

13 Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord.

1 Peter 3:13–15a



Abington Presbyterian Church

May 10, 2026

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Centering Prayer

Lord,
as we think of Paul
and Silas,
lifting up their voices
in song
in the midst of their fear,
let us consider the song
we might offer,
a prayer, and breath,
something to remind us of
your presence,
when we find ourselves
in our own dark night,
and let us hold that song
in our hearts,
grateful for its melody.
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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Priere à Notre Dame from Suite Gothique, Op. 25* Léon Boëllmann

WELCOME AND LIVING OUR FAITH

The Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have been invited to know God.

Let us enter the knowledge of God.

We have been invited to bear God's justice.

Let us enter the justice of God.

We have been invited to enter God's truth.

Let us enter the truth of God.

We have been invited to enter God's unity.

Let us enter the unity of God.

*HYMN NO. 240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO. 1

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Creating God,
in selfishness and insecurity,
we have traded your healing for our hatred,
your calling for our comfort,
your truth for our traditions,
your covenant for our conventions,
your faithfulness for our fragmentation,
your care for our convenience,
your solidarity for our self-righteousness,
your promise for our praise.**

Forgive us, we pray.

**Speak to us again of your love,
that we may know you,
and by knowing you,
we may once again be made whole.
Amen.**

*SILENT PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

BELL VOLUNTARY

Celtic Praise
Lois Leong, director

Rolf Lovland
arr. Kevin McChesney

WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Ruth Sall

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Russ Cornman

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 16:16-24

New Testament, p. 136

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 16:25-40

New Testament, p. 136

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Megan LeCluyse

*HYMN NO. 753

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

*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;

(Continued on page 4.)

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

Following the Children’s Message, children (through Grade 5) may follow their teachers to Sunday School or remain in worship.

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.

We respond to the proclamation of the Word by confessing the faith of the Church. Today we are using one of our oldest and most familiar affirmations of faith. Roman Christians developed an early form of the Apostles’ Creed around 180 C.E. and used it to teach church doctrine to candidates for baptism. The present form of the Apostles’ Creed dates to the eighth century.

**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

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 *We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight* arr. Kenneth Kosche
Chancel Choir: John Sall, director
Anthem is a setting of the text found at Hymn No. 817

*DOXOLOGY HYMN NO. 245 (v. 4) *Christ the Lord is Risen Today!* LLANFAIR

**Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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.

Abington Presbyterian Church
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.



SENDING

*HYMN NO. 815 *Give to the Winds Thy Fears* FESTAL SONG

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Voluntary on FESTAL SONG* Daniel Berghout

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To read about all the exciting things happening at Abington Presbyterian Church, **please pick up a copy of “Abington Presbyterian Life” from an Usher or subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter.** To be added to the distribution list for the E-Blast, please call the church office or email Susan Schied: sschied@apcusa.org

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.

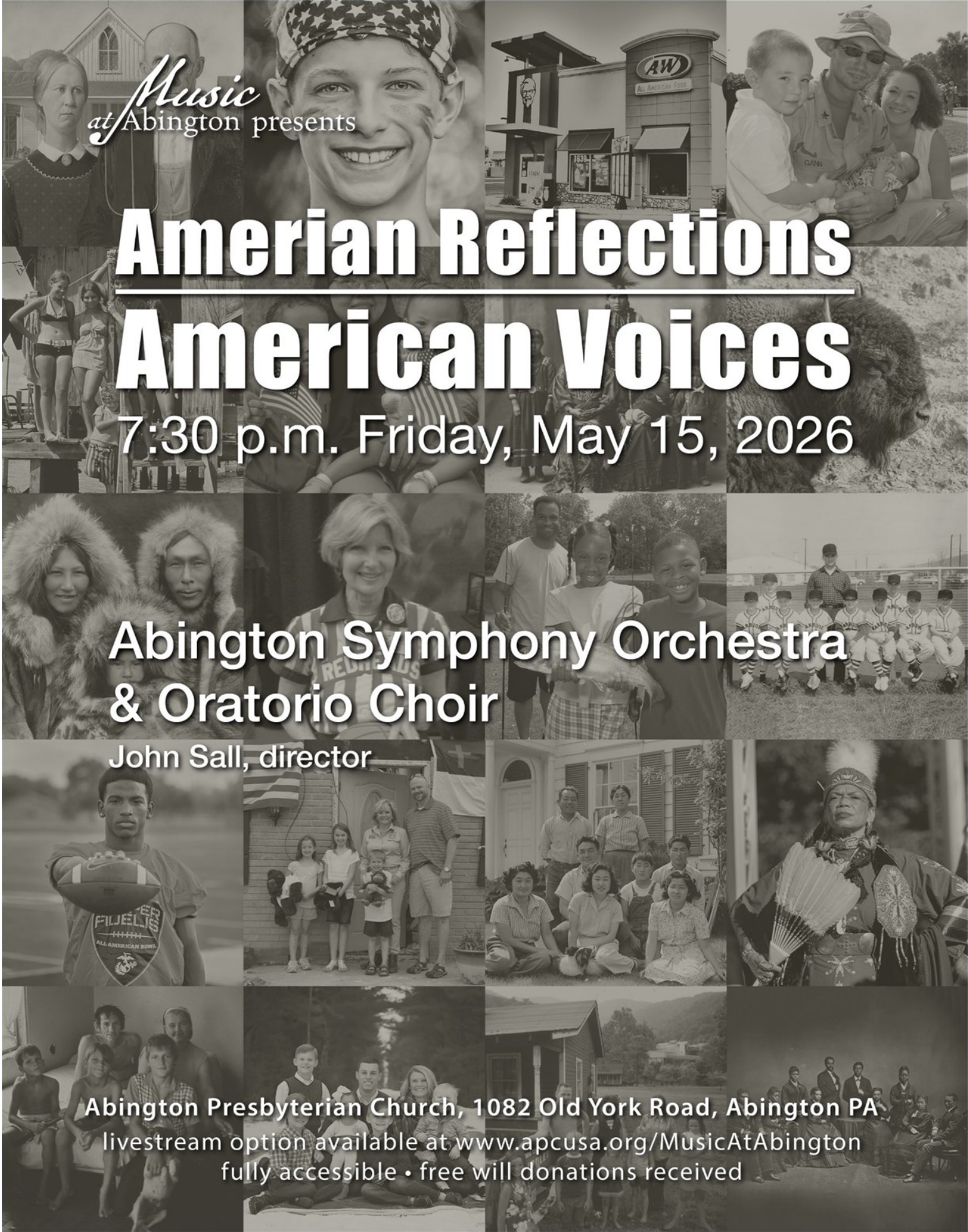
To add a name to the Prayer List or share a joy, please call the church office or email Susan Schied: sschied@apcusa.org

TODAY AT ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- 8:00 a.m. Simple Gifts Worship Service** in the Sanctuary
- 8:45 a.m. Adult Forum: "I am the bread of life" from John 6** in the Parlor
- 9:50 a.m. Nursery Care** for infants and toddlers in Room 110
Preschool Sunday School in Room 112
- 10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship Service** in the Sanctuary
- Following the Children's Message (approx. 10:20 a.m.)**
Sunday School for Kindergarten—5th in the Youth Lounge

PRAYER LIST

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), 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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