

³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down
from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude
of disciples began to praise God joyfully with a
loud voice for all the deeds of power that they
had seen, ³⁸ saying,

“Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the
Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest
heaven!”

Luke 19:37–38

Full } *Even the*
stones cry
out
to the Brim

Abington Presbyterian Church

April 10, 2022

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

Palm Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Palm Sunday April 10, 2022

GATHERING

The people gather wherever they may in response to God's call, offering praise in words of scripture, prayer, and song. The people acknowledge their sinfulness and receive the good news of God's forgiveness.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP *A time for quiet preparation before worship*

We long to hear you, Saving God, so we can respond to your steadfast love. Fill our hearts and voices with joyful celebration of your redeeming presence this day. Help us to follow the humble servant who rode a donkey on Palm Sunday. Amen.

PRELUDE

Fanfare

John Cook

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

It is holy to gather.

It is holy to sing.

It is holy to be generous, to throw our coats on the road.

It is holy to celebrate justice when we see it.

It is holy to shout, "Hosanna!"

It is holy to remember.

It is holy to gather.

It is holy to sing.

Here and now, let us do all of these things.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR MUSICAL

The Singing Bishop

Hal Hopson

Our Carol and Cherub choirs share the story of Bishop Theodulph, pastor, poet, and educator who was imprisoned in Angers, France, by King Louis I on charges of treason. According to legend King Louis led the Palm Sunday procession in Angers in 821AD when he heard a voice burst forth in singing from the prison tower. King Louis "moved with compassion" by the beauty of Theodulph's singing and released him. Theodulph was the writer of our beloved Palm Sunday hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor". We invite you to join the children in singing at the invitation of the director. A complete list of the children's cast and roles and text of the songs follows the order of worship.

Morning with Theodulph in his prison cell

"Theodulph's Song"

"Sing Out Your Song" – Jailers and Theodulph

"Hosanna" street procession – King Louis and the children of Angers

"I Hear a Voice" dialogue – King Louis and the Jailers

"This is the Day" – Theodulph, Jailers, then joined by all

Palm Sunday procession – **ALL children are invited to join the procession and all people are invited wave palms!**

*** HYMN 196**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Verses 1, 2, 4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of street parades and hosannas,
we know that you are counting on us to speak out against oppression,
to speak up for love and to speak hope to fear,
but so often we are silent.
We worry that we'll say the wrong thing,
so we don't say anything at all.
We worry that we'll offend,
so we keep our convictions to ourselves.
We worry that we'll speak up and won't be heard,
so we stay silent.
And meanwhile, the parade marches on.
Unravel our fears. Spark conviction in us.
Give us the courage to yell, "Hosanna!"
Gratefully we pray.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We belong to God. There is nothing said or unsaid, done or undone that can undo that, so rest in this good news:
We are forgiven. We are known.
We belong to God, every day and always. Amen.

* THE PEACE OF CHRIST *Greet one another with the sign of peace.*
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WORD

God's Word is read and its message is proclaimed in scripture, music and interpretation.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 19:28-40
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Full to the Brim: Even the Stones Cry Out *The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The 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.

* HYMN 160

A Stable Lamp Is Lighted

ANDUJAR

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 & SENDING

*After the proclamation of God's Word, we respond with gratitude prepared to go
into the world where we are called to live according to God's will.*

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

(You can leave your offering in the plates at the exits or use the QR code to go to APC's giving page or you
can mail your gifts to the church office.)

OFFERTORY

Sanctus (from *Requiem*)

Gabriel Fauré

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus dominus deus sabbaoth.

(Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of hosts)

Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua

(heaven and earth are full of your glory)

Hosanna in excelsis

(Hosanna in the highest)

* DOXOLOGY

Hymn 606

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

* HYMN 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ellacombe

J. Wayne Kerr

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

Liturgist: The Rev. Aaron Twitchell

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

Organ: Erik Meyer

SINGING BISHOP cast and text:

Theodulph- Taylor Richardson

Jailer 1- Anna Colt

Jailer 2- Charlotte Jones

King Louis- Cole Constable

Children- Zander Constable, Isaac Freeman, Jacob Freeman, Shane Boyd, Sawyer Boyd, Charlotte Boutcher, Maddie

McAllister, Henry Palumbo, Ainsley Kelly

Leaders- Ruby Sall and Lukas Meyer

Instrumental support

Flute- Kenton Meyer

Bells- Refentse Gabriela Nhlapo

Tambourine- Zene Colt

Bell Tree- Miriam Sall

Song texts:

Theodulph's song

All glory, laud and honor to Thee Redeemer King.

To whom the lips of children make sweet hosannas ring.

Sing Out Your Song (Theodulph and Jailers)

Jailers: Sing out your song on this glad day: Soon the king will pass our way.

Sing loud and clear so all may hear: Bishop, sing with all your might.

Theodulph: All glory, laud and honor, to Thee, Redeemer King.

To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;

Our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present

Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son.

Who in the Lord's name comest; The King and blessed One.

To thee before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;

To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

I'll sing with all my might

Street Procession: Hosanna (children, King and Leaders)

Hosanna Filio, Filio. Hosanna Filio David. (Hosanna to the son of David.)

Benedictus quivenit in nomine Domini. (Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord)

I hear a voice – dialogue song (Jailers and King Louis)

The King: I hear a voice as clear as an angel: Who sings this song, so lovely, so true?

The Jailers: It is the voice of him you imprisoned. It is none other than Theodulph.

Triumph Song: This is the Day (Theodulph, Jailers, and the children)

Jailers then all: This is the day; This and every day; This is the day the Lord hath made;

Let us give a cheer; Let us give a shout; God is still the Ruler; Praise his name.

Theodulph: We are not by man imprisoned; we are by God's hand made free.
Earthly powers will try to rule us. God is still the King of Kings.

All: This is the day; This and every day; This is the day the Lord hath made;
Let us give a cheer; Let us give a shout; God is still the Ruler; Praise his name.

Jailers: Earthly strife will not undo us, God shall be our Morning Star.
"God before us, God within us." This shall be our song.

All: This is the day; This and every day; This is the day the Lord hath made;
Let us give a cheer; Let us give a shout; God is still the Ruler; Praise his name.
Praise his name!

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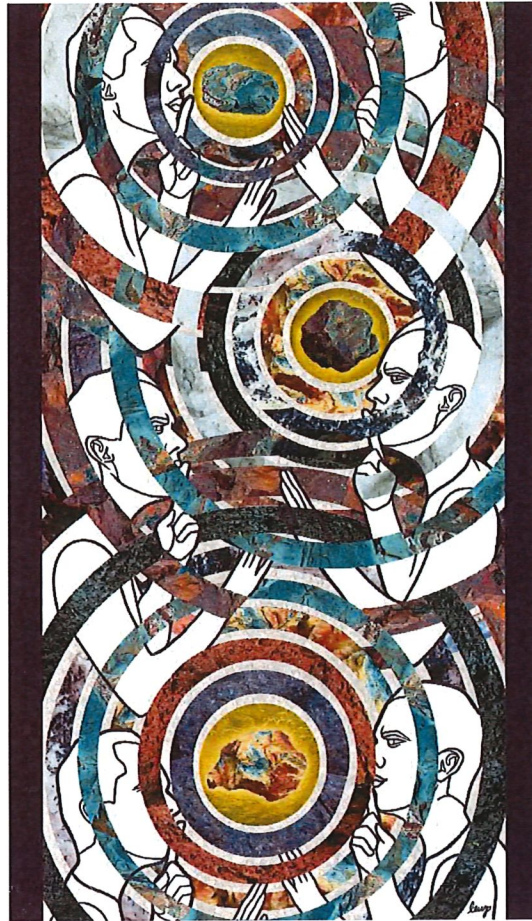
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In need of special prayers this week: MM Harris, Herb Harris, Doris Boerner, Ira Greenbaum (nephew of Marlyn Whyte), Helen Porter (mother of Joe Porter), Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Linda Maisenhelder, Christine Kim (wife of Stephen Kim), Will Pompilli (son of Teresa Pompilli), Wayne Gibbons, Jr., Susan Arnhold (friend of Joanne and Jeff Bates), Judy Meissner, Susan Johnson, John and Phyllis Frazier, Robin Cupo, Laura Lafferty, Emil Kupper, Joanne Lieb (friend of Ian & Amy Beck), Erma Yerkes, Linda Doyle, Tim McCabe (friend of Marlyn Whyte), Joseph May, John & Carolyn Burrell (Janet Gildner's parents), Victor Johnson III (Pete Johnson's nephew), Laurie Betts, Sally Hardy, Barbara Benson, Katie Link.

