

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

1 Corinthians 12: 4-7



*Descending Dove
of the Holy Spirit
(North Transept)*

- ¹⁷ In the last days it will be,
God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit
upon all flesh,
and your sons and your
daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see
visions,
and your old men shall dream
dreams.
- ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men
and women,
in those days I will pour out
my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

Acts 2: 17-18

Abington Presbyterian Church

May 28, 2023

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

Day of Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 28, 2023

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, you pour out the Spirit of grace and love.
Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds
and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.

PRELUDE

Improvisation on Munich

Erik Meyer

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

The word of the Lord to the prophet: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh;
**your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old shall dream dreams
and your young shall see visions.**
You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,
and you shall be my witnesses to the ends of the earth.
Let us worship God.

*HYMN 289

On Pentecost They Gathered

MUNICH

(* - Indicates all who are able may stand)

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God,
you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples
creating bold tongues, open ears,
and a new community of faith.
We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us.
We do not wait or listen for your word of grace,
speak the good news of your love,
or live as a people made one in Christ.
Have mercy on us, O God.
Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,
and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people,
doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE 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 Christ's 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

All children are to remain in worship

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Numbers 11:24-30
The Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 1:1-5, 2:1-6, 12-21
The Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lord, Send Thy Holy Spirit *Gordon Young*
The Chancel Choir sings a prayer for the presence of the Spirit as we hear the scriptures.
Lord, send thy Holy Spirit. Lord, send thy Holy Spirit.
Hear us, O Lord, send thy Holy Spirit; hear us, hear us, O Lord.
Grant us thy peace, thy peace and righteousness, Lord, evermore we pray.

SCRIPTURE READING John 7:37-39
The Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON WAITING *The Rev. Dr. James W. Thornton*

*HYMN 291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness SPIRIT

LITANY FOR PENTECOST

Holy Spirit, Creator, in the beginning you moved over the waters.
From your breath all creation drew life. Without you, life turns to dust.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Counselor, by your inspiration, the prophets spoke and acted in faith.
You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Power, you came in your own time as fire to Jesus' disciples;
you gave them voice before the rulers of this world.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, you created us children of God;
you make us the living temple of your presence;
you intercede within us with sighs too deep for words.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Giver of life, you guide and make holy the church you create;
you give gifts—the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety,
the spirit of the fear of the Lord, that the whole creation may become what you want it to be.

Come, Holy Spirit!

True and only Light, from whom comes every good gift: Send your Spirit into our lives with
the power of a mighty wind. Open the horizons of our minds by the flame of your wisdom.
Loosen our tongues to show your praise, for only in your Spirit can we voice your words of
peace and acclaim Jesus as Lord.

Amen.

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 and 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

OFFERTORY

He Comes to Us As One Unknown

arr. Paul Nicholson

*The Chancel Choir offers an anthem based on the Timothy Dudley Smith text that moves from a Schweizer
reflection at the close of "The Historical Jesus" to the varied ways God continues to be revealed after
Jesus' ascension. The congregation is invited to rise and join the concluding stanza.*

He comes to us as one unknown,
a breath unseen, unheard;
as though within a heart of stone,
or shriveled seed in darkness sown,
a pulse of being stirred,
a pulse of being stirred.

He comes when souls in silence lie
and thoughts of day depart;
half-seen upon the inward eye,
a falling star across the sky
of night within the heart,
of night within the heart.

He comes to us in sound of seas,
the ocean's fume and foam;
yet small and still upon the breeze,
a wind that stirs the tops of trees,
a voice to call us home,
a voice to call us home.

He comes in love as once he came
by flesh and blood and birth;
to bear within our mortal frame
a life, a death, a saving Name,
for every child of earth,
for every child of earth.

*DOXOLOGY

He Come to Us, v.5
**He comes in truth when faith is grown;
believed, obeyed, adored:
the Christ in all the Scriptures shown,
as yet unseen, but not unknown,
our Saviour and our Lord,
our Saviour and our Lord.**

