

²⁰ Our soul waits for the LORD;
he is our help and shield.
²¹ Our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy
name.
²² Let your steadfast love, O LORD,
be upon us,
even as we hope in you.

Psalms 33:20-22



Abington Presbyterian Church

June 11, 2023

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 11, 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*

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

Aria

Flor Peeters

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

O come, let us sing to the Lord
and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!
**Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,
singing joyful songs of praise.**
For the Lord is a gracious God,
whose mercy is everlasting;
and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

***HYMN 305**

Come Sing O Church in Joy

DARWALL'S 148TH

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,
for we have resisted your will and gone our own way.
We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you.
We have turned from our neighbors,
and refused to bear the burdens of others.
We have ignored the pain of the world,
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.
In your great mercy forgive our sins
and free us from selfishness,
that we may choose your will
and obey your commandments;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*HYMN OF PRAISE 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 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 dismissed to Summer Sunday School in the Children's Choir Room.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 12:1-9
 The Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 33
 The Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 9:9-26
 The Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON LET GO *The Rev. Dr. James W. Thornton*

*HYMN 684 Faith Begins by Letting Go LUX PRIMA

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from 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.**

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

All Things Are Yours, My God

Carl Schalk

All things are Yours, my God,

Creator of all that exists,

all wisdom, all beauty, and might.

You made me, You own me, Your glory surrounds me;

I live by your mercy and love.

All things are Yours, and so am I.

All things are Yours, my Lord,

Redeemer of all who have sinned,

new Master of all who repent.

You sought me, You found me, You call me, You lead me;

now have me live only for You.

All things are Yours, and so am I.

All things are Yours, my Guide,

Renewer and Giver of life,

Transformer of hearts and of minds.

Renew me, transform me, inspire me, refine me,

and give me the spirit of Christ.

All things are Yours, and so am I.

"All things are yours, My child:

so live like the heir that you are,

entrusted with all that you have.

Be faithful, be prudent, be daring, be caring,

as giving as I am toward you.

All things are yours, and you are Mine."

*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 720

Jesus Calls Us

GALILEE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Festival Voluntary

Flor Peeters

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. James W. Thornton

Liturgist: Tia McCoun

Chancel Choir: John Sall, director

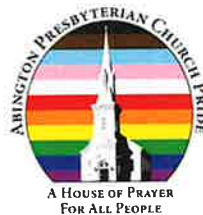
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In need of special prayers this week: Doris Boerner, Helen Porter (mother of Joe Porter), Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Linda Maisenhelder, Will Pompilli (son of Teresa Pompilli), Wayne Gibbons, Jr., Judy Meissner, Susan Johnson, John and 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, Kirby Lawrence Hill, Miriam Whitten, Carol Young (friend of Bill Gustafson), Gina Marshall (Cynthia Brown's sister-in-law), Bob Brown (Len Brown's brother), Carol Mason (sister-in-law of John & Shirley Waters), Russell Warner (nephew of Mary DeVan).

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 Rev. Ashley Rossi & Justin Feil, Youth Fellowship Coordinators

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



Outdoor Worship Service



Nursery Care—is offered for children birth through toddler in the nursery and the toddler rooms (110 and 112)

Nursery

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

8:45 Sunday mornings on June 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

Summer Sunday School—for children preschool through 2nd grades. Come join a one-room-schoolhouse class every Sunday at 10am in the Children's Choir Room located under the sanctuary in the basement. Children will enjoy playing together, hearing a Bible story, doing a short craft, eating a snack, and conclude with time on the church playground. Older children are welcome to be helpers during the class, as well. For more information, please see Mrs. Sall.



Youth News: Today 6/11/23

CURRENT FIFTH GRADERS....Please plan to attend the church picnic on June 11 after the 10 a.m. service. We will have a short welcoming activity at the picnic as you look ahead to moving up to Youth Group in 2023-24.

The year-end fellowship party is scheduled for 4-6 p.m. for TODAY. Come for as much of it as you can during this busy time. Please bring a snack to share as we celebrate the year and look forward to the summer.

