

²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:22–23



Abington Presbyterian Church

June 28, 2026

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Centering Prayer

You can be a flower
by the side of the road.
You can be a fountain
for whoever passes by.

You can be a lighthouse
where the coast
is uncertain.
You can be a handrail,
a park bench, an umbrella.

You can be the voice
that does not jeer,
that calms, encourages,
or thanks.

“Whoever gives even
a cup of cold water
to one of these little ones
will not lose their reward.”

Lord, may it be so of me.
Amen.

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

5th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

PRELUDE

The Swan
Trombone: Lukas Meyer

Camille Saint-Saëns

WELCOME AND LIVING OUR FAITH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come from the fields of your daily labors,
return from the journeys that have taken you far from home—
come, here is rest and renewal.

**We gather, hearts ready
to receive God’s life-giving Word.**

Come to this table, where all find welcome,
and this font, where grace overflows—
come into the presence of the Living Lord.

**We come to praise God—
the sender and the sent.**

*HYMN NO. 341

O God, Show Mercy to Us

THAXTED

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, you send us as prophets
to proclaim your coming reign.
You send us out as witnesses
to embody your justice, kindness, and mercy.
Yet we shrink from your call to serve
as messengers of your kingdom.
We cling to safe surroundings
and turn from the demands of discipleship.
Forgive us, we pray.
Embolden us and send us again
as heralds of your good news.**

*SILENT PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE NO. 582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

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

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Ruth Sall

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Anne Rife

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 6:12-23 New Testament, p. 156

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 10:40-42 New Testament, p. 11

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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.

SERMON

The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson

*HYMN No. 737 *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song* LES PETITES SOEURS

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

Ray Rife

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

I Need Thee Every Hour
Trombone: Lukas Meyer

arr. Ryan Kelly

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like thine can peace afford.
I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my savior, I come to Thee.

*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. 296

Go in Grace and Make Disciples

WONDROUS LIGHT

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on “*Thaxted*”

Kevin Uppercue

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

- 8:00 a.m.** **Simple Gifts Worship Service** on the Church Lawn
- 8:45 a.m.** **Adult Forum: “I am the way, the truth, and the life” from John 14 & “I am the true vine” from John 15** 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.)**
Children’s Summer Sunday School in the Children’s Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m.** **Crafts & Laughs** in the Parlor
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PRAYER LIST

In need of ongoing prayers: Bob Adams, Ray Bettys (friend of Craig & Carole Jean Nicholson), Olive Biggs, Carol Boles (mother of Christine Sacco), Walter Boutcher, 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, Shirley Waters, Barbara Weber, The Weir Family, Callum Wright (friend of Barbara-Ann Schwartz, APNS teacher).

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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.