

⁸ Let me hear what God the LORD
will speak,
for he will speak peace to his
people,
to his faithful, to those who
turn to him in their
hearts.

Psalm 85:8



Abington Presbyterian Church

July 24, 2022

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

7th 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*

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (-Presbyterian Service for the Lord's Day and Lectionary for the Christian Year (1964))

PRELUDE

Sonatina in E flat major

Jan Ladislav Dussek

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing and give praise to God's name;
tell the good news of salvation from day to day.
Praise the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

* HYMN 26

Earth and All Stars!

EARTH AND ALL STARS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we pass through deep waters or go through times of fiery trial,
the Lord our God is with us, for God loves us with faithful tenderness.
With the confidence of beloved children of God, let us confess our sin.
O Lord our God,
You call us to proclaim the gospel,
but we remain silent in the presence of evil.
You call us to seek the good of all,
but we fail to resist the powers of oppression.
Forgive us, O Lord.
Draw us close to you by the power of your Spirit,
and give us the courage and strength to be faithful to your calling;
through Jesus Christ.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

There is nothing in this world or beyond that can limit God's love for us as God's children!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

* HYMN 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

* 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 98

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL PRESENTATION "It's Cool in the Furnace" *Red & Hawthorne*
The Noah's Arts Camp for Kids participants present a musical adaptation of Daniel chapters 1-3 (OT 819-823)

Processional
Shadrach
Jerusalem Town
It Pays to Remember
Tra-La
Show Us the Dream
Nebuchadnezzar's Decree
Know When to Say "No"
It's Cool in the Furnace
Nebuchadnezzar's Decree
Let the People Praise

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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

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

Invention in D Minor

J. S. Bach

* 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

* HYMN 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Paeon on EIN' FESTE BURG

Erik Meyer

Worship Leaders:

Liturgist: Cynthia Browna
Offertory pianist: Zene Colt
Organ: Erik Meyer

It's Cool in the Furnace Cast and Participant List:

King Nebuchadnezzar: Anna Colt
Queen Nebuchadnezzar: Analisse Rivera
Royal Advisor: Juliet Palumbo
Daniel: Ruby Sall
Shadrach: Elisha Gill
Meshach: Keira Taylor
Abednego: Katherine Nappa
Angel of the Lord: Alayna Maldonado
Chorus lines: Julia Lewis, Elliana Gill, Alayna Maldonado
Tri-la soloists: the Queen, Royal Advisor, the King
Show us the Dream soloists: Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego
It's Cool in the Furnace soloists: Shadrach, Abednego, Meshach, and Daniel

NACK Participants: Anna Colt, Elisha Gill, Elliana Gill, Julia Lewis, Alayna Maldonado, Katherine Nappa, Juliet Palumbo, Analisse Rivera, Ruby Sall, Keira Taylor.

Student Counselors: Miriam Sall, Dean of Students, Allie McMahon, Maddie McMahon, Liz Hyczko, Madden Murray, Libby Fey, Eliza Feil, Sonia Feil.

Music accompaniment: Erik Meyer, keyboard, Jon Hillard, bass.

Camp directors: John Sall and Lily Sall. Camp co-founder and steering director, Ruth Sall

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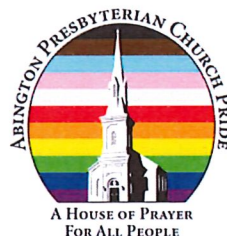
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In need of special prayers this week: Doris Boerner, Ira Greenbaum (nephew of Marlyn Whyte), Helen Porter (mother of Joe Porter), Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Linda Maisenhelder, Christine Kim (wife of Stephen Kim), Will Pompilli (son of 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, Marilyn DeBacco (mother of Barb Foy).

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*

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 Room110—112	Childcare	Childcare	110-112
3 years - 6th Grade	Sanctuary	Blythe Palumbo	Worship Service	Playground



During the summer 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.

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

We are pleased to announce that the **Rev. Ashley Rossi** and APC member **Justin Feil** have agreed to be APC staff coordinators for our Youth Fellowship program. Their staff positions start August 15 and we hope will extend until a full-time Associate Pastor is in place. Pastor Ashley is a member of our presbytery who works at a non-profit called The Common Place. Before her current position, she was Associate Pastor at Carmel Presbyterian Church (working with youth). Many of you know Justin, who has been a lead youth advisor for APC for years, and who filled a similar coordinating role in a previous gap in APC's youth staffing. We give thanks for the gifts and commitment they each bring to their roles working with youth, advisors, and all who support our Youth Fellowship program.



