

¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek;
the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who
call on him. ¹³ For, “Everyone who calls on the name
of the Lord shall be saved.”

Romans 10:12–13



Abington Presbyterian Church

August 9, 2026

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Centering Prayer

O God who is greater than the most powerful forces in this world,
enable us to be still
and know that You are God.

O Lord who answers out of the whirlwind of everyday life,
breathe in us Your Holy Spirit to strengthen,
comfort, and guide us in the midst of the storm.

O still, small voice, speak to us this hour that we might become makers of Your peace in our homes, in our communities, in our world.

We pray all this in the name of the One who calmed the raging sea. 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 5 for information regarding accessibility and worshipping with children.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Andante

W. Warder Harvey

WELCOME AND LIVING OUR FAITH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy God of wind and fire;
dance through this room today.
Holy God of earthquakes and illness;
share our tears of sadness and pain.
Holy God of creation and new beginnings;
show us again your vision of healing and wholeness.

*HYMN NO. 624 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

TOULON

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, you know us too well.
You know how easy it is for us to come to you
and to proclaim loudly of our faith when all is going well.
But when the waters get rough
and the waves threaten to swamp our little boats,
we cry and wail in fear.
We are sure that these waves
will be the very things that destroy us.
Over the wind and the waves
you call to us to place our trust in you.
That's not so easy for us.
We are so used to getting lots of reassurances
and written guarantees of safety.
But still you call to us.
Help us take our focus off the wind and the waves
and place our gaze directly on you.
Attune our hearts and our lives to hear your call
and to respond in faith.
We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**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

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 *Fairest Lord Jesus* Mark Hayes & Marvin Gaspard
Lois Leong, Organ & Winnie Leong, Piano

*DOXOLOGY HYMN NO. 607

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

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.



SENDING

*HYMN NO. 815

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

FESTAL SONG

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Praise Him, Praise Him
Lois Leong & Winnie Leong, Piano

arr. Larry Shackley

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.

WORSHIP NOTES

The Rev. Megan LeCluyse serves as the Executive Director and Campus Minister of the Christian Association at the University of Pennsylvania. The CA is an ecumenical campus ministry welcoming both undergrad and graduate students (and non-Penn students are welcome to join too!). She lives near the Italian Market with her sister Annie and their dog Penny. Her first book, *You’re Not the Only One: Reflections on Faith, Doubt, Growing Up and the College Experience* was released last summer.

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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
- 9:50 a.m.** **Nursery Care** for infants and toddlers in Room 110
- 10:00 a.m.** **Celebration Worship Service** in the Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m.** **Lemonade on the Lawn** on the Church Lawn

PRAYER LIST

We offer special prayers of comfort and sympathy for the **Parsons family** on the death of Bob's father, Robert Boyd Parsons.

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, Brenda Fudell (friend of Nick & Robin Cupo), 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).

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