

⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:4-6



Abington Presbyterian Church

August 7, 2022

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

9th 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*

We come this day with many concerns on our minds and hearts, O God. Unite us in one body, one spirit, one hope, that we may participate fully in the life you intend for us. Amen.

PRELUDE Allegro Maestoso from Organ Sonata, op. 28 *Edward Elgar*

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

We are invited to lead lives worthy of our calling from God.

**We cannot do this alone,
we dare not try this alone,
so we gather as God's people.**

We are called to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**We come to build up Christ's Body,
in humility and gentleness,
with patience and love.**

We are beckoned to be in solidarity with God's goodness at work.

**We rejoice in the one God of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.**

*** HYMN 394** Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation WESTMINSTER ABBEY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of unity and love,
place within each of us
a spirit of hope and community.
Have mercy upon us
when we splinter relationships
by focusing only on our own desires.
Create in us willing hearts
to live in patience and gentleness.
Raise us up to be your children,
growing toward maturity
in faith and love.
Strengthen this church,
that we may be a model
of ministry and unity
for all to see.
In Christ's name, we pray.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The abundance of God's grace extends to us this day.
In Christ, we have known the reign of God's righteousness.
God also lives in us.
Let us believe the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* HYMN 581

Glory Be To the Father

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, 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

Matthew 18:1-5

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:1-6

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Christ's Church: One

The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

* HYMN 300

We are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

* 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

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day

arr. Erik Meyer

* 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) F (A) C (D) F (G) B^b (A) C (D) 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.

(A) C (D/F#) F/A (F#m) Am (G) B^b (A) C (Bm) Dm
(G) B^b (D) F (A) (Bm) C Dm (Em7) Gm7 (A) (Dsus) C Fsus (D) F

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: American folk melody; adapt. Marcia Pruner, 1980; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984

Music Adapt. © 1980 Church Pension Fund

Music Arr. © 1986 GIA Publications, Inc.

LAND OF REST

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 536

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

SURGE ECCLESIA

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G major BWV 557

Johann Sebastian Bach

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

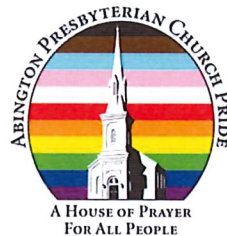
Liturgist: Sandy Bishop

Organ: Erik Meyer

Singers: The Meyer Family (Lukas, Lydia, Erik & Anna)

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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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



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



Summer Sunday School is finished.
Classes will resume in the September.



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.

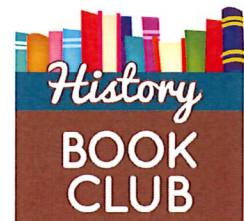


APNS is looking for a state certified teacher beginning Fall 2022. This position is teaching 3/4 year old's.

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

The APC **Anti-Racism** team invites you to 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.

On August 9, we will focus on chapters 2,4 and 5. Don't worry - they aren't long chapters. Here are some of the questions we'll consider that first evening:

- Why isn't it helpful to claim we are colorblind?
- What's a productive response to white privilege?

Join us for an hour of reflection and growth!

Thanks to your generosity, 41 backpacks have been delivered to Gemma Services and will give the children under their care the school supplies needed to help them succeed in school.



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.

This afternoon, we will meet after the 10AM Service at Lorimer Park, 183 Moredon Road, Huntingdon Valley, 19006.

More details on the APC FB page.





This afternoon, 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 needed 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.

Painting: Inside, paint the half round window covers and touch up the doors and trim (if the paint doesn't match, the trim and doors will have to be fully painted, start by painting all the door trim). Outside, paint the trim around the main door and the lintel and trim above the lintel of main door.

Courtyard: Remove the cinder blocks forming the raised garden in the courtyard. The blocks should be moved to the front of the church outside the fence in a neatly piled wall only one block thick and piled no more than four blocks high (<36").

The dirt from the garden should be spread out evenly in the courtyard so as to allow only a slight slope away from the building and the appearance of a level courtyard.

The trees over the raised garden should be trimmed so they are not touching the building and trimmed significantly to avoid obscuring the windows. Cut branches should be cut to 4' lengths and bundled with twine for easy carrying and disposal.

Church Balcony: Remove virtually everything but the aluminum ladder from the church balcony. That includes: wooden ladders(s), wood, boxes of cups and dishes, table tops, small table, plywood, weights, box of ceiling tiles, clothes, oil, cinder blocks, plastic bins, rugs, basketball backboard, spools and buckets.

Junk should be piled outside the church fence with as small a footprint as possible.

Youth Lounge: The youth lounge has been used for all sorts of events during COVID and needs a good freshening up. Window sills should be cleaned. The two easy chairs need a good cleaning (a damp sponge or cloth and a mild detergent is recommended). The rug (8'x10') also needs serious attention with a carpet cleaner and appropriate cleaning solution. Doors, light switches and trim should be wiped down and wipe off scuffs of the walls. The kitchenette area should also be cleaned and straightened up.

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