

¹¹ The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-13



Abington Presbyterian Church

August 14, 2022

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

10th 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, we gather as individuals to worship you. As we do so, we ask for your Spirit to knit us together, so our varied talents may be fully engaged in your service. We want to be the body of Christ that is active in ministry in this place. Amen.

PRELUDE

Adoration

Florence B. Price

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The One who created us as individuals and as a church bids us come.

Recognizing God's presence, we come in awe, reverence, and eager anticipation.

We gather in unity with other Christians,
for in Christ, we are one body.

Together we learn, care for one another, and 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.**

* HYMN 404

What Is This Place

KOMT NU MET ZANG

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, as we come together in your name,
we realize how fragmented our lives have been.

Our actions deny the bonds of mutual concern and care
that link us with one another and your whole human family.

We have neglected the gifts you have placed within us for ministry.

We have devalued the gifts you have placed within others.

Strengthen appropriate connections
so we can serve you in a coordinated way.

Shape and renew us in accordance with your good intent.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Even though there is brokenness in us, God offers healing and restoration -
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

1 Corinthians 12:12-26

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

All Things Bright and Beautiful

John Rutter

The anthem is a setting of the text for Hymn #20 incorporating language of all creation and of the body and its parts as God-given gifts suited to coordinated praise.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:7-16

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Christ's Church: Building Up the Body

The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

* HYMN 733

We All Are One in Mission

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* 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

(As directed, the congregation will sing expressions in prayer that are part of Hymn 103, Come Now, O Prince of Peace)

Gracious and Eternal God, we give you thanks....

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

(Sung): **Come, now, O Prince of Peace; make us one body.**

Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.

Lord of the church, work within us....

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

(Sung): **Come now, O God of love; make us one body.**

Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.

Spirit of the Living God, take away that

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

(Sung): **Come, hope of unity; make us one body.**

Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, connect us...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

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

Nearer My God to Thee

Tom Trenney

This song was a "pandemic project" when the sudden need for solos and the desire for familiar texts of comfort marked worship in distanced settings in 2020. From this origin its repeated phrase "...still all my song shall be 'nearer my God, to Thee'" gave rise to the title of the collection of these new songs.

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me;

still all my song shall be nearer, my God, to thee.

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

Yea, though the vale I tread, thou art with me.
When shadows cloud my head, thou annointest me.
Thy rod and staff shall be comfort to shepherd me
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee.

Though waters foam and roar, though mountains quake,
Thou art my refuge sure, though the earth should shake.
Lord, strengthen and shelter me nearer, my God, to thee.
Nearer, my God, nearer, nearer to thee.

* 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 694

Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

Liturgist: Janet Easlea

Organ: Shirley Keiter

Piano: John Sall

Choir: Ruby, Miriam, Lily, Ruth, and John Sall

Soloist: Ruth Sall

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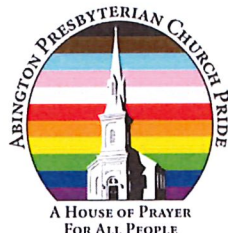
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For Pastoral Care: To notify the church of an illness, hospitalization, death, or to request prayer, contact a minister or call your Deacon or the Church Office at (215) 887-4530.



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: 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 flag-pole through Labor Day weekend. If there is inclement weather, this service will gather in the sanctuary.



Outdoor Worship Service

2022 2nd Quarter Contribution Statements

The 2nd quarter contribution statements were mailed; look for them in your email or mailbox.

Emailed statements will have the following message in the "From Line" and "Subject line" since they are sent through our vendor, CCIS:

From line: *support@ccissoftware.com*

Subject line: *Contribution Detail - Etc.*

If you changed your email, please send an email to jthurlow@apcusa.org requesting your email to be updated including whether "individual name and/or family update".

Thank you! Any questions, please contact Jackie Thurlow in the Church Office.



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.

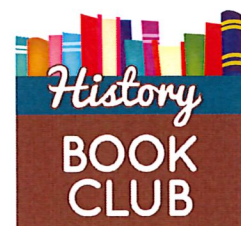


APNS is looking for a state certified teacher beginning Fall 2022. This position is teaching 3/4 year old's.

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.



Clip and Save on your Fridge

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!

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** had a lively first meeting discussing chapters 1,2,4, and 5 of Emmanuel Acho's **Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man**. You are invited to join the group as we discuss chapters 3 and 6 on Tuesday, August 16 from 7:30-8:30. The chapters are a quick read, but they contain a lot to consider about white privilege and power. The author, former Eagles player Emmanuel Acho, helps us understand the term white privilege and suggests things we can each do in response. In the 6th chapter, he tackles the use of the N-word.

Even if you missed the first week's discussion, we hope you'll read these chapters and join us for week 2! And if you can't join us, read along and let us know what you're thinking. For more information, contact Alice Price, Joanne Bates or Nancy Lawrence Hill.



On Sunday, August 7th, Mission Council sponsored a work-day at West Kensington Ministry. With 10 members from APC, we got a lot done in a short amount of time – trimmed the tree in the back of the church, landscaped some of the grounds, heavy-lifted cinder blocks to make way for more greenery, painted the inner doors to the lobby and cleaned up the youth lounge. Following the clean-up/fix up projects, WKM offered a very uplifting service of worship. Wonderful music with a three-piece ensemble, lots of clapping and singing in English and Spanish, a very moving life-story from one of the members about his road back to a clean life from addiction. Following the service was a terrific dinner of chicken, rice and salads for all in attendance. Mission Council is discussing a Spring 2023 work-day at WKM for any members of APC to continue the work we started.



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