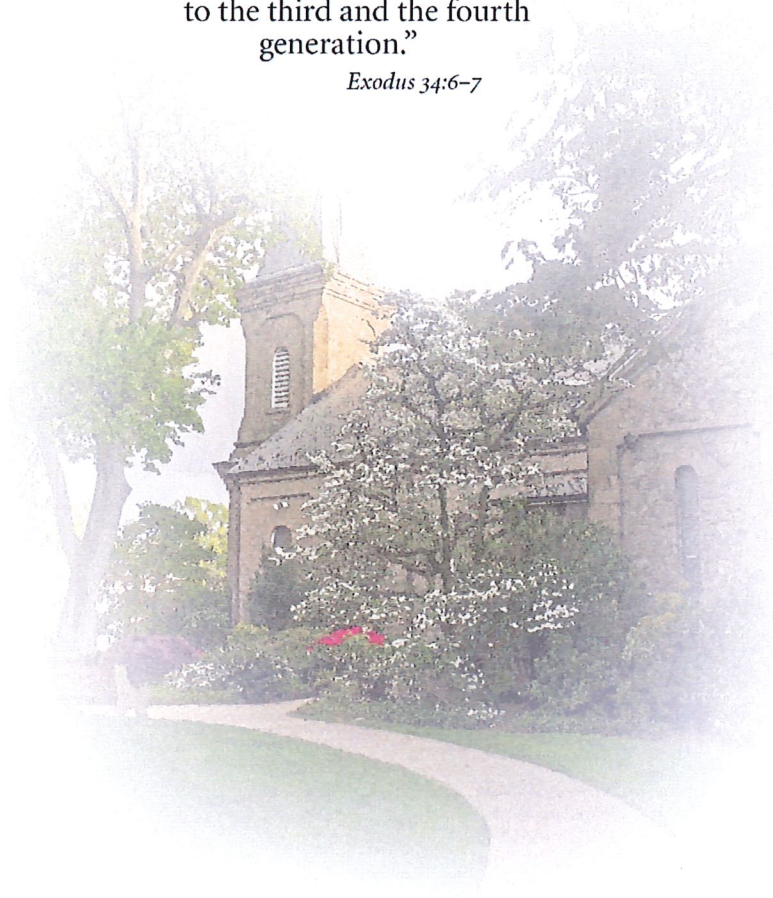


⁶ The LORD passed before him and proclaimed,
“The LORD, The LORD,
a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love,
and faithfulness,
⁷ keeping steadfast love for the
thousandth generation,
forgiving iniquity and
transgression and sin,
yet by no means clearing the
guilty,
but visiting the iniquity of the
parents
upon the children
and the children’s children
to the third and the fourth
generation.”

Exodus 34:6-7



Abington Presbyterian Church

July 3, 2022

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

4th Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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GATHERING

The people gather wherever they may in response to God's call, offering praise in words of scripture, prayer, and song. The people acknowledge their sinfulness and receive the good news of God's forgiveness.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP *A time for quiet preparation before worship*

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you
and magnify your holy name through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness (hymn #514) BWV 654 *Johann Sebastian Bach*

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise God's holy name.
Praise the Lord, oh my soul.
Praise the Lord, you angels of God, you mighty ones who do God's bidding.
Praise the Lord, all God's heavenly hosts,
you servants who do God's will.
Praise the Lord, all the works of God's hands.
Praise the Lord, oh my soul.

* HYMN 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, loving Father and Mother,
we thank you for placing us in covenant relationships,
in homes and families and friendships.
Forgive us for taking vows and promises lightly.
Forgive us for the breakdown of communal life,
for misdirected love,
for failing to give time to our families,
for failing to teach and live by your values.
Jesus, our brother,
teach us to love and serve,
to cherish and protect our neighbor.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news!
There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
God embraces you, forgives you, and strengthens you to live a renewed life.
Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 447

We Are Forgiven

WE ARE FORGIVEN

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

* THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Greet one another with the sign of peace.

The Peace of Christ be with You.
And also with you.

WORD

God's Word is read and its message is proclaimed in scripture, music and interpretation.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 103

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

He is There

Sally DeFord

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Spirited Credibility – The Forgiveness of Sins

The Rev. Aaron Twitchell

* HYMN 506

Look Who Gathers At Christ's Table!

