

13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

Matthew 14:13-14



Abington Presbyterian Church

August 2, 2026

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Centering Prayer

I praise you, O God—
in the sanctuary
and under the stars;
for your greatness
and for your goodness;
with loud hymns
and quiet prayers;
with helping hands
and dancing feet;
with all my breath
and with all creation;
I praise you, O God. 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

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Here I Am, Lord

arr. Larry Sue

Lois Leong & Lily Sall, Handbells

WELCOME AND LIVING OUR FAITH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Inspired by Psalm 9

The God who first heard the morning stars sing
never forgets the cry of the afflicted.

**You, O God, have not forsaken
those who seek you.**

The God who set the limits of the seas
remains a stronghold for the oppressed.

**You, O God, have not forsaken
those who seek you.**

Come, let us thank God for steadfast love,
for all God's mighty works.

*HYMN NO. 19 *God of Great and God of Small* GOD OF GREAT AND GOD OF SMALL

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of Great and God of Small,
we confess that we have overlooked
the greatness of small things.
We have set our own standards and metrics
for what we consider important.
One prayer answered does not excite us;
one life changed does not amaze us.
And yet your work in this world
is as intricate as any artist's.
Give us eyes to see your kingdom stirring around us,
and when you call us, to work alongside you
in nurturing life for all your creation.**

*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.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Grant Rounds

SCRIPTURE READING “David and Goliath” (1 Samuel 17) *Spark Story Bible*

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PROCLAMING THE WORD

The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit
Words by Tom Long, Music by Allen Pote

March, We Will March
Goliath of Gath
Who Will Fight the Giant?
Friends in the Lord
Every Shepherd Knows
Dressing for Battle
My God Is
The Battle Song
Our God is Great

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Somos del Señor* arr. Larry Sue
Lois Leong & Lily Sall, Handbells

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.

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.



**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

Holy God,
you alone are holy,
you alone are God.
The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars;
beneath the sea;
within each cell;
with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water;
by night and day;
across the wilderness;
out of exile;
into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life;
near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner;
among the poor;
with us now.

We thank you, O God.

Remembering his love for us
on the way,
at the table,
and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering;
within this meal;
among your people;
throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God,
through Jesus Christ,
by your Spirit,
in your church,
without end.

Amen.

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

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 612

We Praise You, O God

KREMSER

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Robert J. Powell

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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The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit* cast and participants** ***Words by Tom S. Long, Music by Allen Pote

Cast:

David—Lydia Sell
Princess Michal—Katherine Nappa
King Saul—Jacob Lewis
Eliab—Adam Berry

Israelite Army
Commander—Josiah Leon
Sentry 1—Juliet Palumbo
Sentry 2—Julia Lewis

Philistines
Shield Bearer of Goliath—Henry Palumbo
Philistine 1—Madeline Bancroft
Philistine 2—Michelle Newberry
Philistine 3—Mackenzie Hoffman
Philistine 4—Charlotte Boutcher
Goliath—Owen Berry and Matt Berry

Israelite Army—Harper Rounds, Beatrix Clayton, Annabel Gill, Melanie Newberry, Owen Berry, Maelynn Wanaselja, Aaron Arthur, Norah Amewoa, Grayson Graves -Lockley, Annie Graves-Lockley, Aliza Arthur

We Will March soloists: Josiah Leon, Madeline Bancroft, Beatrix Clayton, Harper Rounds, Annabel Gill, Julia Lewis

Every Shepherd Knows soloist—Josiah Leon

Dressing for Battle soloists – Juliet Palumbo, Madeline Bancroft, Adam Berry

NACK 2026 participant list:

Norah Amewoa, Aaron Arthur, Aliza Arthur, Madeline Bancroft, Adam Berry, Owen Berry, Charlotte Boutcher, Freddy Cipriano, Beatrix Clayton, Samuel Isaac de Deus, Annabel Gill, Annie Graves-Lockley, Grayson Graves -Lockley, Mackenzie Hoffman, Josiah Leon, Jacob Lewis, Julia Lewis, Jordyn Little, Karyss Little, Katherine Nappa, Melanie Newberry, Michelle Newberry, Henry Palumbo, Juliet Palumbo, Harper Rounds, Lydia Sell, Maelynn Wanaselja

Counselor helpers – Kelsey Antczak, Timmy Butler, Lily Orlevitch, Auggie Sall
Choreographer – Miriam Sall
Pianist – Lois Leong
Directors – Ruth Sall & John Sall

Special thanks for additional support this week to Abrose Liu, Alex Hilliard, Timmy Butler, and Miriam Sall for workshop leadership during the week.

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
Children's Summer Sunday School in the Children's Choir Room

Stay connected with our community of faith!

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@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

PRAYER LIST

In need of ongoing prayers: Bob Adams, Ray Bettys (friend of Craig & Carole Jean Nicholson), Olive Biggs, James Blomquist (friend of Chuck Twining), 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), Cathy McCullough, Caitlin McCullough & Joseph O'Donnell (friends of Irene Rosenberg), 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).

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.