

**9** Meanwhile, Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

*Acts 9:1-2*



## Abington Presbyterian Church

May 1, 2022

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

Third Sunday of Easter

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Third Sunday of Easter      May 1, 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*

Grant your light to illumine our lives, so we cannot miss your presence with us, Holy God. Move us toward disciplined and daring discipleship. Open our eyes and fill us with your Holy Spirit, so we may respond gladly to your will for all of your beloved. Amen.

PRELUDE      Aria      *Paul Manz*

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Turn from your ways of brokenness and sorrow, People of God.  
**God loosens our sackcloth and girds us with gladness!**  
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.  
**Therefore, we will sing praises to the Lord!**  
God's anger is but for a moment; God's favor is for a lifetime.  
**We will give thanks to the Lord our God, now and forever!**

\* HYMN 249      Because You Live O Christ      VRUECHTEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**How can we stand before you, God of all people,  
for we have judged others by our own standards, not yours.  
We have lived by our own designs, pretending to be faithful.  
We have deserted your way to follow our own pursuits.  
We have denied our kinship with those who disagree with us.  
Save us, O God, from our poor choices, and pardon our grievous errors.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The God who transformed Saul, the persecutor of Christians,  
into Paul, a true leader of the church,  
is ready to bring out the best in us.  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new!**

HYMN 245      Christ the Lord is Risen Today!      LLANFAIR

**2 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!**

\* THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*Greet one another with the sign of peace.*

As God has given us peace through Christ, so let us pass the peace of Christ with each other.

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 30

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9:1-20

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Way

*The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill*

\* HYMN 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*from A Declaration of Faith*

**In forming his people and sending them into the world,**

**Jesus called individuals to be disciples.**

**They were to share the joy of his companionship,**

**to understand and obey his teachings,**

**and to follow him in life and death.**

**We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship.**

**Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God's undeserved gift to each of us.**

**It is also God's demand upon every one of us,**

**never perfectly fulfilled by any of us.**

**Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters,**

**we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life.**

**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

Day of Arising

*David Cherwien*

*The Chancel Choir offers an anthem based on Hymn #252.*

\* DOXOLOGY

Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

LLANFAIR

4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!  
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!  
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!  
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy... we join our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, Holy, Holy (sung)

LAND OF REST

\*Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are holy, O God of majesty...that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

Gracious God pour out your Holy Spirit...even as we pray as our Lord Jesus has taught us:

## 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**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## RECEIVING OF THE ELEMENTS

## PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

\* HYMN 774

There Is Now a New Creation

STUTTGART

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Llanfair

Wayne L. Wold

## Worship Leaders:

**Preacher:** The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

**Liturgist:** The Rev. Dr. Jade King Bass

**Children's Message:** Ruth Sall

**Organ:** Shirley Keiter

**Chancel Choir:** Jim Holt, guest director

**Clarinet:** John Frazier

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**In need of special prayers this week:** 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, 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), Kevin Alexander (Betsy Alexander's son), Valerie Steigerwalt (niece of Marlyn Whyte).

**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.



**The APC Pandemic team has these updated safety protocols to match community conditions:**

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

We have removed the barriers for what was every-other-pew seating. You are encouraged to maintain some social distancing in where you choose to sit.

There is a full-time mask section on the lectern-side rear portion of the sanctuary (section where the video equipment is) for whoever wants to use it. This section is still using the color-coded guidance for social distancing. Those who are unvaccinated or immune-compromised are urged to use this option.

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 Room 110-112	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 Basement	Ruth Sall	Four Friends: Music	Flagpole

**Before you head home, Mission Council invites you to prepare lunches for Face to Face Germantown!**

We encourage you and your families to stop by the Parish Hall after the 10:00a.m. worship service today, to make two or three PB&J sandwiches, to fill bags with snacks, or to write notes of encouragement to be included in the bags. The goal is 100 lunches. They will be delivered to Face to Face and help to ensure that hungry members of the Germantown community can enjoy a nutritious meal during times when hot meals are not being served in the on-site dining room.









CALLING ALL YOUTH:

The Presbytery is sponsoring a trip to Montreat this summer. Join 2500+ other youth from all around the country for a week of fun. Plus, Pastor Aaron is going!

Go to the link below for more information and to register!

<https://presbyphl.org/event/2022-youth-conference-montreat/>

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](mailto:jkb@apcusa.org) or call the church at 215-887-4530 and leave a message with the church secretary, Susan Schied.



at Music Abington **50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
SEASON 1972 - 2022

7:30 p.m. Friday, May 20, 2022

# Beethoven

## Violin Concerto

Timothy Schwarz, violin  
Abington Symphony Orchestra  
John Sall, director

free will donations received  
livestream option available at [www.apcusa.org/MusicAtAbington](http://www.apcusa.org/MusicAtAbington)  
fully accessible • reception with the artist

This project was supported in part by the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

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).

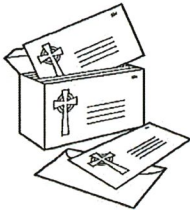
Monetary donations will be collected through May 31, 2022.



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>



We are updating our church quarterly envelope mailing list.

If you no longer need or wish to receive offering envelopes, please contact either Betty Gwiazdowski or Susan Schied at the church office at 215-887-4530.

Thanks to all who give church envelopes in-person, via mail or who give electronically.

This QR Code takes you to the donation page on our APC website



SCAN ME



# 4th Annual WKM Golf Outing

(Benefiting West Kensington Ministry)



**Monday, May 9, 2022**

Best Ball / Scramble Format

9:45 a.m. Shot-Gun Start

(Sign-In/Registration starting at 8:45 AM)

~ **Jeffersonville Golf Club** ~

**Donation: \$175.00 per player**

Includes: Lunch

Greens Fees and Cart

Putting Contest

Hole Prizes, Door Prizes

Post-Tournament Reception

A fun day to benefit a Critical Urban Ministry

And/Or: Sponsor a Hole - \$250

Sponsor or Donate a Prize - \$300 or prize value

Sponsor Golf Balls, with your logo - \$1000

Sponsor or Co-Sponsor Golf Outing - \$6000

Sponsor or Co-Sponsor Lunch - \$1500

Sponsor or Co-Sponsor Reception - \$2500

Silent Auction - Bid or Donate an Auction Item

Purchase Mulligans, 50/50 Raffle

**To Register:** go to [www.westkensingtonministry.com](http://www.westkensingtonministry.com)  
Click on the GREEN "Golfer Registration" icon  
[It's near the bottom of the home page](#)



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