COPELAND

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING & SENDING

*After the proclamation of God's Word, we respond with gratitude prepared to go
into the world where we are called to live according to God's will.*

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

(You can leave your offering in the plates at the exits or use the QR code to go to APC's giving page or you
can mail your gifts to the church office.)

OFFERTORY

Peace, Peace, Be Still

Sally DeFord & Katherine Wright

* DOXOLOGY

Hymn 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy... we join our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful
of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, Holy, Holy (sung)

Holy, Holy, Holy 552

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)
F C F B^b C F

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: American folk melody; adapt. Marcia Pruner, 1980; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984
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You are holy, O God of majesty...that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Gracious God pour out your Holy Spirit...even as we pray as our Lord Jesus has taught us:

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

* HYMN 515

I Come With Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude in G major BWV 541

Johann Sebastian Bach

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Aaron Twitchell

Liturgist: The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

Organ: Erik Meyer

Special Music Offerings: Cary and Aaron McAllister

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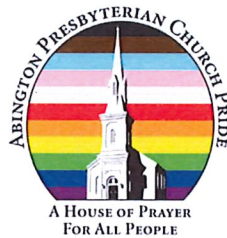
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In need of special prayers this week: Doris Boerner, Ira Greenbaum (nephew of Marlyn Whyte), Helen Porter (mother of Joe Porter), Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Linda Maisenhelder, Christine Kim (wife of Stephen Kim), Will Pompilli (son of Teresa Pompilli), Wayne Gibbons, Jr., Susan Arnhold (friend of Joanne and Jeff Bates), Judy Meissner, Susan Johnson, John and Phyllis Frazier, Robin Cupo, Laura Lafferty, Emil Kupper, Erma Yerkes, Joseph May, John & Carolyn Burrell (Janet Gildner's parents), Victor Johnson III (Pete Johnson's nephew), Laurie Betts, Sally Hardy, Barbara Benson, Katie Link, Kevin Alexander (Betsy Alexander's son), Jennifer Edward (friend of Nick Cupo), Karen Dirks, Pete Johnson.

For Pastoral Care: To notify the church of an illness, hospitalization, death, or to request prayer, contact a minister or call your Deacon or the Church Office at (215) 887-4530.



Abington Presbyterian Church celebrates God's infinite love and believes all people are equal in the eyes of God. We welcome all to worship and serve with us. We seek to work together to oppose intolerance, racism, and injustice that threaten the unity of humankind.

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Eric Meyer *Organist*

ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN LIFE

July 3, 2022

The APC Pandemic team has these updated safety protocols to match community conditions:

Masks are now optional in church facilities (including during singing).

You are encouraged to maintain some social distancing in where you choose to sit.

There is a full-time mask section on the lectern-side rear portion of the sanctuary (section where the video equipment is) for whoever wants to use it. This section is still using the color-coded guidance for social distancing.

Thanks to all for your cooperation. We show our love for God and neighbor by being sensitive to the needs of others.

The Pandemic Work Team consists of the following people:

Medical Professionals: Frank Sandstrom, MD; Michelle Feil, MSN, RN

Church Council Representatives: Suzin Weber, Carolyn Koch, Don Brooks

Church Facility Expertise: John Miller

From the Staff: Rev. Aaron Twitchell, John Sall, Ruth Sall, Barb Foy, Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

10:00 AM				
AGE/GRADE	ROOM	TEACHER	TOPIC	Pick Up
Birth- 2 years	Nursery & Toddler Room 110-112	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL		110-112
3 years - 6th Grade	Children's Choir Room Sanctuary Basement	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL		



Starting on May 31st and continuing through Labor Day (September 5th), the church Office will be open as follows:

Monday—Thursday 8:30am—3:30pm.
On Fridays, the Church Office will be closed.

Church Office is closed on Monday, July 4th.



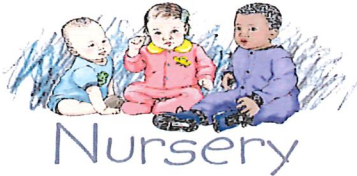
Simple Gifts worship service at 8 a.m. meets outside near the flagpole through Labor Day weekend. If there is inclement weather, this service will gather in the sanctuary.



Outdoor Worship Service



No Summer Sunday School this week.