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 or the google form emailed on Thursday.

June 26 - Mini-golf and Burger King

June 27 - Pennypack hike and Rita's

June 28 - Bowling and WaWa

June 29 - Movie and pizza



End-of-Year Picnic TODAY after worship
On the Church Street lawn, next to the Education Building.
Food, fellowship, and fun. Plenty of food for all!!

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.



10th Annual Soaker 5k -- sign up to run/walk or volunteer

Abington Presbyterian Church will host its 10th running of the Summer Soaker 5k on Saturday, July 22. The race begins at 8:30 a.m. Participants can sign up online at runtheday.com, and will receive a high quality, very soft T-shirt if registered by July 7. Proceeds this year benefit the Child Guidance Resource Centers, which provides mental health services to Philadelphia area youth.

Volunteers are needed to help at registration and the finish area as well as directing participants along the race course. Volunteers should email justinfeil4@gmail.com to help. Please sign up by June 30 so you can receive a volunteer shirt in the correct size.

Summer Reading? Ella's War

Our friend and local writer, Rusty Allen just released his first book entitled Ella's War, a historical fiction set in Delaware during WWII. We invite you to join us on Wednesday, July 16th over some light fare to discuss and celebrate. We'll meet at the Miller's at 6:30PM and you can pick up Rusty's book at the new Capricorn Book Shop in Jenkintown. <https://capricornbookshop.com/> Hope to see you-- Cindy Miller crmler56@gmail.com and Lisa Goetz Spitko goetzspitko@gmail.com



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



APC Pride Group will once again have a table to hand out Hugs from a Presbyterian, cold water bottles, and decals at the Bucks-Mont Pride Festival on Sunday, June 25th at the Abington Arts Center from noon to 5pm. The festival is a wonderful celebration of all LGBTQ+ people and allies. The event is free and open to the public. Food trucks, interest tables, entertainment and more. Please join us to share our APC Pride - A House of Prayer for All People. For more information please contact Ruth Sall or Michelle Feil.



On behalf of Mission Council, please see the letter from Adan Mairena with West Kensington Ministry. Earlier this year, Abington Presbyterian Church showed overwhelming support for the individuals and families coming north after crossing our southern border. Here is another hands-on opportunity to help our friends in need.

Dear partner churches, WKM continues to work with The New Sanctuary Movement and the city of Philadelphia in welcoming asylum-seekers.

Although the majority of asylum seekers move on to other destinations some stay here at The Welcome Center, a secured city site that is operated by Catholic Social Services and other agencies. This is where you can help! **Help is needed in their clothes closets.** Because of our close and consistent presence, we have an open invitation to provide volunteers for as little as 2-3 hours at a time, or more if that's possible. All we have to do is provide a day or two notice and give our names and present an ID.

I pray you consider this opportunity. If you are interested, please let me know. Again since there are security issues and this is a city site I cannot provide an address but will let anyone know if you decide to go help.

En Cristo, Adán
adan.mairena@gmail.com



Abington Presbyterian Church is proud of the 2023 Graduates!

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Erin Aikens
Cheltenham High School

Sarah DerMovsesian
Upper Moreland High School

Eliza Feil
Upper Moreland High School

Sean Fey
Upper Moreland High School

Alex Kupper
Villa Joseph Marie

Refentse Nhlapo
Abington High School

Nikki Rigsby
Excel Academy South

Delaney Rounds
Upper Moreland High School

UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

Cameron Cloud
Lafayette College
Bachelor of Science in Biology

Jason Lockhart
Penn State University
Economics

Olivia Messina
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic
Medicine
Education Specialist and Nationally
Certified School Psychologist

Rachel Miller
Johns Hopkins University -
Bachelor of Arts in Earth & Planetary
Sciences, and in German, minor in Physics

Kieran Smillie
Temple University
Fox School of Business

Suzin Weber
Eastern University
Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study

Amanda J. Willis
Drexel's Thomas R Kline School of Law
Juris Doctor

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