

³ Know that the LORD is God.
it is he that made us, and we
are his;
we are his people, and the
sheep of his pasture.

Psalm 100:3



Abington Presbyterian Church

June 14, 2026

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Centering Prayer

We saw a stranger
yesterday.
We put food
in the eating place,
drink in the drinking place,
music in the listening place.
And in the sacred name of
the triune God,
he blessed us and our house,
our cattle and
our dear ones.
As the lark says in her song:
Often, often, often,
goes the Christ
in the stranger's guise.

The people **gather** in re-
sponse to God's call to wor-
ship 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 Presby-
terian Church strives to be a
house of prayer for all peo-
ple. Please see page 4 for
information regarding acces-
sibility and worshipping with
children.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

PRELUDE *According to Thy Gracious Word* Gilbert M. Martin

WELCOME AND LIVING OUR FAITH

CALL TO WORSHIP

As Abraham and Sarah welcomed divine visitors
with gracious hospitality and a rich feast,

**may we welcome God with open hearts,
ready to feast on God's word.**

Here, in this place, it is the Lord who offers
bread that satisfies and waters that refresh.

**We come with open hands,
ready to receive God's grace.**

*HYMN NO. 305 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!* DARWALL'S 148th

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, you send us
to proclaim the good news of your kingdom
to all who are lost,
all who are afflicted,
all who are captive,
all who have been cast out.
But we are content to proclaim
the in-breaking of your kingdom
within familiar communities
where we know others will receive this news
with nods of agreement.
Push us beyond what is comfortable and safe,
and strengthen us for lives of compassionate service,
that we might be the laborers you call us to be.**

*SILENT PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Based on Romans 5:1-2

People of God, hear the good news:
Since we are made righteous by faith, and faith alone,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Through Christ, we know the fullness of God’s grace!
Rejoice, and abide in hope,
for in Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to God!

*RESPONSE NO. 399

God Welcomes All

THEMBA AMEN

**God welcomes all,
strangers and friends;
God's love is strong
and it never ends.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Ruth Sall

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Marie Barnhurst

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 9:35-10:8

New Testament, p. 9

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

Old Testament, p. 14
Gil & Susan High

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SERMON

The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson

*HYMN NO. 51

To Abraham and Sarah

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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.

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.

*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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Michelle Feil

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 *Make Our Church One Joyful Choir* Jonathan Crutchfield
Chancel Choir: John Sall, director

Make our church one joyful choir
on this glad and festive day
and by song invoke the fire
that invites our hearts to pray:
Refrain: Shape us, Christ to live and claim
all it means to bear your name.

Bend us low by song and prayer,
low enough to lift the cross
and to take the weight and bear
love's uncounted final cost. *Refrain*

Lift us up by song and prayer
till the way we deal with loss
and our acts and words of care
trace the pattern of your cross: *Refrain*

Bend us, lift, us, make us strong,
send us out with wind and fire,
so the world may hear the song
that we offer as your choir: *Refrain*

*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. 315 *In the Midst of New Dimensions*

NEW DIMENSIONS

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE Toccata on "Leoni"

Gordon Young

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.



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.



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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

- 8:45 a.m. Adult Forum: “I am the resurrection and the life” from John 10**
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
- 11:00 a.m. Mission Study Congregational Conversation** in Parish Hall

PRAYER LIST

We share prayers of joy and thanksgiving with **Janet Easlea** on her marriage to Ken Weber on June 7, 2026 at Gwynedd Square Presbyterian Church.

We offer special prayers of comfort and sympathy to the **Draper Family** on the death of **Ruth Draper** (February 24, 1932—June 5, 2026).

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).

Congratulations to our 2026 Abington Presbyterian Church Graduates!

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Name	School	Will attend
Zene Colt	Abington Senior High School	University of Pittsburgh
Andrew Ellis	Upper Moreland High School	Temple University
Christian Feil	Upper Moreland High School	Johns Hopkins University
Ella Gould	Upper Moreland High School	Penn State University
Emma Madden	Upper Dublin High School	Denison University
Lily Orlevitch	Abington Senior High School	College of William & Mary
Adam Silverman	Abington Senior High School	Temple University
Ava Jeanne Tucker (granddaughter of Craig and Carole Jeanne Nicholson)	Waterford High School	University of Hawaii

UNIVERSITY DEGREE GRADUATES

Name	University	Degree Obtained
RJ Boyd	Penn State University	B.S. in Hospitality Management
Eliza Feil	Clemson University	B.S. in Psychology
Griffin Johnson	Clemson University	B.S. in Accounting
Jennifer Parsons	Lafayette College	A.B. in Engineering/Economics Magna Cum Laude
Mitch Ratka	Penn State University	B.S. in Computer Engineering Minors in Physics and Cybersecurity
Miriam Sall	McDaniel College	B.A. in Sign Language
Andrew Waite	University of Delaware	B.A. in Biology
Allison Wysocki	Millersville University	B.S. in Early Childhood Education Minor in Integrated STEM Methods

ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

PASTORAL STAFF

The Rev. Sudie E. Niesen Thompson, M.Div., Th.M.	Pastor/Head of Staff
The Rev. Judith A. Dwyer, M.A., M. Div.	Parish Associate

MUSIC STAFF

John Sall, M.M.	Director of Music Ministries
Ruth Sall, B.M.	Children & Youth Choir Director
Lois Leong, M.M.	Organist & Director of Handbells

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Ruth Sall, B.M.	Director of Christian Education
Justin Feil	Youth Fellowship Coordinator
The Rev. Ashley Rossi, M.Div.	Youth Fellowship Coordinator

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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.