Nursery Care— is offered for children birth through toddler in the nursery and the toddler rooms (110 and 112)

All nursery volunteers will be vaccinated and wearing masks.
Our limit per room is 4 children.



APNS is looking for a state certified teacher beginning Fall 2022. This position is teaching 3/4 year old's.

Please call Barbara Foy at 215-885-0832 or email her at apns@apcus.org.

Today continues the sermon series entitled 'Spirited Credibility' which focuses on the five phrases in the Apostles' Creed that follow the phrase, "I believe in the Holy Ghost."

June 19 – The Holy catholic church

June 26 – The Communion of Saints

July 3 – The Forgiveness of Sins

July 10 – The Resurrection of the Body

July 17 – The Life Everlasting



We are looking for good folks to help lead our Sunday School classes in the mornings and as advisers for Sunday afternoon Fellowship this fall.



You **do not** need to have any special skills as a teacher, theologian, astronaut, poet, etc. Training will be included. All you need is a heart for our young people and a desire to provide them with a safe place to grow here at APC.

Please reach out to Pastor Kirby if you are interested!

Mission Council Update



One Great Hour of Sharing – Thank you to all members of APC who so generously contributed to O.G.H.S. this season. Together we raised **\$6,171.57** for this effort. A special thank you to our youngest members for their O.G.H.S. Fish Banks! Your contributions will go to support disaster relief, community development, educational opportunities and hope for those in the most need.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Project for Ukraine -

Thank you to all members of APC who so generously contributed this special offering to help the residents of Ukraine in their time of need. Together we raised **\$382.98** for this effort. Mission Council will continue to financially support the humanitarian efforts that are so need in Ukraine in the months to come.



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**
OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE



GEMMA SERVICES changes lives by transforming hope into action for children, youth and families facing emotional and behavioral challenges. Those served often are impacted by loss, unexpected challenges, or serious traumas such as abuse, neglect and/or addiction. Gemma Services offers education programs, mental health services in residential and community settings, foster care, adoption services and prevention programs. (gemmaservices.org)

2022 Backpack and School Supply Collection

June 27 through July 31

Help children served by Gemma begin school with all the right stuff!

SUPPLY LIST

Backpack – *gender neutral please!*

3 composition books

4 pocket folders

1 box of pencils

1 large eraser

1 box crayons

1 package colored pencils or markers

2 glue sticks (no paste or liquid glue)

Please bring your filled back pack to APC and leave it outside the church office no later than July 31st. Any questions, please contact Mission Council (Georgene at gapilling25@gmail.com).

For those who previously put meals together for Aid For Friends (now called Caring For Friends) - if your group would like to resume, please contact Laurie Mackay via email lmackay6oh@gmail.com, or cell 215-771-8790.

If you weren't in a group prior to the pandemic but would like to participate or get more information, please contact Laurie. We welcome new groups or individuals who would be willing to put together occasional meals.





APC's Care Team is in need of additional volunteers to support their mission of providing outreach, and more importantly, a connection with our senior members and those who are homebound. The Care Team's main purpose is to let these members of the congregation know that we, APC, think of them and miss them.

Actions by the Care Team include regularly sending cards or letters, making a simple phone call, or a personal visit, when conditions permit. The volunteer receives names of members and then decides how best to connect, or build a relationship, with those members. The commitment is very flexible and most rewarding. Teenager and adult volunteers are welcome.

If you have a desire to join this ministry, please reach out to the church office at 215-887-4520.



WHAT: The NINTH annual APC Summer Soaker 5k

WHEN: Saturday, JULY 16, at 8:30 a.m.

WHO: We welcome all runners, walkers, wheelchairs to the race. We also need volunteers to make this event a success -- email justinfeil4@gmail.com if you can help by being a course marshal to help participants stay on the course or help with registration.

WHAT: Starting and ending on Adams Ave. behind Abington Presbyterian Church, runners and walkers are kept cool along the challenging course by super soakers and hoses from friendly neighbors along with a blast of refreshing mist from the Abington Fire Company fire truck at the finish.

All proceeds benefit the Ukrainian Cultural and Educational Center in Jenkintown which provides a local link to humanitarian aid to Ukraine, and the race benefits the brave firefighters of Abington Fire Company.

