

- ¹ The Lord is my shepherd, I shall
not want.
² He makes me lie down in
green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
³ he restores my soul.

Psalm 23:1-3a



Abington Presbyterian Church

May 8, 2022

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

Fourth Sunday of Easter

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fourth Sunday of Easter May 8, 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*

O Shepherd of all who put their trust in you, restore our souls in this time of worship, for we are tired and needy. Lead us by still waters, on paths of righteousness. Comfort us in death's dark valley and take away our fears. Feed us and anoint us with your goodness and mercy, that we might express our gratitude unto you throughout our life. Amen.

PRELUDE

Pastorale

Cesar Franck

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Frayed and frazzled, our lives jangling
with tension and anxiety,
**we gather to find that place of peace
which God offers to us.**

Awash in worries and doubts,
drowning in a sea of fears,
**we gather beside the still waters
where Jesus offers us a cup of grace.**

Weakened by the burdens of life,
wandering as if lost in a wilderness,
**we gather so the Spirit can restore our souls
and show us the path to the reign of God.**

* HYMN 327

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, you speak to us, but our own voices often drown you out.
We have not trusted you to provide for our needs.
When we do hear your instruction, we do not heed it.
We have pretended to follow while our hearts were far from you.
Heal the divisions within our lives,
so we may relate with integrity to you and to one another.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Out of God's kindness, we are assured that goodness and mercy shall follow us through all of life.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*HYMN 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD (VASILE)

* 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.

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

*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.**

WORD

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – 3rd Grade Bible Presentation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The Lord is My Shepherd

Thomas Matthews

SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:22-30

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Shepherd's Provision

The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

* HYMN 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD

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

The Lord is My Shepherd

Allen Pote

* 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 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All our God from BWV 79

*Johann Sebastian Bach
arr. Virgil Fox*

Worship Leaders:

- Preacher:** The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill
- Liturgist:** The Rev. Aaron Twitchell
- Children's Message:** Ruth Sall
- Organ:** Erik Meyer
- Chancel & Chapel Choirs:** John Sall, director

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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), Tom Watkins (Lisa Brownholtz's father).

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 are now optional in church facilities (including during singing).

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.

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 Basement	Ruth Sall	Four Friends: Games	Flagpole

APC members and friends filled 117 grab and go lunches!

Last Sunday, the Parish Hall was buzzing with activity as folks gathered after the worship service to fill lunch bags with PB&J sandwiches, snacks and juice boxes. Monday morning, we delivered 117 lunches to Face to Face Germantown, where they will be given to members of the community to enjoy a nutritious meal during times when hot meals are not being served in the on-site dining room. Stay tuned for more hands-on mission opportunities!

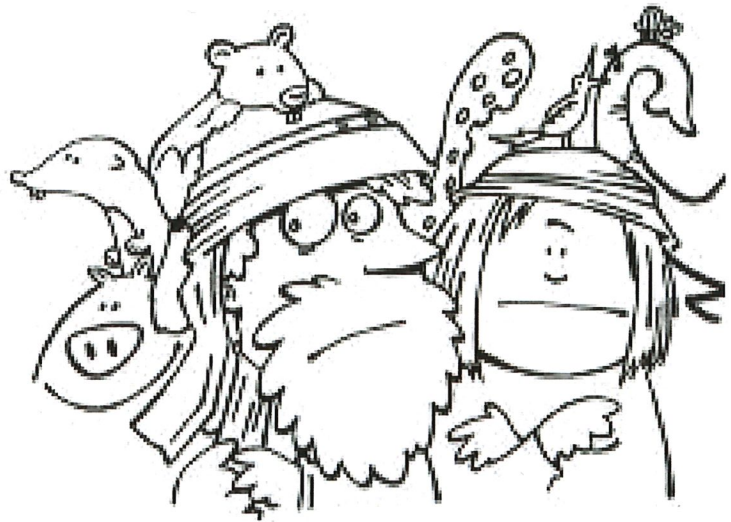


More photos on the APC website!



Abington Presbyterian Church Vacation Bible School **SUMMER SPLASH!!** June 27-30, 2022

Join us for a fabulous week of splashing and playing in God's word! Our Bible stories are all about water: Noah's Ark, Jonah and the Whale, Lydia, and Jesus walks on the water.



Children from ages 3 through 6th grade are welcome to attend.

Register at this link: <https://forms.gle/Q7aoL8yZpiQqqi489>
We'll see you there!



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).

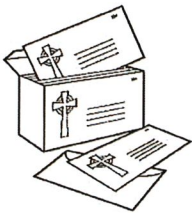
Monetary donations will be collected through May 31, 2022.



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.

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.





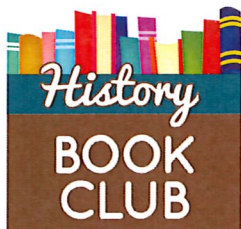
Today we welcome our newest members, Art and Jeanne Mueller, Marylanders who recently moved to Rydal Waters in our area. They joined by transfer of letter from the Catonsville Presbyterian Church in the Baltimore area. They both served as educators during their vocational years, with Jeanne having been a church educator. Among their three children is our own Anne-Marie Constable.

They are happy to be close to family and to consider APC their church family.

Super Fancy Fellowship

You are invited to a Super-Fancy Fellowship on May 22nd!

Please join us after the 10AM service--hopefully outside--for fellowship, food, and to lift your spirits with The Presbyterones! Bill, John, Steve, and Zene will share a few favorite pop, spiritual and other quartet pieces to start your week on the right note!



The next History book club book is: *Benjamin Franklin: An American Life* by Walter Issacson.

The next meeting is on **Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 7:00PM in the Parlor.**

We are looking for good folks to help lead our Sunday School classes in the mornings and as advisers for Sunday afternoon Fellowship next year.

You **do not** need to have any special skills as a teacher, theologian, astronaut, poet, etc. Training will be included. All you need is a heart for our young people and a desire to provide them with a safe place to grow here at APC.

All ages, genders, races, and Harry Potter houses are encouraged to volunteer. Please reach out to Pastor Aaron if you are interested!





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
Click on the GREEN "Golfer Registration" icon
It's near the bottom of the home page



More info? Contact: Chad Pilling – pillingcb@gmail.com

at *Music* 50TH ANNIVERSARY
Abington 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
fully accessible • reception with the artist



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