

¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

Ephesians 1:17–19



Abington Presbyterian Church

November 5, 2023

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

All Saints' Sunday

ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**All Saints Sunday
ORDER OF WORSHIP
November 5, 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*

O God, by your power may we, with all the saints,
comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ
that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with your fullness. Amen.

PRELUDE

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Dan Locklair

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 149

Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a new song,

God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

Let us praise God's name with dancing.

Let the faithful exult in glory.

***HYMN 403**

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

(* -- Indicates all who are able may stand)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal God,

**in every age you have raised up men and women
to live and die in faith.**

We confess that we are indifferent to your will.

You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent.

You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle.

You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Give us courage to follow in your way,

that joined with those from ages past,

who have served you with faith, hope, and love,

we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

Amen.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***HYMN OF PRAISE 581**

Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX

**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 remain in Worship.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM 139:13-16

I Praise You, God

John Ferguson

The Senior High singers of the Chapel Choir are joined by the Chancel Choir to offer this choral setting of Psalm 139 in a poetic reflection/translation by Debra Rienstra, a poet on the English faculty at Calvin College.

I praise you, God; your works are wonderful!
O God, your skillful hands knit me together;
Inside my mother's womb you fashioned me.
I praise you, God; your works are wonderful!
I am a breath, a mystery, flesh and soul.
Your wisdom, how it soars beyond my thoughts.
I praise you, God; your works are wonderful!
When I lay curled in lively dark, unfinished and still,
You gazed on me with mercy's eye and loved me.
I praise you, God; your works are wonderful.
Before my days began, you counted them;
You wrote them in your book, and called them holy.
I praise you, God; your works are wonderful.
O lead me on the way to you forever.

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 1:11-23
The Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:1-12
The Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON REMEMBERED *The Rev. Dr. James W. Thornton*

LITANY OF GRATITUDE AND LOSS

God of all the ages, we are enriched by those who have shown faithfulness.

We express our gratitude.

Some who have been lanterns for love, peace, and compassion in our midst have died.

We are grateful for their lives, but also feel a sense of loss.

Bring healing to those who feel loss most intensely.

Help us to be a caring community of faith that reflects your deep compassion.

We thank you for the resurrection hope that defines our gratitude and grief.

Alleluia! Amen.

NECROLOGY

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

*HYMN 326 For All the Saints SINE NOMINE

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

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 Thy Perfect Love *John Rutter*
Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest,
Thy perfect love close in my breast
That I thee love and never rest;
And make me love thee of all things best.
And wound my heart in thy love free,
That I may reign in joy evermore with thee.

*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

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

Gifts of God for the people of God ... **Let us keep the feast.**

RECEIVING OF ELEMENTS

Please come forward to one of the stations for Communion. Gluten free communion bread will be available in front of the lectern. Self-contained packets will be available at the middle of the sanctuary.

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

*HYMN 840

When Peace like a River

VILLE DU HAVRE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

La Rejouissance

George Frederick Handel

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. James W. Thornton

Liturgist: Kathy Messina

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

Chancel Choir: John Sall, director

Chapel Choir Senior High singers: John Sall and Ruth Sall, co-directors

Organ: Erik Meyer

We remember those members who have joined the Church Triumphant during the past year:

Herbert L. Harris

Anna M. Heger

Eric W. Johnson

Christine Kim

Janice M. Lufkin

Ruth V. McClung

Helen Porter

Daniel F. Sneberger, Sr.

Rudolph W. Stroh, Jr.

Erma Yerkes

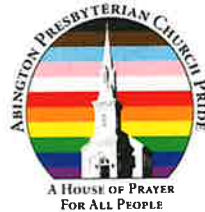
Hearing assistant devices are available in the Narthex, please see an usher for assistance.

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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: 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), Marilyn DeBacco (mother of Barb Foy), Ted Hyczko, 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, Miriam Whitten, Leigh Shull, Victor V. Johnson, Jr, Carolyn Ming, Richard Decembrino family, Olive Biggs, Stephen Krewson.

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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Eric Meyer, *Organist*

Ashley Rossi & Justin Feil, *Youth Fellowship Coordinators*

ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN LIFE

November 5, 2023

10:00 AM				
AGE/GRADE	ROOM	TEACHER	TOPIC	Pick Up
Birth– 2 year olds	110-112	Childcare	Childcare	110-112
Preschool	221	Christine Sacco	Noah– Rainbow & Promise	221
K—2nd Grades	All	Remain in	Worship	Parish Hall
3rd—5th Grades	All	Remain in	Worship	Parish Hall

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)

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.
- Confirmation Class, contact Bill Stock for more information.
- Adult Education at 8:45am in the Parlor.
- For more information contact Ruth Sall at 215-887-4530 or rsall@apcusa.org.



