

⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸ Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

Genesis 22:7-8



Abington Presbyterian Church

July 2, 2023

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

5th Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
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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 of mercy, grant that the Word you speak this day may take root in our hearts,
and bear fruit to your honor and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE Meditation (Communion) from Suite Medieval *Jean Langlais*

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has worked wonders,
whose right hand and holy arm have brought salvation.
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing out your joy.
Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim our Lord and King.

***HYMN 805** Come Sing to God ELLACOMBE
(* - Indicates all who are able may stand)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us
a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace
to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***HYMN OF PRAISE 581** **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 welcome to attend Summer Sunday School in the Children's Choir Room.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING **Genesis 22:1-14**
The Word of the Lord ... Thanks be to God.

CHORAL PSALM **Psalm 13: How Long, O Lord, Will You Forget** *Hymn 777*

SCRIPTURE READING **Romans 6:12-23**
The Word of the Lord ... Thanks be to God.

SERMON **TERROR, OUTRAGE ... FAITH** *The Rev. Dr. James W. Thornton*

***HYMN 840** **When Peace like a River** **VILLE DU HAVRE**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *from The Heidelberg Catechism*

Q. How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?
A. **We can be patient when things go against us,**
thankful when things go well,
and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father
that nothing in creation will separate us from God's love.
For all creatures are so completely in God's hand
that without God's will they can neither move nor be moved.

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

O Lord, In Thee We Put Our Trust

Handel, arr. Hal Hopson

O Lord, in Thee we put our trust; source of peace and joy forevermore.
In days of trial be our stay. Be our refuge, our hope.
We acknowledge that Thou only art God.

*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

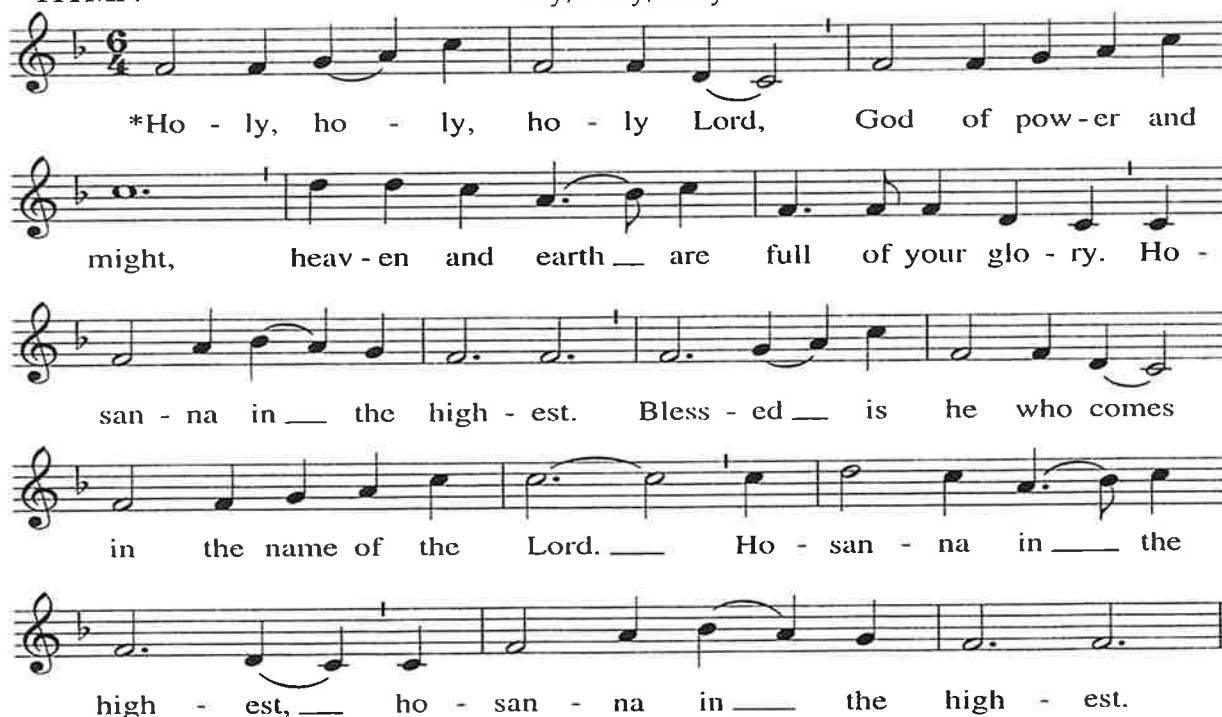
GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