REPTON

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sketch in F minor

Robert Schumann

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. James W. Thornton

Liturgist: Don Brooks

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

Chancel Choir: John Sall, director

Horn: Nathan Williams

Organ: Erik Meyer

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In need of special prayers this week: Doris Boerner, Helen Porter (mother of Joe Porter), Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Linda Maisenhelder, Will Pompilli (son of Teresa Pompilli), Wayne Gibbons, Jr., Judy Meissner, Susan Johnson, John and Phyllis Frazier, Robin Cupo, Laura Lafferty, Emil Kupper, Victor Johnson III (Pete Johnson's nephew), Laurie Betts, Sally Hardy, Katie Link, Jennifer Edward (friend of Nick Cupo), Karen Dirks, Marilyn DeBacco (mother of Barb Foy), Ted Hyczko, Peter Mason (John Waters' nephew), Shawn London (William Coles' daughter), Bill Kostik (Shelia Jackson's brother), Gordy Hawkinson (Nick Cupo's Uncle), Jen Klauder (friend of Cindi Willis), Valerie Steigerwalt (niece of Marlyn Whyte), Peggy Savage, John Connelly (friend of Joanne and Jeff Bates), Jim Holman (friend of Joanne and Jeff Bates), Paul Costello Family, Mary Ann Wherry, Judy Sharff (friend of David & Diane Faust), Kirby Lawrence Hill, Miriam Whitten, Carol Young (friend of Bill Gustafson).

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 Rev. Ashley Rossi & Justin Feil, Youth Fellowship Coordinators

ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN LIFE

May 28 2023

10:00 AM				
AGE/GRADE	ROOM	TEACHER	TOPIC	Pick Up
Birth— 2 year olds	110-112	Childcare	Childcare	110-112
Preschool	221	Amanda Pompilli	Good Samaritan	221
K—2nd Grades	All	Kids	In Worship	
3rd—5th Grades	All	Kids	In Worship	

Children ages 30 months through 5th grade attend Sunday School during the 10am service. Preschool classes start at 10am and are listed in the grid. Kindergarten through 5th graders start the worship service with their families and proceed to their classrooms after the Children's Moment. All children are welcome to attend Sunday School. If you are a visitor today, please feel free to accompany your child to his or her classroom.



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.

Christian Education Offerings

8:45am

- Middle School Sunday School at 8:45am in the Parish Hall basement. All 6th - 8th graders are welcome to join us. (Off this week)
- Adult Education at 8:45am in the Parlor. (Off this week)
- For more information contact Ruth Sall at 215-887-4530 or rsall@apcusa.org.



Adult Forum Series for Spring: *Being Reformed: Faith Seeking Understanding*

8:45 Sunday mornings, **NO ADULT FORUM THIS WEEK.** Resumes on June 4, 11, and 18 in the Parlor.

What does it mean to be a Presbyterian Christian in the world today? God calls us to explore and to work together continually to grow in faith and understanding, but how? Join us in a six-part course, as we explore and celebrate the Reformed and Presbyterian tradition of faith.

We will be using the study guide "Being Reformed: Faith Seeking Understanding" published by the PCUSA. Through readings, discussion, and prayer we will explore aspects of theology, church, worship, spirituality, discipleship, and social righteousness, and how these are significant for our faith.

See Ruth Sall to obtain a copy of the study guide. Extra copies will be available at class time. Sessions will be facilitated by Charlotte Dean and Peter Dykstra and are open to high school age students and adults. Hope you can join us!



Starting on May 30th and continuing through Labor Day (September 4th), the church office will be open as follows:

Monday—Thursday - 8:30am until 3:30pm and CLOSED on Fridays

Youth News: Today 5/28/23

No Youth Programming this afternoon.

The year-end fellowship party is scheduled for 4-6 p.m. on Sunday, June 11 at APC. Come for as much of it as you can during this busy time.

Nashville Mission Trip: The third payment of \$100 is due May 28. Please make checks out to Abington Presbyterian Church. Payment can be turned in the church office or given to Justin Feil.

Put these dates on your calendar to attend.....VBS youth activities.

Following VBS each day (from noon—3pm) will be a youth activity. Whether you are helping out with VBS or not, come be a part of the fun. There is NO COST to attend. Please RSVP to justinfeil4@gmail.com by June 19 if you will be attending.

June 26 - Mini-golf and Burger King

June 27 - Pennypack hike and Rita's

June 28 - Bowling and WaWa

June 29 - Movie and pizza



Doing some Spring cleaning? If you come across unused greeting cards, notecards, birthday, and sympathy cards, we would appreciate your donations. There is a simple brown box on the filing cabinet outside the office marked "Cards" to place them in. Thank you.

End-of-Year Picnic info:

June 11th after worship
On the Church Street lawn, next to the Education Building.
Food, fellowship, and fun.

Bring a dish to share.
Bring a picnic blanket or chairs for the grass or enjoy sitting at a table with friends!
Burgers and Hot Dogs Provided

A - M dessert for 6 – 8 people
N – Z side dish for 6 – 8 people

Old-Fashioned church picnic games for all ages!!
Egg toss, three-legged race, water balloon race, sidewalk chalk art gallery,
bubble blowing contest and much more!!



