

- 4 For the word of the LORD is upright,
and all his work is done in
faithfulness.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast
love of the LORD.

Psalm 33:4-5



Abington Presbyterian Church

June 7, 2026

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Centering Prayer

God who guides us,
you ask us to give
our whole selves to you,
but we live in a world
that claims we should hold
different priorities.
As we seek faithfulness
amidst all that demands
our attention and affection,
teach us what it means
to be centered in your love.
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!

Welcome! Abington Presbyterian Church strives to be a house of prayer for all people. Please see page 6 for information regarding accessibility and worshipping with children.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Second Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Flutes"

Jean Langlais

WELCOME AND LIVING OUR FAITH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Like the crowds of old, we gather 'round Jesus,
for we have heard of his compassion and grace.

We believe Jesus will receive us with mercy.

Like the desperate father, who knelt at Christ's feet,
like the long-suffering woman, who touched his garment's hem,

we trust Christ to make us whole.

All who seek healing, all who long for joy—
come into God's presence!

With awe and amazement, let us worship the Lord!

*HYMN NO. 610

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great is your faithfulness, O God, Creator.
You draw us close,
enveloping us with grace that heals and love that sustains.
Yet, we resist your embrace
and shrink from entrusting our hearts fully to you.

Forgive us, Lord.

We come besieged by the demands of our own lives—
our energy too depleted to turn toward the pain of others.

Forgive us, Lord.

We come overwhelmed by the suffering of your children,
but feeling powerless to effect change.

Forgive us, Lord.

We come holding tight to what we have,
more confident in a perceived scarcity than in your abundant grace.

Forgive us, Lord.

Open our hands and hearts, and give us generous spirits
so that we might serve others and help heal your world.

*SILENT PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE NO. 581 *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Ruth Sall

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Cynthia Browna

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 12:1-5a Old Testament, p. 10

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 New Testament, p. 9

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson

*HYMN NO. 529 *Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether* UNION SEMINARY

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.

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 use the online Friendship Pad using the QR Code inside the folder.

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.



*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;
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.**

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* William Billings
Oratorio Choir: John Sall, director

From all that dwell below the skies, let the creators praise arise.
Let the Redeemer's name be sung, through every land by every tongue.
Let the Redeemer's name be sung, through every land by every tongue.
Let the Redeemer's name be sung, through every land by every tongue.
O come, loud anthems let us sing, loud thanks to our Almighty King.
For we our voices high should raise, when our salvation's rock we praise.
Into His presence let us haste, to thank Him for His favors past.
Down on our knees devoutly all, before the Lord, our Maker, fall.

*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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT 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.

Spoken Refrain:

Blessed are you, Lord our God:

Blessed are you, Lord our God.

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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Let us keep the feast.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**God of Grace,
thank you for gathering us at your table
and nourishing us with the bread of life.
May the meal we have shared
strengthen us for service
and sustain us as we go forth
to bear your blessing to the world.
Send us out,
filled with hope but hungry for a world
that resembles your Kingdom. Amen.**

This is not a Presbyterian table; it is the table of our Lord. All who trust in Christ, regardless of age, are invited to partake of this sacrament.

During Communion of the People, please come forward to one of the communion stations, take a piece of bread, and dip it into the cup of grape juice. The bread at the station nearest the lectern (front of the sanctuary, "house left") is **gluten-free**. Individually **packaged elements** are available on each plate of bread. If you need to remain seated during Communion of the People, please raise your hand so that an usher can direct servers to you.

There are two **flexible seating areas** in the Sanctuary—one near the “house left” arched doorway and one in front of the pulpit. These sections are for worshippers with accessibility needs (e.g. those who use wheelchairs or walkers; those who need support to stand; those worshipping with children in strollers) and their companions.

Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the Narthex (at the back of the Sanctuary). Portable **pew cushions** are available at the North Transept (“house right”) entrance. Please see an Usher for assistance.

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

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SENDING

*HYMN NO. 766 *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound*

MC KEE

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Prelude in Classic Style”

Gordon Young

TODAY AT ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- 8:00 a.m.** **Simple Gifts Worship Service** on the Church Lawn
- 8:45 a.m.** **Adult Forum: “I am the good shepherd” from John 10**
in the Parlor
- 9:50 a.m.** **Nursery Care** for infants and toddlers in Rooms 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
- 11:00 a.m.** **Church Picnic** on the Church Lawn
- 7:00 p.m.** **MAA Concert: Ben Rosenblum Nebula Project** in the Sanctuary
- 8:00 p.m.** **MAA Reception** in the Parlor
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PRAYER LIST

We offer special prayers of comfort and sympathy for:

- the **Barnhurst Family** on the death of Marie’s mother, Bernadette Barnhurst.
- the **Graham Family** on the death of **Jack Graham** (September 3, 1932—May 19, 2026)
- the **Long Family** on the death of Iris Long’s mother and Ashley Burgos’s grandmother, **Eugenia Velazquez**.

In need of ongoing prayers: Bob Adams, 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, Callum Wright (friend of Barbara-Ann Schwartz, APNS teacher).

Stay connected with our community of faith!

You Tube:

@AbingtonPresbyterianChurch4784

Facebook:

@Abington Presbyterian Church-APC (Public Group)
@Abington Presbyterian Church Youth Fellowship (Private Group)

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

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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.