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

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEIVING OF ELEMENTS

COMMUNION HYMN

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

***HYMN 686**

God of Our Life

SANDON

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Acclamations (Christus vincit) from Suite Medieval

Jean Langlais

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. James W. Thornton

Liturgist: Russ Cornman

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

Organ: Erik Meyer

Summer Choir: John Sall, director

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

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

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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.

In need of special prayers this week: 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), 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 Browne's sister-in-law), Bob Browne (Len Browne's brother), Carol Mason (sister-in-law of John & Shirley Waters), Russell Warner (son-in-law of Mary DeVan).

Joys: Our church family would like to celebrate and share joys in our midst including the arrival of a child, grandchild, or great-grandchild in your family. Please let Susan in the office know about these happy events that we may share here.

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.

We share prayers of joy and thanksgiving on the recent birth of Rémy Mattias Fairbanks Kinet, grandson of **Lynn and Steve Seeholzer**, son of **Laura Seeholzer** and Maxime Kinet.

We share prayers of joy and thanksgiving with **Alice and Bill Price** celebrate the wedding of their daughter **Sarah Wingert to Joseph Ogden** on 6/23/2023.



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



Outdoor Worship Service



Nursery

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

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.



The second and third Sundays in July (9&16) Pastor Jim will look at two NT scriptures which he refers to as “*you must be joking.*” Are we really to take these seriously? Maybe the problem is that the common understanding of these passages is not at all what they mean! I hope you'll take the time to attend these important conversations.

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



The Church Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th.

Youth News: Today 7/2/23

DATE CHANGE FOR BEACH DAY: Beach Day will be Saturday, August 26 for all youth going into 6th grade up to Class of 2023. We will spend the day in Ocean City, N.J. Meet at APC at 8 a.m. Return by 11 p.m.



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 justin-feil4@gmail.com to help. Please sign up by June 30 so you can receive a volunteer shirt in the correct size.

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



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



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2023 Backpack and School Supply Collection

June 19 through July 31

Help children served by Gemma begin school with all the right stuff!

SUPPLY LIST

Backpack – *gender neutral please!*

3 composition books

4 2-pocket folders

1 box of pencils

1 large eraser

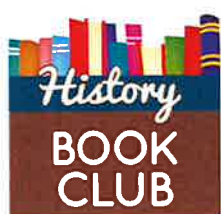
1 box crayons

1 package colored pencils or markers

2 glue sticks (no paste or liquid glue)



Please bring your filled back pack to APC and leave it outside the church office no later than July 31st. Any questions, please contact Mission Council (Georgene at gapilling25@gmail.com).



Our next book is

One Giant Leap: The Impossible Mission That Flew Us to the Moon by Charles Fishman (480 pages).

Our next meeting is Tuesday July 25 at 7PM in the Parlor.

The APC's Anti-Racism Team will have a Book Study in August on Tuesday evenings at 7PM in the church parlor. The featured book will be "The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness" by Michelle Alexander. The book is available in paperback and is 312 pages long. All are welcome!

Please come and add your voice to this important discussion: August 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th - don't worry if you have to miss one or two sessions due to vacation or other obligations, your participation would still be encouraged and impactful.



SUMMER SERVICE DAY AT WKM

Saturday July 8th, 9:00-Noon

Jobs for anyone and everyone!

Come Join Us...

Meet in the church parking lot, we'll leave promptly at 9:00

Or drive direct to West Kensington Ministry

2140 North Hancock St. Philadelphia 19122

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