HOW: Register at <https://www.runtheday.com>. Children 18-and-under are only \$20. Adults are \$30. Every participant who registers by July 4 is guaranteed a comfortable soft T-shirt that has become wildly popular.

Prize money goes to the top three male and female finishers. Random door prizes with race shirts to all who register. Race Day Registration is available at a higher cost than pre-registration.

With some changing family needs, the Rev. Aaron Twitchell has submitted his resignation as APC's Associate Pastor, which would be effective July 10.

The Session has voted to call a congregational meeting following the 10 a.m. worship service on July 10 for the congregation to vote to dissolve his pastoral relationship with APC. There will be a reception that day following the meeting to honor Pastor Aaron's service to our congregation.

Aaron served here for two and a half years. Personnel and Christian Education Councils will be working to find the needed leadership for our youth and education programs, which have been Aaron's primary responsibilities.

Session has authorized an opportunity for members of the congregation to contribute to a parting gift in appreciation for his ministry to APC. Checks or gifts should be noted for 'Aaron's gift.'

HI APC Families,

Noah's Arts Camp for Kids, NACK CAMP, IS BACK! Our annual musical theater and arts camp is coming back this summer.

July 18-22 with a performance on 7/24 at 10am worship. Family preview Friday, July 22, 4pm.

NACK will return to indoor rehearsals and outdoor lunch and recreation this year. We will abide by current PA State and CDC Covid-19 protocols with input from the APC pandemic committee.

Campers will attend art, movement, music, handbells, and drama workshops while working toward a performance on Sunday with a Friday family preview.

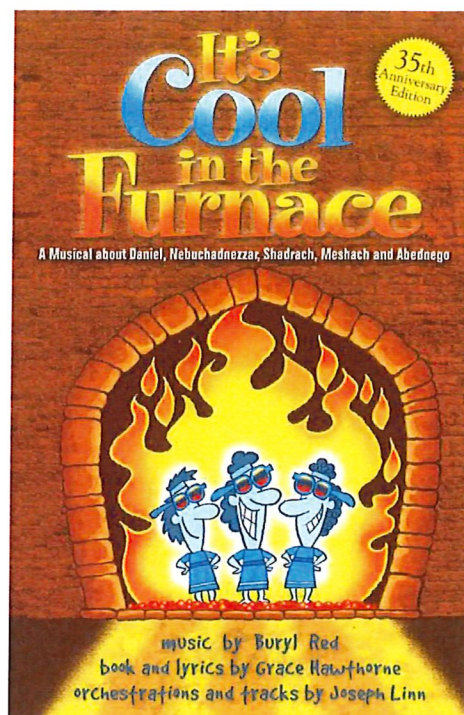
July 18-22: 9am-4pm Camp Hours

July 22: 4pm Family Preview Performance

July 24: 10am Performance as part of Worship at APC

Age: rising 2nd-8th graders

Cost: \$75 per child



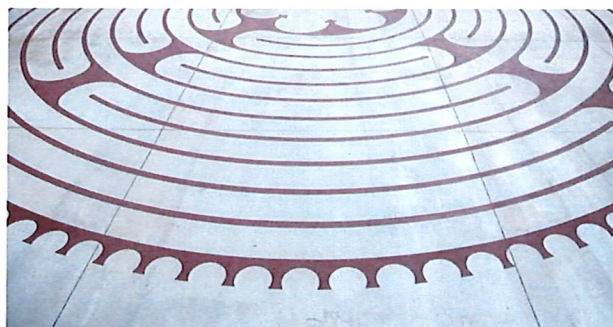
NACK Registration Form Here: <https://forms.gle/DXyLixHj4EhoT5Qj8>

The Labyrinth is OPEN!

Are you looking to find a quiet place of contemplation in our world?

Come to APC and walk the Labyrinth. Located behind the church on the parking lot near the playground, our beautiful design was created by APC Presbyterian Women in 2015. Every evening beginning July 1st, and through much of the summer, we will have some practice materials available for pickup on site.

Labyrinth walking is an ancient practice used by many different faiths for spiritual centering, contemplation, and prayer. There is no right way or wrong way to walk a **labyrinth**. Use the **labyrinth** in any way that you need, while being respectful of others walking. You don't need to think about it or work out where to go – it takes you on its own path, and leaves you free to walk on your own inner journey.



This QR Code takes you to the donation page on our APC website

