

³ O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name
together.

Psalm 34:3



Abington Presbyterian Church

April 19, 2026

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

Third Sunday of Easter

Centering Prayer

Startle us, O God,
with your truth,
and open our minds
to your Spirit,
that we may be one
with Christ our Lord,
and serve as
faithful disciples,
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

The people **gather** in response to God's call to worship our Creator with thanksgiving and praise.

The whole congregation joins together in speaking (or singing) the text in **bold** print. At the asterisk (*) please stand in body or rise in spirit. Purple *Glory to God* hymnals are located in the pew racks. Please join in singing!

Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the Narthex (at the back of the Sanctuary). Please see an Usher for Assistance.

Children's Worship Bags are available at each entrance to the Sanctuary.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

PRELUDE *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee* Dale Wood

WELCOME AND LIVING OUR FAITH The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson

CALL TO WORSHIP Inspired by Psalm 146

Praise the Lord!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live.

Sing praises to God,

who made heaven and earth,

who is faithful forever,

who gives justice to the oppressed,

who gives food to the hungry,

who sets the prisoners free,

who watches over the stranger,

who cares for widows and orphans.

The Lord will reign forever.

Praise the Lord!

*HYMN NO. 234 *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain* ST. KEVIN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord our God,
you call us to work for a world
where all will be fed and have dignity,
but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.
You call us to seek justice and peace,
but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.
You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,
but we do not insist on freedom for all.**

**Forgive us, O Lord.
Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,
so that all may know your justice and peace;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.**

*SILENT PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE NO. 239 (v. 1) *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!* GELOBT SEI GOTT

**Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mike Palumbo

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Kings 17:1-16 Old Testament, p. 323

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PROCLAMATION *Elijah! God’s Faithful Prophet* Mark Patterson

Lord, We Are Your People

God Will Provide

Just Enough Oil

Palace Trio

Showdown

Waiting to Decide

Send Your Fire Down!

Mighty God

The congregation is invited to share signs of Christ’s peace, such as a handshake, with one another.

Where the word is read and proclaimed, we believe Jesus Christ the living Word is present by the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the proclamation of the word through the reading and interpretation of Scripture is central to our worship. The proclamation of the word takes on a different form today as members of our children’s choirs and some middle and senior high youth present *Elijah! God’s Faithful Prophet*. Based directly on the narrative of Elijah in 1 Kings chapters 17 and 18, composer Mark Patterson captures the challenges of Elijah’s dramatic call to public witness as part of the faithful remnant in a time of oppression with a bit of humor amid the drama and memorable songs to capture the praise and gratitude of the faithful.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Lois Leong

Douglas E. Wagner

*DOXOLOGY HYMN NO. 239 (v. 4) *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!*

GELOBT SEI GOTT

**Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 22

God of the Sparrow

ROEDER

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Easter Postlude on "St. Kevin" Franklin D. Ashdown

In gratitude for the grace we have received, we respond with **thanksgiving** and offer our lives to God.

Your presence and participation in worship is an expression of self-offering. If you've not already done so, please sign the red Friendship Pad, located at the end of the pew on the center aisle, then pass it along the row. If you prefer an electronic form or are worshipping with us via livestream, you may follow the link to the online Friendship Pad using the QR Code below.

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Online Friendship Pad



We are grateful for gifts of time, talent and treasure. If you prefer to give a financial gift online, you may use the QR code below.



ELIJAH! God's Faithful Prophet by Mark Patterson

Cast and Crew:

Elijah – Charlotte Boutcher

King Ahab – Henry Palumbo

Queen Jezebel – Harper Rounds

Widow of Zarephath – Elliana Gill

Widow's Child – Anna Gill

Obadiah – Adam Berry

Narrator 1 – Juliet Palumbo

Narrator 2 – Elisha Gill

Cherub Choir Assistant – Auggie Sall

Prophets of Baal – Owen Berry, Eli Bradley, Trixie Clayton

Chorister Speakers – Norah Amewoa, Maddie Bancroft, Owen Berry,
Trixie Clayton, Anna Gill, Calvin Mc Ivor

