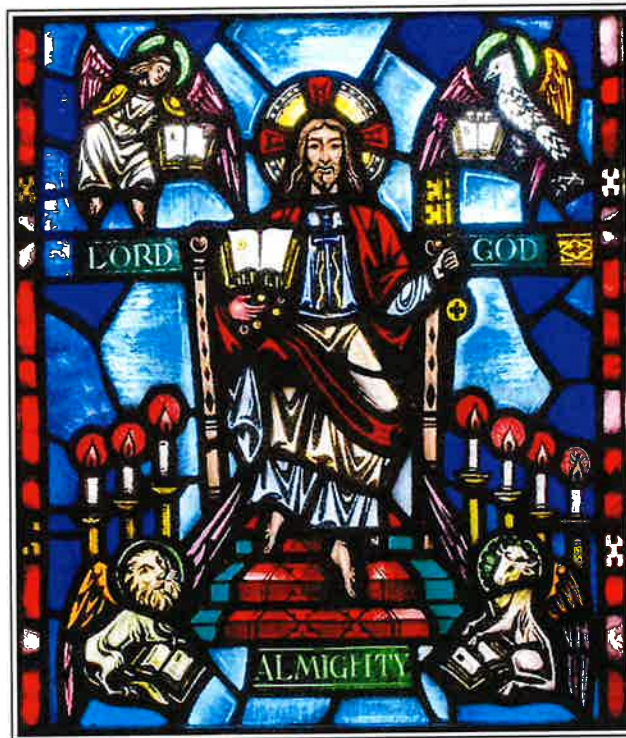


¹ In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,
² the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of
the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.
³ Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴ And God
saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the
darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called
Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Genesis 1:1-5



*Christ in Glory
(north transept vestibule)*

Abington Presbyterian Church

June 4, 2023

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship



Trinity Sunday

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*

God, our Creator, from nothing you made our world.

God, our Redeemer, you rescued us from sin. God, our Advocate, you are with us always.

Comfort us, renew us, and guide us into your truth in this time of worship. Amen.

PRELUDE

Fugue in Eb Major

Johann Sebastian Bach

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Open our lips, O Lord:

And our mouths shall declare your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

Let us praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

*HYMN 2

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

(* - Indicates all who are able may stand)

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, love, and communion,

we confess that we have failed to love you

with all our heart, soul, and mind;

and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

We ignore your commandments,

stray from your way and follow other gods.

Have mercy on us.

Forgive our sin and raise us to new life

that we may serve you faithfully

and give honor to your holy name.

*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 Grades are dismissed to Sunday School

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 1:1-5
 The Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 8
 The Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:1-5, 14
 The Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON ENTER THE DARKNESS *The Rev. Dr. James W. Thornton*

*HYMN 230 Joyful Is the Dark LINDNER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *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 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

When the Morning Stars Together

arr. John Ferguson

The Chancel Choir offers a setting of Hymn #689, a creation hymn that points us toward praise.

*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 LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

...We glorify your name and lift our voices in joyful praise:

HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Hol - y! Lord God Al - might - y!

Heav'n and earth are full of your pow'r and ma-jes - ty.

Sing we all "Ho - san - na! Bless'd is he who comes

in the Lord's name. Ho - san-na in the heights!"

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

...We join together in the prayer Christ taught his disciples, saying:

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

RECEIVING OF ELEMENTS

LAMB OF GOD

Mass for Treble Voices: 5. Lamb of God

Allen Pote

O Christ, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Dona nobis pacem. Dona nobis pacem.

Give us your peace. Give us your peace, Lord.

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

*HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Te Deum

Max Reger

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: James Thornton

Liturgist: Bill Price

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

Chancel Choir: John Sall, director

Chapel Choir: Ruth Sall & John Sall, co-directors, Zene Colt, Jr. accompanist

Handbells: Julia Waite

Organ: Erik Meyer

Gluten free communion bread will be available in front of the lectern.

We share prayers of joy and thanksgiving with **Eric & Janet Gildner** at the recent birth of their first grandchild, Penelope Rose Gildner, daughter of Peter Gildner and Alyssa Atanacio.

Hearing assistant devices are available in the Narthex, please see an usher for assistance.

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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 Browna's sister-in-law), Bob Browna (Len Browna's brother), Carol Mason (sister-in-law of John & Shirley Waters).

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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ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN LIFE

June 4 2023

10:00 AM				
AGE/GRADE	ROOM	TEACHER	TOPIC	Pick Up
Birth— 2 year olds	110-112	Childcare	Childcare	110-112
Preschool	221	Sue Parsons	Review	221
K—2nd Grades	End	Of Year	Party	Playground
3rd—5th Grades	End	Of Year	Party	Playground

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.
- Adult Education at 8:45am in the Parlor.
- 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 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 6/04/23

Regular Sunday morning Schedule / 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



Outdoor Worship Service

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



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

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.



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.

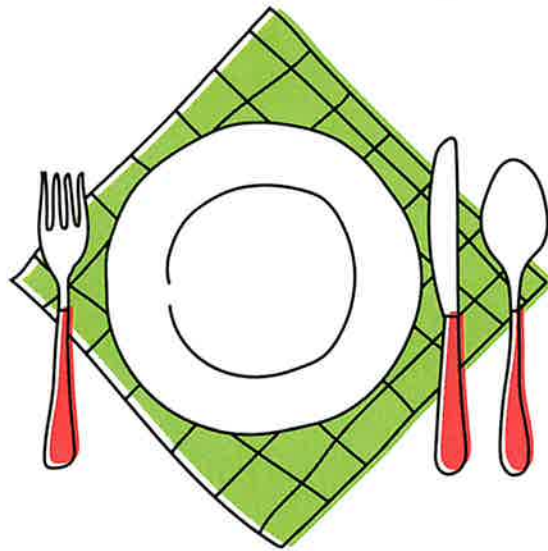
Calling all chefs & servers!

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



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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