

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Acts 2: 1-4



*Descending Dove
of the Holy Spirit
(North Transept)*

- ¹⁷ In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit
upon all flesh,
and your sons and your
daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see
visions,
and your old men shall dream
dreams.
- ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men
and women,
in those days I will pour out
my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

Acts 2: 17-18

Abington Presbyterian Church

May 24, 2026
10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

Day of Pentecost

Centering Prayer

Wind of God,
Blow far from us
all dark despair,
all deep distress,
all groundless fears,
all false values,
all selfish wishes,
all wasteful worries.

Blow into us
your holy presence,
your living love,
your healing touch,
your splendid courage,
your mighty strength,
your perfect peace,
your caring concern,
your divine grace,
your boundless joy.

Wind of God,
blow strong,
blow fresh,
blow now. 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

Pentecost Sunday

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Choral Varie sur le thème du Veni Creator, Op. 4, Variations 1, 2 & 3*
Maurice Duruflé

WELCOME AND LIVING OUR FAITH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Wind of God, who awakened creation
and stirred dry bones to life—
sweep through this space and enliven our worship.

Wind of God, who descended as tongues of flame
and gave birth to the church—
sweep through this space and ignite our hearts.

Wind of God, who guides our ministry
and equips us for service—
sweep through this space and empower our witness.

*HYMN NO. 280 *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us* EBENEZER

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.
We rejoice in the gifts you have given us.
Yet, we confess, we do not always use them to glorify you.
For using the gifts of your Spirit for selfish gain
instead of using them for the common good,

forgive us, O God.

For thinking too little of ourselves,
not trusting that you have given us gifts for your service,

forgive us, O God.

For believing some gifts to be better than others,
ignoring how we each build up the body of Christ,

forgive us, O God.

Spirit of the Living God,
melt us, mold us,
fill us again with your power
and use us for your work
so that our lives may glorify you.

*SILENT PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE *Loving Spirit* KINGDOM

**Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be,
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Cynthia Browna

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:19-23 New Testament, p. 115
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:1-21 New Testament, p. 119
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson

*HYMN NO. 288 *Spirit of the Living God* LIVING GOD
First time through: as written
Second time through: you are invited to sing “us” instead of “me”.

*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;**

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.

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.

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**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

Alice Price

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

Many Gifts, One Spirit

Allen Pote

Chancel Choir: Lois Leong, conductor; Shirley Keiter, accompanist

Many gifts, one spirit, many songs, one voice.
Many reasons, one promise, many questions, one choice.

O God, we pray for unity, give guidance from above.
In our differences unite us in the circle of your love.
O God, remind us we are not alone.
Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne.

Help us learn to love each other, show us ways to understand.
We are members of one family, growing strong by joining hands.
O God, remind us we are not alone.
Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne.

Take our many ways of working, blend the colors of each soul
into the beauty of a rainbow, give us life, Lord, make us whole.

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



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*DOXOLOGY HYMN NO. 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 295

Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Choral Varie sur le thème du Veni Creator, Op. 4, Variation 4 (Final)*
Maurice Duruflé

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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

- 8:00 a.m.** **Simple Gifts Worship Service** in the Sanctuary
- 9:50 a.m.** **Nursery Care** for infants and toddlers in Room 110
- 10:00 a.m.** **Celebration Worship Service** in the Sanctuary

PRAYER LIST

In need of ongoing prayers: Bernadette Barnhurst (mother of Marie Barnhurst), Olive Biggs, Carol Boles (mother of Christine Sacco), 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), 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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7:00 p.m. Sunday, June 7, 2026



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