

⁴ Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually.

Psalm 105:4



Abington Presbyterian Church

July 30, 2023

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

9th Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
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*

Loving God, for each one who leads us in worship today,
we pray that they may be so filled with your Spirit
that they will clearly reflect the glory of Christ in all they say and do. Amen.

PRELUDE

Improvisation on "Go Down, Moses"

Erik Meyer

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise.
All the earth worships you;
they sing praises to you,
they sing praises to your name.

***HYMN 19**

God of Great and God of Small

GOD OF GREAT AND GOD OF SMALL

(* - Indicates all who are able may stand)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God,
we are sorry for the many times we have left you
and chosen to satisfy our own selfish desires.
For the times we have been insensitive to the members of our family
by declining to do our share of the family responsibilities.
For the times we were unkind and impatient
with those who needed our time and concern.
For the times we were too weak to stand up for what was right
and allowed others to suffer because of our cowardice.
For the times we refused to forgive others.
Merciful God, we have sinned. Forgive us. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*HYMN OF PRAISE 581 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 6:1-13, 6:28-7:6

The Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God.**

NOAH'S ARTS CAMP FOR KIDS PRESENTATION

Moses and the Freedom Fanatics

Hal Hopson

Chant of the Slaves
Slaves' Lament
These Times Call for a Vision
Moses! Moses! He's Our Man!
Come, Walk With Me
Freedom Fanatics
Dance of the Frogs
Song of the Insects
Sing Unto the Lord
A Farewell Blessing
Freedom Marching Song

The congregation is invited to join at the director's invitation on the final chorus lines:

**Free at last, we're marching to the Promised Land;
Free at last, we're marching to the Promised Land;
Free at last, we're marching to the Promised Land; Alleluia!**

RECEPTION OF A NEW MEMBER Amanda Kavanagh

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Jack Alexander Kavanagh and Max Aldrich Kavanagh

***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.**

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 HYMN 52 When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

GO DOWN MOSES

***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 109**

Blest Be the God of Israel

MERLE'S TUNE

***BENEDICTION**

PRELUDE

Prelude in G major

Johann Sebastian Bach

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. James W. Thornton

Liturgist: Suzin Weber

Organ: Erik Meyer

Moses and the Freedom Fanatics characters and participants for
2023 Noah's Arts Camp for Kids

Moses: Elisha Gill

Aaron: Katherine Nappa

Miriam: Aubrey Stahl

Ben: Ben Bradley

Rachel: Julia Lewis

Pharoah: Juliet Palumbo

Pharoah's Henchman: Henry Palumbo

Slaves Lament solo call-outs: Jude Regan, Erin Doherty, Benji Regan, Elvin Ross

Drum: Benji Regan

Freedom Fanatics solo and ensemble: Moses joined by Aaron and Miriam, Rachel and Ben.

Freedom rap group: Isaak Newberry, Jacob Lewis, Amelia Hollenbach, Benji Regan, Erin Doherty, Elvin Ross

Song of the Insects

Operatic recitative solo: Elvin Ross

Jokes: Amelia Hollenbach

The Scream: Isaak Newberry, Henry Palumbo

Frogs: Jacob Lewis, Elvin Ross, Jude Regan, Elliana Gill, Amelia Hollenbach, Erin Doherty

Chorus of Hebrew Slaves: all camp participants

NACK 2023 camp participants: Emma Anthony, Ben Bradley, Erin Doherty, Elisha Gill, Elliana Gill, Amelia Hollenbach, Mackenzie Hoffman, Jacob Lewis, Julia Lewis, Katherine Nappa, Isaak Newberry, Michelle Newberry, Henry Palumbo, Juliet Palumbo, Jude Regan, Benji Regan, Elvin Ross IV, Aubrey Stahl

Thanks for musical support: Erik Meyer, accompanist/pianist, Allison Hilliard, flute, Jon Hilliard, bass, youth helpers, added percussion and bells.

Special Thanks to the NACK Camp staff of **volunteer youth helpers:** Caitlyn McCrork – Dean of Students, Miriam Sall – movement leader and stage directing assistant, Alex Hilliard, Liz Hyczko, Allie McMahon, Maddie McMahon, Auggie Sall

Camp Directors: John and Ruth Sall

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In need of special prayers this week: 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, 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 Browna's sister-in-law), Bob Browna (Len Browna's brother), 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.



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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John Sall, M.M., Director of Music Ministries

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)

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 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.

Youth News:

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.



Please join us, following the 10:00 Worship Service, for Fellowship in Parish Hall.

APC GIVING

	YTD 6/30/22	YTD 6/30/23	2023 Budget
Income	\$328,043	\$326,247	\$658,500
Expenses	\$361,972	\$337,756	\$728,500
(Deficit)/Surplus	(\$33,928)	(\$11,509)	(\$70,000)

Mission Council Invites You To Help

This spring, several members from APC went down to West Kensington Ministry to engage in fix-up, clean-up, move-around projects in support of our partner church. One of those projects was to clean up and reseed the courtyard alongside the church. We don't have a "before" picture but imagine a trash-strewn barren lot. After several hours of fertilizing and seeding, the courtyard now looks like this. Granted, nobody will mistake this for the fairway at Pinehurst Country Club, but those members from APC can be pleased with the result.

Through the church year, Mission Council sponsors monthly service projects to encourage fellowship among our members while helping our community beyond APC. We have worked at Face-to-Face, West Kensington Ministry, helped the refugees fleeing their homelands in South and Central America and local school-age children in need of supplies for their first day at school.

We will be sharing the second-half calendar of mission opportunities in the coming weeks. It is our hope that you will find an outreach opportunity that suits you.

We look forward to sharing fellowship with you while helping others in need.



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