A Day of "WORKSHIP"

TODAY, November 5th, Mission Council in partnership with The Anti-Racism Task Force is planning a day of "**Workship**". We will meet at 1:00 PM in the APC parking lot and caravan down to **West Kensington Ministry** for a few hours of fix-up, clean-up and toss-out fun. After our "work" is done, we are invited to stay for their 4:00 PM worship service followed by a simple supper for all in attendance.

Their worship meeting room at WKM is limited in space, so we are limited to 15 APC members who can participate in this unique day of service.

Anyone interested should contact Don Brooks at dmkabrooks@comcast.net.



Join us next Sunday, November 12th, for Fellowship Hour after the 10am worship service.

APC GIVING

	YTD 9/30/23	YTD 9/30/22	Annual 2023 Budget
Income	\$473,811	\$486,944	\$658,500
Expenses	\$518,250	\$554,818	\$728,500
(Deficit)/Surplus	(\$44,439)	(\$67,874)	(\$70,000)

Adult Forum Sundays in November: SHARING OUR STORIES

Who is that person with whom you have shared the peace in church? Or who you see participating in a mission project? What is their story? How can we grow in empathy and be more sensitive to the faith and life journeys through active listening? From time to time the Anti-racism team will sponsor conversations to foster deeper relationships. During these sessions one person from the church will share life experiences that have been formative of their identity. Sometimes the story will be their experience of race, of spiritual development, of hardship, or of vocation. After we listen to the story, we will have a chance to enter into conversation. The Anti-racism team hopes that through these conversations we will deepen our sense of connectedness and community in a way that will help us better pursue a path of justice and love. In November the Anti-racism team and the Adult Education committee are co-sponsoring a series of three conversations during Adult Forum, 8:45–9:35 in the Parlor.

November 5- Tia McCoun, APC Congregational Care Associate

November 12- Bonni Zetick

November 19- Ahtoi Gibbons

Don't get rid of your leftover Halloween candy. Donate it!



APC Youth Group will have a box outside the church office after Halloween to collect leftover candy that we'll make into care packages for college and college-aged students. All candy should be turned in by Nov. 12 please.

YOUTH NEWS



Upcoming Youth Calendar highlights:

Middle School Lock-In on Nov. 10!!!!!!!

Who: all 6-8th graders

What: Fun, games, movie, projects, food, and a little sleep

When: 7 p.m. Friday Nov. 10 - pick-up by 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11

Cost: None....unless you count sleep deprivation as a cost.

RSVP justinfeil4@gmail.com by Nov. 7.

11/18 - Service at Share in Philadelphia—**Share service opportunity**

Who: Youth 13 years old and above. Limited to 15 people! Look for sign-up in weekly email.

What: Warehouse Packing, Car packing: pack up DoorDash cars with Senior Food Box Program boxes, Produce sorting, Cleaning/organizing small cleaning and organizing tasks to aid in warehouse maintenance

When: Saturday, Nov. 18. Meet at APC at 8:15 to drive down. Serve 9-12, return by 1:30 p.m.

Where: Share Food Program Warehouse, 2901 W. Hunting Park Avenue, Phila., PA 19129

Hello parents of college aged youth at APC,

The APC Youth Fellowship group would like to send your college aged student a care package of goodies around finals time, to let them know they are thought of and loved by their APC family. But we need your help to make that happen!



Please send me the mailing address of your college aged youth by Nov 12th. If they are living at home and commuting to school, or not attending school and working right now, that's fine too! We just want them to know we are thinking of them. Jennie Colt — jennie.colt@gmail.com

Women's Gathering



Please join us on Thursday, November 16th at 5:30pm at Marzano's Restaurant located at 309 York Road, Jenkintown.

To RSVP or need additional information, please contact Sheila Jackson at dljskj@gmail.com

APC Fall Clean-Up Day

APC is having a Fall Clean-Up Day on Saturday, November 11th from 9—12.



All are welcome to come and help declutter many areas around the church.

Lunch will be provided.

Covid-19 cases have been rising, so the former Pandemic Response Team shares these reminders and recommendations as we seek to protect our church family and our health. You are always welcome to wear a quality mask to reduce risk. If you do not feel well, please don't attend indoor events in person.

If you have been exposed to Covid-19 you should mask with quality mask for 10 days and test on day 6. If you have a positive test OR symptoms (fever, ache, loss of smell/taste, etc) isolate immediately, mask for 10 days when indoors. You may end isolation (but continue masking) on or after day 6 if you are fever and symptom free without medication.

[NOTE: www.cdc.gov is the best single source for information: go to Coronavirus page "Other topics" and click on "If you were exposed" or "If you are sick" where a calendar calculator can help navigate all this.]

A bowl of chili is shown in the top left corner of the poster.