Palace Guards – Eli Bradley, Calvin Mclvor

Ravens – Norah Amewoa, Owen Berry, Dexter Clayton, Ellie Costello,
Isaiah Gill, Taylor Linton, Benjamin Mclvor, Joey Pompilii

Showdown Quartet – Maddie Bancroft, Trixie Clayton, Calvin Mclvor,
Harper Rounds

Cherub Choir - Norah Amewoa, Maddie Bancroft, Owen Berry, Dexter
Clayton, Trixie Clayton, Ellie Costello, Anna Gill, Isaiah Gill,
Taylor Linton, Benjamin Mclvor, Calvin Mclvor, Joey Pompilii
Carol Choir: Adam Berry, Charlotte Boutcher, Eli Bradley,
Elliana Gill, Henry Palumbo, Harper Rounds

Director – Ruth Sall

Accompanist- Lois Leong

Sound/Stage Assistant – John Sall

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Our community of faith strives to live by the words of the Apostle Paul: *Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep* (Romans 12:15). As you pray throughout the week, we invite you to lift up the names of those who have requested prayer. Our church family would also like to rejoice with you if you are celebrating the arrival of a child, grandchild or great-grandchild; marking an important milestone; or have another joy to share.

To add a name to the Prayer List or share a joy, please call the church office or email Susan Schied: sschied@apcusa.org

TODAY AT ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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| 8:00 a.m. | Simple Gifts Worship Service in the Sanctuary |
| 8:45 a.m. | Adult Forum: What the Lessons and Legacies of the Civil Rights Movement in the US South Can Tell Us Today in the Parlor |
| 9:50 a.m. | Nursery Care for infants and toddlers in Room 110
Preschool Sunday School in Room 122 |
| 10:00 a.m. | Celebration Worship Service: Children’s Musical in the Sanctuary |
| 11:15 a.m. | Office Hours Working Group Meeting in Parlor
Circles of Trust—Group 3 in the Chapel |
| 2:30 p.m. | Boy Scout Court of Honor in the Parish Hall |
| 3:00 p.m. | Festive Youth Ringers in the Bell Room |
| 4:00 p.m. | Youth Fellowship in the Youth Lounge |
| 5:15 p.m. | Youth Dinner in the Parlor |
| 6:30 p.m. | Chapel Choir at Springhouse Estates |

PRAYER LIST

In need of prayers this week: Heather Shay-Herzig

We share prayers of joy and thanksgiving with **Peter Gildner and Alyssa Atanacio** on the birth of their daughter, **Gemma Sofia Gildner**.

In need of ongoing prayers: Bernadette Barnhurst (mother of Marie Barnhurst), Olive Biggs, Carol Boles (mother of Christine Sacco), Kierstin Blomquist (cousin of Chuck Twining), Walter Boutcher, Rick Bruce, John Connelly (friend of Joanne and Jeff Bates), Corrigan Family (APNS family), Robin Cupo, Linda Doyle, Heather Ferretti (Daughter of Trish Miller), John Frazier, Phyllis Frazier, Carmina Gagliardi (friend of Joanne and Jeff Bates), Wayne Gibbons, Jr., Lindsay Harbold (APNS parent), Joanne Hawkson (mother of Nick Cupo), Hirst Family (APNS family), Ted Hyczko, Diane Johnson, Stephen Krewson, Emil Kupper, Laura Lafferty, Family of Katie Link (APNS parent), Holland Lutzow (APNS student), Mary Anne McMillan, Clinton Mench (APNS parent), Joan Meyers, Gail Mignogna, Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Will Pompilli (son of Teresa Pompilli), Joe Risi (friend of Cindy Willis), Sharon Robson (friend of Kimberly Browne), Ed Sacco, Lisa Seufert, Valerie Steigerwalt (niece of Marlyn Whyte), Jackie Thurlow, Eugenia Velazquez (Iris Long’s mother), Shirley Waters, Barbara Weber, The Weir Family, Cindi Willis, Callum Wright (friend of Barbara-Ann Schwartz, APNS teacher).



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7:30 p.m. Friday, May 1, 2026



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