

28 “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Matthew 11:28–30



Abington Presbyterian Church

July 9, 2023

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

6th Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP
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ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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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 grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you,
and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory
and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE Allegro Moderato from Sonata for violin and Piano K 378

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.
**For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.**
God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
**Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

***HYMN 366** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

(* - Indicates all who are able may stand)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God,
in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
The fears and jealousies that we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor
and nation against nation.
We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason,**

and turn them into bonds of oppression.
Lord, have mercy upon us;
heal and forgive us.
Set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. 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 **Psalm 45:10-17**
The Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING **Romans 7:15-25a**
The Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**
The Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

CHILDISH GAMES

The Rev. Dr. James W. Thornton

***HYMN 418**

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from The Confession of 1967, 9.08

**In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all.
Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people
and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows.
He expressed the love of God in word and deed
and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women.
But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people.
His life and teaching judged their goodness,
religious aspirations, and national hopes.
Many rejected him and demanded his death.
In giving himself freely for them,
he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted.
God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord.
The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.**

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 **Andante sostenuto e cantabile from Sonata K 378**

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

***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 630**

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADER'S HYMN

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Rondo from Sonata K 378

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. James W. Thornton

Liturgist: Cindi Willis

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

Violin: Bill Phillips

Organ: Erik Meyer

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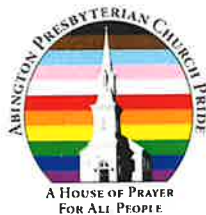
In need of special prayers this week: Helen Porter (mother of Joe Porter), Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Linda Maisenhelder, Will Pompilli (son of Teresa Pompilli), Wayne Gibbons, Jr., Judy Meissner, Susan Johnson, John and Phyllis Frazier, Robin Cupo, Laura Lafferty, Emil Kupper, Victor Johnson 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 Marilyn 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 Browna's sister-in-law), Bob Browna (Len Browna's brother), Carol Mason (sister-in-law of John & Shirley Waters), Russell Warner (son-in-law 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.

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 **Alice and Bill Price** celebrate the wedding of their daughter **Sarah Wingert to Joseph Ogden** on 6/23/2023.

We share joy and prayers of thanksgiving on the recent birth of Henley Leyla Kirk, granddaughter of **Carol Gabay**, and daughter of Hillary and Robbie Kirk.



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

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.



This Sunday and next, 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



Lemonade on the Lawn



You're invited to a very simple “Lemonade (and tea) on the Lawn” and a few minutes of fellowship following the 10am service today. Families with kids in summer Sunday school might grab a glass to take with you as you head toward the playground where you can pick up your kids at play.

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

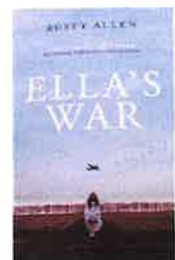


Follow the QR code to the registration information page



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.

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