

³⁴ “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

John 13:34-35



Abington Presbyterian Church

May 15, 2022

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

Fifth Sunday of Easter

* HYMN 581

Glory Be To the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

* 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Emily Lola Hudson Berry, child of Sarah Caldwell-Berry and Matthew Berry

* 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.

BAPTISM SONG

Welcome, Child of God

AR HYD Y NOS

Raindrops, oceans, lakes, and rivers; welcome, child of God.
Mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters; welcome, child of God.
When the world feels wide around you,
When the dark of night surrounds you,
We are here to tend and guide you. Welcome, child of God.

WORD

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 11:1-18
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING John 13:31-35
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON By This Everyone Will Know *The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill*

* HYMN 300 We Are One in the Spirit THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

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 HYMN 251 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia! *trad. Haya (Tanzanian), arr. John Sall*
The anthem is arranged from an Easter hymn by Bernard Kyamanywa to a tune sung by the Haya people of northwestern Tanzania. This arrangement uses some percussion accompaniment inspired by the hymn's origin in a new arrangement for choir and organ. In the traditional style of its origin, the congregation is invited to sing the refrain each time, and the final verse and Refrain as the choir leaders proclaim and express the Easter message and all join in praise.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN 308 O God in Whom All Life Begins NOEL

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "HALLELUJAH" has been restored *Dan Locklair*

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

Liturgist: Cindi Willis

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

Organ: Erik Meyer

Chancel Choir: 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 Watkinson (Lisa Brownholtz's father), Pete Johnson.

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.

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John Sall, M.M. *Director of Music Ministries*

Eric Meyer *Organist*

ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN LIFE

May 15, 2022

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	Worship	Flagpole

Super Fancy Fellowship

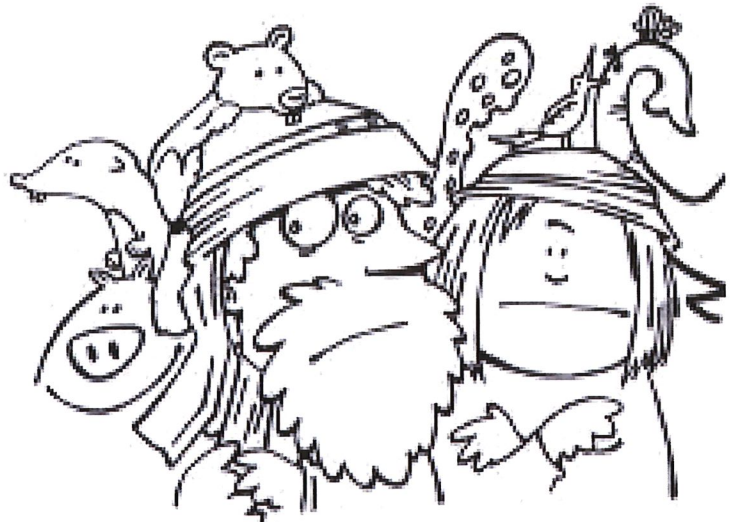
You are invited to a Super-Fancy Fellowship on May 22nd!

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!

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!



Mission Council News

With a blue sky and no rain in sight, 93 golfers gathered last Monday to enjoy a day out on the course, raising over \$18,000 for West Kensington Ministry (WKM). WKM is grateful for its partner churches and for the many golfers, volunteers, donors and sponsors (31 from APC!) who participated in the golf outing. Funds raised provide critical financial support to WKM's ministry and programs.



**Church
Picnic**

SAVE THE DATE!

June 12th

That's right, it's back, the APC Family Summer Picnic at Alverthorpe Park!

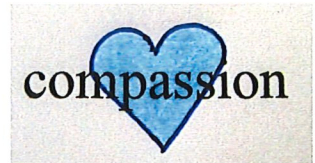
On June 12th, following the 10:00 AM Service, please join us for food, fellowship and fun for all! We will provide the burgers, dogs and drinks. We ask that you provide the sides - families A-L are asked to bring a salad to share and families M-Z are asked to bring a dessert to share. If you wish, bring a lawn chair, blanket and frisbee. There will be picnic tables under the covered pavilion for seating, so we will get together rain or shine. In addition to games for young and old, we will be offering a Nature Walk around the grounds of Alverthorpe Park!

During the picnic, Youth will break off from the crowd for some fun activities, games, and get-to-know-yous.

Mark your calendar for the date and we look forward to seeing you at then picnic!

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.

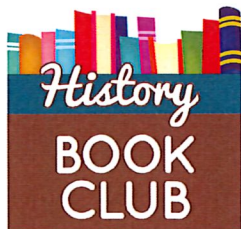
If you have a desire to serve the members at APC in this ministry, please reach out to Pastor Jade at jkb@apcusa.org or call the church at 215-887-4530 and leave a message with the church secretary, Susan Schied.



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 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!



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

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.

Summer Family Concert, Sunday, June 12, 7:30pm

“Hymnsongs & Patriotic Tunes” is a special Music at Abington Concert featuring the Quakertown Band for all ages. Mark your calendar now to return to APC after the picnic day for a joyful way to mark a transition to summer celebrations between Memorial Day and Independence Day with hymns and patriotic pieces featuring singers from the APC Oratorio Choir and special guest soloist Keith Spencer. Presented to the community for free (donations welcome) and open to all.

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