Today, Summer Sunday School will be in Worship.



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.

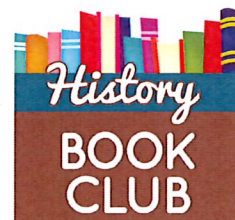


APNS is looking for a state certified teacher beginning Fall 2022. This position is teaching 3/4 year old's.

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

The next book is: **Leonardo De Vinci** by Walter Issacson (576 pages).

Our next meeting is Tuesday Sept. 27 at 7PM in the Parlor.



Mission Council Update

The members of Mission Council feel that it is important to offer hands-on opportunities to serve our members both within APC and our neighbors outside of our church. With that goal in mind, we have put together a calendar of projects that *everyone* in APC can participate in at their own pace and level of interest!

July – GEMMA Back Pack Drive

August 7th – West Kensington Ministry Clean-Up, Fix-Up, Eat-Up Day. An afternoon of working at WKM followed by a worship service at 4:00 PM and a pot luck supper to follow.

Saturday, September 17th – Face-To-Face Cooking/ Serving.

Sunday, September 18th—Face-To-Face PB&J Project.

October TBD – Crafting Day at APC and Rydall Park. Knitting Linus blankets, knit hats for the NICU, Scarves, etc.

November TBD – Fall leaf raking for our older congregational members

Sunday, December 4th—Face-To-Face PB&J Project

Saturday, December 10th - Face-To-Face Cooking/Serving

As we get closer to each project, more information will be offered. Mark your calendars now for an event that is of interest! Everyone is welcome! For more details, talk to anyone from Mission Council or contact Don Brooks at dmkabrooks@comcast.net

Anti-Racism Book Study

Please join the APC Anti-Racism Team for its inaugural book study, beginning Tuesday, August 9th at 7:30PM in the church parlor and continuing on August 16th, 23rd, and 30th.

Emmanuel Acho's **Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man** is the book the team has chosen, and if the author's name seems familiar to you, it may be because he played for the Philadelphia Eagles from 2013-2015 and is now an analyst for Fox Sports 1.

Alice Price is happy to order paperback copies at \$20 each to be delivered to the church. If you want a copy, please email Alice at amrprix@comcast.net. E-books are available for \$17. If you plan to get the book yourself, please consider supporting a local bookstore such as Uncle Bobbie's in Germantown <https://bookshop.org/shop/unclebobbies>. Even if you are unable to make all of the scheduled meetings, please consider adding your voice to the discussion - all are welcome.

The study will be led by Alice Price, Nancy Lawrence Hill, and Joanne Bates, and each session will last one hour, with light refreshments served. The August 9th meeting will center on chapters 2, 4, and 5 of the book - hope to see you there.



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).

We've collected 13 backpacks so far and hope to reach at least 20!!



On Sunday, August 7th, Mission Council is sponsoring a day of service at our partner church, West Kensington Ministry from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Everyone is invited to roll up their sleeves and clean up/fix up/paint up WKM.

We will meet at the APC parking lot at 12:30 PM to car pool down to the church as there is limited parking on the street. The address is **2140 N. Hancock Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19122**. We will bring some supplies with us, but if you want to bring a bucket, cleaning supplies, your tool box or broom, that would be helpful.

Following our service project, you are invited to stay for WKM's 4:00 PM Sunday worship service followed by food and fellowship sponsored by West Kensington Ministry.

If you are interested in joining us or have any questions, please email Don Brooks at dmkarooks@comcast.net.

The APC Labyrinth is OPEN!

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

Come to APC and walk the newly repainted labyrinth which is open most days till mid-August. On Wednesday evenings in July, the labyrinth will be candlelit from 7pm till dusk. Located behind the church on the parking lot near the playground, our beautiful 12th-century-Chartres design was created by APC Presbyterian Women in 2015. And beside the magnificent walnut tree in our yard, the labyrinth stays cool even on the hottest days. If you are new to labyrinth walking, or looking for inspiration, there are some practice materials available for pickup on site.



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

