

² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:2



Abington Presbyterian Church

August 23, 2026

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Centering Prayer

Today
may I give and receive love.
Today
may I work for justice.
Today
may I listen and pray.
Today
may I sing God's praises.
Today
may I delight
in God's beauty.
Today and every day.

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

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Largo*, from Cello Sonata in E minor, RV 40 Antonio Vivaldi
Cello: Mary Felley

WELCOME AND LIVING OUR FAITH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord—
the Maker of heaven and earth!
The Lord comes to us in times of need,
and gives us courage to do what is right.
The Living Lord calls us to follow without fear,
and to place our trust in God's saving grace.
Our help is in the name of the Lord.
Bless the Lord, our rock and redeemer.

*HYMN NO. 263 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

CORONATION

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?"
We call you the Son of the Living God.
But we do not trust you to be at work
in our world here and now.
Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?"
You are the Messiah,
who delivers us from death to life.
But we doubt your power to transform our lives.
Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?"
We profess you are the Christ,
the Lord of our lives.
But our attention often wanders
and our loyalty is tested.
Forgive us.
Help us not only to proclaim you,
but to follow your way of justice and peace.

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

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 *Until the Day Breathes and the Shadows Flee* Derek Hakes
Cello: Mary Felley, Handbell: Suzin Weber
Reader: Rian Rigsby

*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

SENDING

*HYMN No. 765 *May the God of Hope Go with Us*

ARGENTINA

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *“Coronation”* Fanfares

Robert Lau

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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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
- 11:15 a.m.** **Arts in Church Team Meeting** in the Parlor

PRAYER LIST

We offer special prayers of comfort and sympathy for the **Wikoff and Maransky families** on the deaths of Laurie and Joanne’s father, Roger Thompson, and their brother-in-law, Peter Pastras.

In need of ongoing prayers: Bob Adams, Amy Beck, Olive Biggs, James Blomquist (friend of Chuck Twining), Carol Boles (mother of Christine Sacco), Walter Boutcher, William Coles, 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, 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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