

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon
me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the
poor.
He has sent me to proclaim
release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the
blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the
Lord's favor."

Luke 4:18-19



Trinity (Andrei Rublev)

Abington Presbyterian Church

July 31, 2022

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

8th 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*

O God, as we focus our attention on your gracious presence, enable us to see the relevance of your word for us today. Grant us hearts filled with gratitude, that we might be inspired to join in your ministry to others in need. Amen.

PRELUDE Air from Keyboard Suite in Bb *Georg Muffat*

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Creator of the universe bids us come to worship with awe, reverence, and eager anticipation.
We gather in unity with other Christians, for in Christ we are one body.
We are together to learn, to care for one another, and to gain strength for our common ministry.
We need one another to discern God's will, and we depend on one another to carry it out.
The Spirit of the Lord is upon us, empowering us to share good news in various settings.
We open ourselves to the word of life as we lift up hands and hearts to the source of our help.

*** HYMN 24** God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens **HOLY MANNA**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God, we are not worthy to come before you,
for we have neglected your word and resisted your will.
We make and break our own standards to suit our momentary whims.
We deny the bonds of mutual concern and caring
that link us with your whole human family.
Shape us by your good news,
that we may find release from all that holds us in bondage.
Free us to respond to your love by sharing it.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The time of God's favor has come. Let us rejoice in the effects of God's goodness and love –
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*** HYMN 582** Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me **GLORY TO GOD (VASILE)**
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 Genesis 1:1-3
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 4:14-20
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Two Men and a Bird *The Rev. Adan Mairena*

* HYMN 317 In Christ There Is No East or West MCKEE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
And to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

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

Now O Now I Needs Must Part

John Dowland

* 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 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFORD

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue in E minor BWV 555

Johann Sebastian Bach

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Adan Mairena

Liturgist: Suzin Weber

Organ: Erik Meyer

Oboe: Samantha Ford

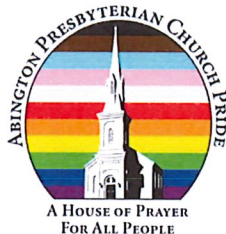
Guitar: Charlie Ford

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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	Children's Choir Room Sanctuary Basement	Ruth Sall	Summer Sunday School One Room School House	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 welcome as our guest preacher today, the Rev. Adan Mairena, the organizing pastor for West Kensington Ministry, where he still serves. APC has been a partner in ministry with WKM. A graduate of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Pastor Adan also is pastor of the Yeadon Presbyterian Church. He has been an influential community leader in Philadelphia for almost twenty years. Welcome, Pastor Adan!



Summer Sunday School at 10:00am in the
Children's Choir Room.



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.

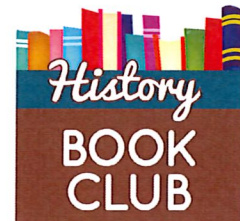


APNS is looking for a state certified teacher beginning Fall 2022. This position is teaching 3/4 year old's.

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.



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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!

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.

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.

Thank you to all those who donated Backpacks.

We've collected 30 backpacks to date!! Thank you



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 dmka-rooks@comcast.net.

All Congregation Nature Walk

Calling all walkers, strollers, frisbee players, picnic-ers!
Join us at beautiful Lorimer Park where we will meet for a walk along the creek.

Sunday, August 7th after the 10AM Service
Meet at Lorimer Park, 183 Moredon Road, Huntingdon Valley, 19006.

More details to follow next week and on the APC FB page.



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



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