For Pastoral Care: To notify the church of an illness, hospitalization, death, or to request prayer, contact a minister or call your Deacon or the Church Office at (215) 887-4530.

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.



Even the Stones Cry Out by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman | ©A Sanctified Art | sanctifiedart.org
 Inspired by Luke 19:28-40 *Digital painting with photo collage*

When I began this image, I wanted the medium to be the message. Initially I thought I might make a mosaic of stones, however, I was wisely encouraged by my colleagues to try photography and digital collage. I went out into my side yard and picked up rocks to take pictures of them. As I quickly scanned for interesting rocks, I was underwhelmed by what I was seeing. I had already decided that the rocks were going to be dull and boring. My color enthusiast self was annoyed by the prospect of dusty neutral tones and minimal contrast.

This was an interesting place to begin my process, considering the text I was working with. I was definitely underestimating what the rocks would have to offer the piece, and was preemptively disappointed about the mundane color schemes and textures I would have to work with from my photographs. Gosh, was I wrong. As I downloaded the images and began to edit them, a wide spectrum of color came into view. Most of the hues were entirely shocking and unexpected: periwinkle, magenta, turquoise, mauve, rust, orange, gold, and plum, just to name a few. It was as if God was saying to me, "See, even if you turn a blind eye, and your assumptions distract you, the stones will cry out."

In this piece there are three stones bordered in gold to reference the voice of God, the truth that will not be quelled. Down the sides of the image are the Pharisees or the "silencers" in postures of quieting judgment. My hope was for the silencers to be completely visually enveloped and drowned out by the stones. I left the silencers simplified and unfinished to signify that their attempts at diminishing the truth would ultimately and always be in vain.

—Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

The APC Pandemic team has new safety protocols to match community conditions:

Masks are now optional in church facilities (except masks are required when singing).

However, masks are required for all who want to sit in the full-time mask section of the sanctuary on the lectern-side rear portion (section where the video equipment is) This section will still use the color-coded guidance for social distancing.

Other areas of the sanctuary are set for an every-other-pew plan for seating, allowing for social distancing.

We do recommend that those who are unvaccinated or immune-compromised be masked while indoors and we encourage those in proximity to them to do so as well.

In addition, the way is now clear for indoor eating to take place in the Parish Hall.

Thanks to all for your cooperation. We show our love for God and neighbor by being sensitive to the needs of others.

The Pandemic Work Team consists of the following people:

Medical Professionals: Frank Sandstrom, MD; Michelle Feil, MSN, RN

Church Council Representatives: Suzin Weber, Carolyn Koch, Don Brooks

Church Facility Expertise: John Miller

From the Staff: Rev. Aaron Twitchell, John Sall, Ruth Sall, Barb Foy, Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

10:00 AM				
AGE/GRADE	ROOM	TEACHER	TOPIC	Pick Up
Birth– 2 years	Nursery & Toddler Room110—112	Childcare	Childcare	110-112
3 years - Pre-K	Children's Choir Room Sanctuary Basement	Cary McAllister	Frolic Bible	Flagpole outside church
Kindergarten - 6th Grade	Parish Hall	Ruth Sall	Lenten Prayer Centers: Full to the Brim—Brazen acts of Beauty	Parish Hall

One Great Hour of Sharing is back! As you make it back into the building, look for flyers and other materials around the church with photos and more information about this wonderful tradition of giving.

