

² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen."

Luke 24:2-5

Full to the Brim } *An expansive life*

Abington Presbyterian Church

April 17, 2022

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

Easter Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Easter Sunday April 17, 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.

PRELUDE

Easter Hymn

Robert J. Powell

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

A time for quiet preparation before worship

God of all life, we gather longing to hear more than ancient words and idle tales. Speak to us this day in ways that can overcome our cynicism, despair, and unfaithfulness. Grant that resurrection news might take root in our lives so that we might be living 'Alleluias.' Amen.

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT

Choral Fanfare

Ron Nelson

This day is not like any other day.

Today we slow down.

Today we take it all in.

Today we rest in good news.

Christ is risen! He is risen!

Christ the Lord is risen from the grave. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

This day is not like any other day.

Today we are singing.

Today we are full to the brim.

Today joy cannot be contained.

Christ is risen! He is risen!

Christ the Lord is risen from the grave. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

This day is not like any other day.

Today the stone was rolled away.

Today the women saw the empty grave.

Today we know—death does not win.

Christ is risen! He is risen!

Christ the Lord is risen from the grave. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

This day is not like any other day.

Alleluia! Amen.

* HYMN 232

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Grace, form us to be Easter people.

Too often, we allow our fears or despair to be the forces that shape who we are.

Our trust in you and your life-giving power in us is weak.

Forgive us as we fail to love others as you love us.

Grant us the new life that comes from you.
Rework our story to be one of bold and hopeful living.
Breathe into us your Spirit, as we seek to live out your good news in this world.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's life-giving power in us overcomes brokenness and the forces of death.
Forgiveness and hope are planted in our lives.
Jesus is alive and we are forgiven! Alleluia!

* RESPONSE HYMN 239 Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! GELOBT SEI GOTT
Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* 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 Isaiah 65:17-25
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Spice She Brought and Sweet Perfume McNeil Robinson
The Chancel Choir sings an acclamation before the reading of the Easter Gospel.
O my Savior, O my Savior, where has my Savior gone?
O my Savior, here is my Savior; he is risen, is risen from the tomb.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! He is risen from the tomb.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:1-12
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Full to the Brim: Resurrection Living *The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill*

* HYMN 236 The Strife is O'er VICTORY

*LITANY FOR EASTER
This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

This is the good news we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.
Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Christ died for our sins, was entombed, and rose again.
Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

The women who went to the tomb, the disciples, and many faithful witnesses experienced his resurrection.
Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Our Lord's resurrection life comes to us also, that we may believe and proclaim this good news to the world.
Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

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

Christ is Alive!

Zebulon Highben

The Chancel Choir sings a choral setting of Hymn 246. All are invited to stand at the director's invitation to sing the final stanza below:

* DOXOLOGY

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring,
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN 248

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

* BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Hallelujah Chorus (from Messiah)

Handel

All are invited to stand and join in singing. Copies of the Hallelujah can be found in the pews. Please leave them for other worshippers at the conclusion.

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

Liturgists: The Rev. Aaron Twitchell & The Rev. Dr. Jade King Bass

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

Chancel and Chapel Choir: John Sall, director

Brass: Chris Horn, trumpet, Caryn Franchetti, horn

Organ: Erik Meyer

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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, Gerald May (Debbie Gallagher's brother).

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.



Prepared by Hannah Garrity | ©A Sanctified Art | sanctifiedart.org
Inspired by Luke 24:1-12, Paper lace

“But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body.” (Luke 24:1-3, NRSV)

I recently read *Art and Faith* by Makoto Fujimura. Fujimura speaks of the beauty in particular moments in scripture: when the women enter the tomb, and when Mary, sister of Martha, pours oil over Jesus before his journey to the cross. Fujimura draws attention to these texts to anchor a discussion of the importance of beauty in faithful practice. God placed beautiful things on earth for us to give back to God in glory. We must consider when, where, why, and how we engage beauty. We must engage with beauty in our faithful practice.

In this paper lace art piece, the inside of a bowl is patterned with images telling the initial moments of the Easter story. This design depicts burial spices in patterns. Amidst the spice patterns, a sunrise emerges. At the top is an abstract image of the empty tomb.

This moment, the moment when the women arrive at the tomb, represents an act of holy, extravagant, expansive beauty. Imagine being there, arriving at daybreak, holding the spice bowl in your hands. The burial spices, nard and myrrh, were aromatic. The aromas of blood, oils, death, and spices fill the air. Imagine how it would have smelled. It was the work of the women to honor the body of the deceased; to honor the life he had lived, and they had loved.