We hope to see you there.
Congregational Life Council

2023 GRADUATES, Let us hear from you!

If you have a 2023 graduate of a high school or above program, please send the name of the graduate, where they graduated from, and their degree or area of certification, etc. to justinfeil4@gmail.com. Thanks!!!



APC is excited to offer VBS for preschool and elementary age children this summer. We are planning on a pre-school class, K-4th grade traditional VBS rotations of crafts, games and more. A middle school VBS will focus on 5th and 6th grade Service Projects for the local community.



Operation Restoration VBS

June 26-29: 9am - noon

Registration Deadline: June 9, 2023

Age: 3 years old (must turn three by June 1, 2023) through 6th grade

Cost: \$25 per child or \$50 per family

Check made payable to APC or through online giving

(To Pay Online: Go to <https://apcusa.org/give/donate/> and select Program/Event Fee.

Please include VBS Fee and your child's name on page 2.)

Questions regarding registration, please contact Blythe Palumbo at blythep42@gmail.com or Ruth Sall at rsall@apcusa.org



NOAH'S ARTS CAMP FOR KIDS (NACK!)

Our annual musical theater and arts camp is coming soon! Camp will be held July 24-28 from 9 am to 4 pm daily, with a performance on July 30 at 10 am Sunday worship. The family preview is Friday, July 22 at 4 pm.

NACK is a fun all-day day camp for rising 2nd to rising 8th graders. Campers attend art, movement, music, handbells, and drama workshops while working toward a performance on Sunday with a Friday family preview. Campers bring lunch and enjoy outdoor recreation every day.

Ages: rising 2nd through 8th graders (fall '23)

Date/time: July 24-28, 9 am to 4 pm

Family preview: July 28 at 4 pm (after camp)

Performance: July 30 during the 10 am worship

Cost: \$75 per child



Follow the QR code to the registration information page



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self Development of People – all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to organizing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Thanks to all of you for supporting this important global effort! We raised **\$5,812.60** in support of OGHS this year! Once again, the congregation of Abington Presbyterian Church reaches out to help others in need.

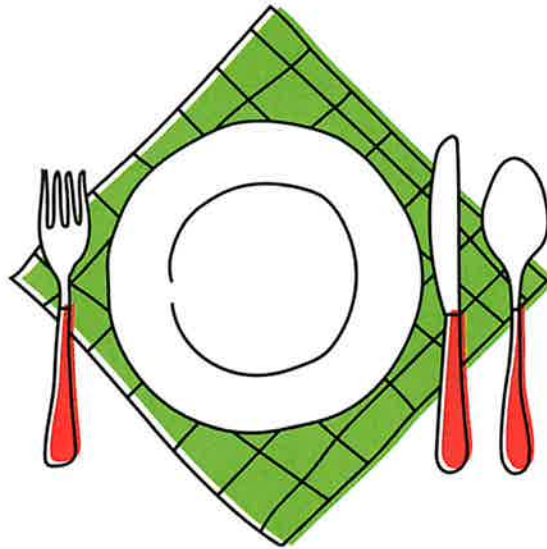
Calling all chefs & servers!

Saturday, June 10th

**Where: Face to Face Mission,
123 East Price Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19144**

**When: Cooking from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
or Serving from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM**

Contact Don Brooks at dmkabrooks@comcast.net



Outdoor Worship Service

Simple Gifts 8:00am Service is moving outdoors for the summer beginning Sunday, June 4th.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.



ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTS

THE ST. THOMAS GOSPEL CHOIR

Directed By

Watt Blocker

From The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas

IN CONCERT

SUNDAY JUNE 4, 2023 - 4PM

Abington Presbyterian Church
1082 Old York Road
Abington, PA 19001

A MUSICAL JOURNEY OF HYMNS, SPIRITUALS AND FOOT STOMPING, HAND CLAPPING GOSPEL MUSIC

Join us for this free worship concert

The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas Gospel Choir currently consist of 60 spirit-filled, energetic, and anointed musicians and singers sharing their music at over 100 services, programs, concerts, and celebrations every year.

Freewill offering received * Free professional child care * Reception follows

APC Deacons Family Summer
Support Food Drive

HUNGER DOESN'T TAKE A VACATION

In support of families in need during the summer, please drop off non-perishable items in the orange food pantry bins. High need items are:

- Dishwasher tablets
- Dish soap
- Laundry detergent tablets
- Cleaning supplies (glass or multi-purpose cleaner)
- Tall kitchen garbage bags
- Ziploc totes, size extra large or jumbo

**MAY 14
TO
MAY 28**

All donations will be
dropped off to Family
Promise Montco PA

www.fpmontco.org/donate-items

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