For a preview, feel free to go to their website at:

<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/>

to read about OGHS and the PC(USA), a partnership that goes back over 70 years!





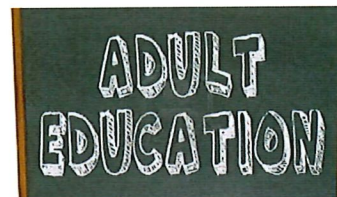
★ Youth Ministry:

- ★ • Combined Dialogue for Jr. High and High School in the Youth Lounge.
- ★ • Youth Fellowship at 4:00 pm--note we are returning to our normal time of 4:00-5:10
- ★ • Chapel Choir at 5:15



APC Adult Education

Please join us for our last installment of Sharing Our Stories in the Parlor from 8:45-9:40 am. This week, we will hear from Suzin Weber as she shares her experiences growing up in a home whose values she would eventually come to question.



All children in K-6 are invited to attend the beginning of the service with their families and will leave for the Sunday School Class in the Parish Hall after the Children's Moment. Children can be picked up after the service in the Parish Hall.

The preschool class will be in the Children's Choir Room with Mrs. McAllister. Children can report directly to that room at 10am and be picked up there as well.

Ruth Sall

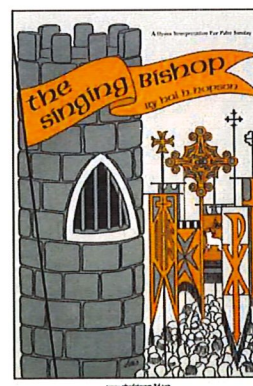


Nursery Care— is offered for children birth through toddler in the nursery and the toddler rooms (110 and 112).

All nursery volunteers will be vaccinated and wearing masks.
Our limit per room is 4 children.

The Children's Choirs will present *The Singing Bishop*, a short musical, today at the 10am Service.

The Singing Bishop tells the story of Bishop Theodulph who was a great pastor, poet and educator in Angers, France in 821AD. Theodulph was imprisoned by King Louis I on charges of treason against the crown. According to legend King Louis was leading the Palm Sunday Procession through the streets of Angers when suddenly from the prison tower burst forth the sound of a voice singing. King Louis was moved by the beauty of Theodulph's singing and released him from jail. Theodulph was the writer of our beloved Palm Sunday Hymn, All Glory, Laud and Honor.



HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

4/10 Palm Sunday

8:00am Simple Gifts Worship Service

10:00am Celebration Worship Service & Children's Musical

4/14 Maundy Thursday / Tenebrae

7:30pm Communion Service

4/15 Good Friday

1:00pm Good Friday Worship Service

4/17 Easter Day / The Resurrection of the Lord

7:30am Sunrise Service in the Memorial Garden

9:00am In-Person & Online Worship Service

10:00am Easter Egg Hunt for grades K-6

11:00am In-Person Worship Service

Are you a caring individual with a heart of compassion? The care team ministry is alive and active at Abington Presbyterian Church. We make in-person visits, make phone calls, send greeting cards and encourage our members who are sick, recuperating, grieving and feeling a little down. We also celebrate the joys of new births, birthdays, anniversaries and graduations.

If you have a desire to serve the members at APC in this ministry, please reach out to Pastor Jade at jkb@apcusa.org or call the church at 215-887-4530 and leave a message with the church secretary, Susan Schied.



Easter Donations 2022

Easter provides an opportunity to make donations to beautify the Sanctuary and the worship services in memory or honor of a loved one. Your donations help provide palms for Palm Sunday, Easter lilies and special music to enhance our worship services on Easter morning.

