

- ⁸ The LORD is gracious and
merciful,
slow to anger and abounding
in steadfast love.
⁹ The LORD is good to all,
and his compassion is over all
that he has made.

Psalm 145:8-9



Abington Presbyterian Church

July 5, 2026

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Centering Prayer

I bind unto myself today
your power, O God,
to hold and lead,
your eye to watch,
your might to stay,
your ear to hearken
to my need,
your wisdom, O my God,
to teach,
your hand to guide,
your shield to ward,
your living Word
to give me speech,
your heavenly host
to be my guard.
(The Breastplate of St. Patrick)

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

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Kelvingrove

arr. Joshua Evanovich

WELCOME AND LIVING OUR FAITH

CALL TO WORSHIP (UNISON)

The Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

**In the beginning God spoke and the world came into being.
In the beginning The Word was with God and was God.
The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.
In Jesus Christ we gather to praise our Creator,
Jesus our Redeemer and the Spirit, our strength and guide.
Let us worship God!**

*HYMN NO. 1

Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, forgive us when we fail to respond to your call with faith.

**Through your Spirit
we stand in assurance of your great love for us
and your mercy on us.**

Forgive us

when we are shackled by our narrow understanding of discipleship
and focused on our own longings and desires.

**Through your Spirit
we are drawn to your unchanging and constant love.**

Forgive us when we are frightened of the future
and forget that you are with us
as a light to our path and a lamp to our feet.

**Forgive us when we fail to trust you for our future and
doubt that you want good for us.
We offer ourselves to you.**

*SILENT PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Through the mercy and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
we are set free to live a life pleasing to Almighty God.
We receive this love and forgiveness
and seek to live in love and forgiveness with others. **Amen.**

*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

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 6:1-8 Old Testament, p. 635

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 5:1-11 New Testament, p. 62

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON “The Volta” The Rev. Pauline Sexton

*HYMN NO. 726 *Will You Come and Follow Me* KELVINGROVE

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) will remain in wor-
ship.

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 in-
terpretation 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 *Romanze in F (Op. 118, No. 5)*

Johannes Brahms

*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.

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

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY Sonata in F (Op.2, No. 1): II. Adagio
L. van Beethoven

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (UNISON)

**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. 757 *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* KINGSFOLD

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *America, the Beautiful* arr. Eleanor Whitsett

WORSHIP NOTES

Thank you to Rev. Pauline Sexton for worshipping with us today.
Pauline J. Sexton is honorably retired from the Presbytery of Philadelphia after 25 years of Pastoral Ministry. A graduate of Eastern University, with a BA in Organizational Development and MDiv from Princeton Theological Seminary. Prior to retirement Pauline served several churches in the Philadelphia Presbytery as Transitional Pastor; Neshaminy Warwick, Supplee, The Anchor and Ambler and as the Chaplain, Director of Spiritual Care at Doylestown Hospital. She recently retired from Doylestown Presbyterian Church as Pastoral Associate supporting the Senior Adult and Deacons ministries. Ministry did not end at retirement, and Pauline continues to teach Bible Studies, lead retreats and provide pulpit supply as well as volunteering in community organizations. She serves on several Presbytery committees. Pauline has three grown children, and two grandchildren. Reading mysteries, poetry, gardening, traveling, theater and the arts are a few of her passions. She lives in Chalfont, Bucks County.

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
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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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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.