Youth Group Fundraiser

Chili

COOK OFF



SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 19TH
AFTER CHURCH IN
PARISH HALL

Sign up to make chili
and win the chili
cookoff!

email Anne Marie
Constable if you are
willing to make chili
sweets.amc@gmail.com

Tickets
are \$5.00



**November 26th from 4:00-5:30pm – Advent Fair and Hanging of the Greens Event
followed by the Crockpot Potluck!**

Bring a crockpot dish to plug in while you help decorate the church and create Advent Crafts. There is something for every age.

Our Advent theme this year centers around the Star. During the decorating time we will hang the 6-foot Moravian star in the sanctuary and create stars for the sanctuary Christmas trees and to take home.



We will also continue our tradition of making a fresh greens Advent Wreath. Here is the link for the form to sign up to make a wreath <https://forms.gle/ao8dNjTSKqBQMoYR7>.

For more information, please contact Ruth Sall.

Old York Road Ministerium Presents
The 73rd Annual

*Interfaith
Thanksgiving Service*

**Tuesday, November 21
7:00 p.m.**

Hosted by: Old York Road Temple-Beth Am
971 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001

An evening dedicated to interfaith
prayer, thanksgiving & community
together with our Jewish, Christian
& Muslim neighbors.

Donations of canned food welcomed!
Donations will be distributed locally to
Jenkintown Food Cupboard

Music
at Abington presents

MARGARET BONDS
MONTGOMERY VARIATIONS

Abington Symphony Orchestra

John Sall, director

Vivaldi Guitar Concerto with Allen Krantz, guitar

Dvorak's Symphony 5

7:30 P.M., Friday, November 10, 2023

Abington Presbyterian Church, 1082 Old York Road, Abington PA
livestream option available at www.apcusa.org/MusicAtAbington
free childcare • fully accessible • free will donations received

The Abington Symphony Orchestra presents "Montgomery Variations" of Margaret Bonds (1913-1972) in a concert highlighting guest soloist Allen Krantz (guitar) in a Vivaldi concerto, as John Sall leads the orchestra in the program of deeply affecting masterworks including Beethoven's "Coriolanus" Overture and Dvorak's Symphony No. 5 In F Major.

Margaret Bonds was a prodigious musician, playing and composing by age 5 who advanced to studies in piano and composition with luminaries Florence Price and William Dawson by high school, continuing on to Northwestern University for undergraduate and graduate degrees, becoming the first African American soloist to appear with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Bonds affinity for Langston Hughes' poetry and artistic vision led to lifelong collaborations and friendship and a shared emphasis on artistic expressions of Black experiences in America. Bonds composed Montgomery Variations in the wake of the 1963 firebombing by white nationalists of Birmingham, Alabama's 16th Street Baptist Church. The horror of this incident led to international outpouring of shock and support including the "Wales Window" (featured in this flyer) by Welsh glass artist John Petts, designed to replace a window destroyed in the blast.

Bonds wrote about the piece: "The Montgomery Variations were written after the composer's visit to Montgomery, Alabama, and the surrounding area in 1963. It is a group of freestyle variations based on a Negro Spiritual theme, 'I want Jesus to Walk with Me.' The treatment suggests the manner in which Bach constructed his partitas – a bold statement of the theme, followed by variations of the theme in the same key – major and minor." It is dedicated to Martin Luther King, Jr."



Thanksgiving ~ Deacon Food Baskets “Help Fight Hunger Project”

APC Deacon Food Coordinator Contacts:
Laurie Wikoff – elwikoff@comcast.net / 215-808-9683
Sheila Jackson – dljskj@gmail.com / 610-806-3313

**Food donations & contributions needed by
Sunday, November 12, 2023**

These are the items that are included in our food baskets. If you wish to donate any of these items, please place them in the food bins by the office... Thank you!

- 1 can baked beans
- 1 can corn
- 1 can green beans
- 1 can tuna fish
- 1 jar peanut butter
- 1 jar grape jelly
- 1 box cereal
- 1 box complete pancake mix
- 1 bottle pancake syrup
- 1 box spaghetti
- 1 jar spaghetti sauce
- 1 box stuffing
- 1 box macaroni and cheese
- 1 box instant mashed potatoes
- 1 package of cookies
- 1 can soup
- 1 bag of apples*
- 1 frozen turkey*
- 1 loaf bread*
- 1 disposable aluminum roasting pan*

* These items will be purchased by the Deacons

FYI – An average family “Food Basket” costs approximately \$70
If you would like to contribute funds towards the “food basket” expenses:
Please state “Deacons Food Basket” and your envelope # on your check,
or use APC Website-Give tab
<https://apcusa.org/give/> or the Mobile App and
put “Deacons Food Basket” in the “Notes” box.

We are also in need of drivers to help deliver food baskets on the morning of Saturday, November 18th.
Please see the sign-up sheet at the Deacon’s bulletin board or contact Tim Waite at kathyandtim.waite@comcast.net / 215-470-1879



This QR Code takes you to the donation page on our APC website



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