To make a gift in this way please fill out the form provided below and return to the church office with your donation no later than April 10, 2022 for inclusion in the bulletin. Or donate online at <https://apcusa.org/give/donate/>. Please indicate your donation only in the box for "Special Offering" and add a note on page 2 "Easter Donation In Memory of _____" OR "Easter Donation in Honor of _____".



Thank you in advance for your continued generosity in the life and work of APC.

Yes! I/we would like to remember/honor our loved one(s) with a gift to APC.

Your Name: _____

Address: _____ APC Envelope # _____

Your Name as printed in the bulletin: _____

In Memory of: _____ In Honor of: _____

Enclosed please find: \$ _____ Check: _____ Cash: _____

Many organizations are calling for donations to help humanitarian efforts in Ukraine and the neighboring countries. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is also providing opportunity for folks to help with financial donations that will support Ukraine with emergency humanitarian aid such as food, shelter and hygiene items. PDA is hearing that the reformed churches in Ukraine and the region are also feeling called to join in the humanitarian response. PDA, therefore, anticipates that their response will include both financial and technical assistance as the network of faith communities providing humanitarian assistance grows in the months ahead. As is the mission of One Great Hour of Sharing, PDA responds with immediate aid and long-term assistance.

If you wish to donate through PDA, you can give by check, made out to APC and marked Ukraine, or through the APC online portal (at <https://apcusa.org/give/donate/>. Please indicate your donation only in the box for "Special Offering" and mark for Ukraine).

Monetary donations will be collected through May 31, 2022.



The Church Office will be closed Monday, April 18th .



APC is looking for members who have an interest in taking photos to capture the many events at the church. These photos will be used on-line and in print for publicity. Pictures can be uploaded to the link below:

APC photos upload site:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/3W7cvUEPPukAfl2n5MqQ>

Please join us for Fancy Fellowship on Easter Sunday between the 9:00 AM and the 11:00 AM Services. Goodies for young and old will be served outside by the flag pole. In the event of rain, we will still get together in the Parish Hall. Be sure to bring your camera for the Easter Egg Hunt in between services, as well. *Get Hoppin!*



Thanks to all who came out to enjoy worship led by the Youth Group last Sunday! If you missed it, please check it out on APC's YouTube channel.



CELEBRATE OLDER ADULT SUNDAY WITH US

Sunday, April 24, is Older Adult Sunday. During the 10 a. m. intergenerational worship service, the Committee for Older Adult Ministry will honor all members of the church who have been with us for 50 years or more.

A special program will be held in the Parish Hall after the 10 a.m. service. APC members, Aaron and Cary McAllister, will present Beautiful You. A collection of Broadway songs.

A luncheon will follow the special program. Based on current COVID protocols, a bag lunch will be served.

Please RSVP to the church office - 215-887-4530 - by Wednesday, April 20, if you plan on attending.

This will be a special day of worship and celebration. Save the date!

Hope to see you on April 24.



Let's celebrate! A special occasion celebrating all who have served in the Church of the Holy Spirit. A collection of Broadway songs.

2022 1st Quarter Contribution Statements

The 1st quarter contribution statements will be generated next week, look for them in your email or mailbox shortly.

Emailed statements will have the following message in the "From Line" and "Subject line" since they are sent through our vendor, CCIS:

From line: support@ccissoftware.com

Subject line: Contribution Detail - Etc.

If you changed your email, please send an email to bettyg@apcusa.org requesting your email to be updated including whether "individual name and/or family update".

Thank you! Any questions, please contact Betty Gwiazdowski in the Church Office.

You're invited!

INTERFAITH AND NEIGHBORS' IFTAR

Join us for an evening of
food, fellowship, and learning
as we celebrate Ramadan.

Tuesday, April 19th
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Please RSVP by April 13th
online at bit.ly/iftar419



Islamic Cultural Center of Willow Grove
502 Easton Road, Willow Grove, PA

at Music 50TH ANNIVERSARY
Abington SEASON 1972 - 2022

4:00 p.m. Sunday, April 24, 2022

Erik Meyer, organ

performing Petr Eben's *Musica Dominicalis*
and other works

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