

In your book were written
all the days that were formed
for me,
when none of them as yet
existed.
¹⁷ How weighty to me are your
thoughts, O God!
how vast is the sum of them!
Psalm 139:16b-17



Abington Presbyterian Church

January 14, 2024
10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship
2nd Sunday after Epiphany

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday after Epiphany
ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
January 14, 2024

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*

Dear God, we come to worship you today. We come to sing, pray, and listen.
You always hear us. Help us to hear you. Amen.

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G major

Felix Mendelssohn

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Look!" cries John the Baptist,

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

"Come and see," the disciples beckon.

We have found the Messiah — God's Chosen One, who makes us whole.

"Follow me," Jesus calls.

We come at Christ's own invitation. Let us respond with thanksgiving and praise.

***HYMN 309**

Come, Great God of All the Ages

ABBOT'S LEIGH

(* - Indicates all who are able may stand)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Emmanuel, you have come among us — taking on human form
that we might know the fullness of your grace.**

**Sometimes we are bold to echo your first disciples
and exclaim with joy: "We have found the Messiah!"**

**Other times we are slow to embrace the good news,
and quick to dismiss your presence among us.**

Lord, you have searched us and know our hearts.

**When we are dazed and distracted,
open our eyes to behold glimpses of your grace.**

**When doubt or despair stifle our imaginations,
make space in our hearts for faith and hope.**

Call to us again, we pray,

and give us the courage to trust your promises

and the faithfulness to follow you with open hearts. 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Grades K-2 are dismissed to Sunday School.
Grades 3rd – 5th remain in Worship.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
The Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God.**

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SCRIPTURE READING John 1:43-51
The Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God.**

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SERMON

*HYMN 450 Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.
The Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles

rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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

I Believe This is Jesus

arr. Undine Smith Moore

I believe this is Jesus; come and see, come and see;
I believe this is Jesus; come and see, come and see.

The light of God shines in his face; Oh, come and see, come and see.
He offers all his pardoning grace; come and see, come and see.

Oh I believe (yes!) this is Jesus (yes!); come and see (yes!), come and see (yes, Lord!);
I believe (yes!) this is Jesus (yes!); come and see, come and see,
come and see, oh, my Lord!
Oh, I believe this is Jesus; come and see, come and see!

*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 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148th

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praeludium in C- BWV 545

Johann Sebastian Bach

Worship Leaders:

Bridge Pastor: The Rev. Dr. James W. Thornton

Liturgist: Ralph McDevitt III

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

Chancel Choir: John Sall, director

Organ: Erik Meyer

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

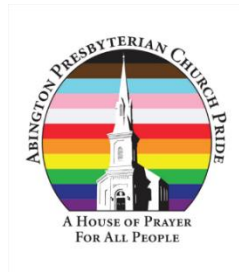
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In need of special prayers this week: Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Linda Maisenhelder, Will Pompilli (son of Teresa Pompilli), Wayne Gibbons, Jr., Judy Meissner, John and Phyllis Frazier, Robin Cupo, Laura Lafferty, Emil Kupper, Laurie Betts, Sally Hardy, Katie Link, Jennifer Edward (friend of Nick Cupo), Marilyn DeBacco (mother of Barb Foy), Ted Hyczko, 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, Victor V. Johnson, Jr, Richard Decembrino family, Olive Biggs, Stephen Krewson, Kristine Biddle (mother of Isaiah and Kade Holt), Ed Messina, Gaylen Byker (friend of Sandra & Jim Holt and former member of APC), Sandra Brown (sister of Diane Faust).

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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