How might we honor God with our practices of beauty? What materials do we need to gather and incorporate? How can we keep God centered in our creative endeavors?

—Hannah Garrity

Easter Gifts presented to Abington Presbyterian Church in 2022 to enable Special Decorations and Musicians “In Memory and In Honor of loved ones”:

- ✂ Dr. & Mrs. Robert C. Adams ~ In Memory of our Parents
- ✂ Rev. Dr. Jade King Bass ~ In Memory of my Parents, Mr. & Mrs. Frederick King Sr. and my brothers, Frederick King Jr. and Kevin King
- ✂ Mary DeVan ~ In Memory of Michael DeVan
- ✂ Linda Doyle ~ In Memory of Edith & Leonard Schleret
- ✂ Ella and Molly Gould ~ In Memory of our Great-Gram, Mary Lazur
- ✂ Bill Gustafson ~ In Memory of Linda Gustafson
- ✂ Herb & M-M Harris ~ In Memory of our Parents & Brothers
- ✂ Thomas & Linda Hurd ~ In Memory of my parents John & Edith Blikle
- ✂ Trish Miller ~ In Honor of my Children & Grandchildren
- ✂ Skip & Margaret Wiegand ~ In Memory of Major Matthew M. Wiegand, U.S.M.C.
- ✂ Cindi Willis ~ In Memory of My Mother, Stepmother & Sister

Donations received by 04/13/2022 by Noon

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	Easter Egg Hunt	Flagpole outside church

Please join us for Fancy Fellowship this morning between the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Services. Goodies for young and old will be served in the Courtyard. In the event of rain, we will gather in Parish Hall. An Easter Egg Hunt will be held in between services, as well. *Get Hoppin!*



Youth Ministry:
No programming this Sunday.
We will see you for our last regularly-scheduled Junior & Senior High Dialogue and Fellowship, next Sunday, April 24th. Happy Easter!

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APC Adult Education

Thanks to everyone who attended the Sharing Our Stories series over the last several weeks. Many have commented how moving and powerful it was to hear from fellow congregants about their life experiences. Presenters expressed that the opportunity to share was meaningful for them, too. A special thanks to them: John Dean, Tiffany Clark, Mariam Freeman, Sam Mahood & Jen Mahood, and Suzin Weber. Please stay tuned for more programming from the Anti-racism Team and Adult Ed!



All children in K-6 are invited to attend worship with their families. The Easter Egg Hunt preparations are in Parish Hall at 10:00am.

9:00am Preschool Sunday school class & Easter Egg Hunt will be in the Children's Choir Room (Sanctuary Basement) with Mrs. McAllister. Children can report directly to that room..

No Sunday School after the 11:00am service.

Ruth Sall

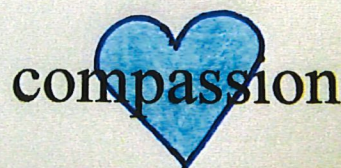


Nursery Care— is offered for children birth through toddler in the nursery and the toddler rooms (110 and 112) at both the 9:00am & 11:00am services.

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

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.



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>

COMMITTEE FOR OLDER ADULT MINISTRY

The committee would like to thank the 16 volunteers who delivered 60 tulips during the weekend of April 9 to APC Staff, the home bound or bereaved members of our congregation. The Committee is pleased to continue this ministry and Easter tradition that began many years ago. A special thank you to Mary DeVan who ordered the tulips, coordinated deliveries and to the volunteers who assisted her.



Leadership from the Islamic Cultural Center of Willow Grove located at 502 Easton Road in Willow Grove participates with APC in the Abington Ministerium. That worshipping community is inviting the broader community to an Interfaith and Neighbors' Iftar, an evening of food, fellowship, and learning regarding the celebration of Ramadan on Tuesday, April 26 from 7 – 8:30 p.m. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by April 18th at <https://bit.ly/iftar426>

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.

All Older Adults are invited to a special program 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 boxed luncheon will follow the special program.

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.



2022 1st Quarter Contribution Statements

The 1st quarter contribution statements were mailed, 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.

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



masks and distanced seating for audience
preregistration for limited seating recommended • livestream option
www.apcusa.org/MusicAtAbington



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