

²⁷ “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

John 14:27



Abington Presbyterian Church

May 22, 2022

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

Sixth Sunday of Easter

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sixth Sunday of Easter **May 22, 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*

Glorious Lord of life, by the mighty resurrection of your Son you overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new. Grant that we who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness. Amen.

PRELUDE Prelude in G Major *Felix Mendelssohn*

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

This is the good news—
the grave is empty;
Christ is risen.

Hallelujah!

This is the good news—
the light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never put it out.

Hallelujah!

This is the good news—
once we were no people;
now we are God's people.

Hallelujah!

Christ is our peace,
the indestructible peace
we now share with each other.

Hallelujah!

* HYMN 35 Praise Ye the Lord LOBE DEN HERREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,
in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry
and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed
and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak
and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ has risen from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have died.
For since death came through a human being,
the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being;
for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

HYMN OF PRAISE 623

I've Got Peace like a River

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

* 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

John 14:23-29

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Da Pacem Domine (Grant Us Peace)

Franck, arr. Linda Spevacek

Sung in Latin by the Chapel Choir the text is translated:
Grant us peace, Lord. Grant peace in our time.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 16:9-15

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Journey of Discernment

The Rev. Aaron Twitchell

* HYMN 737

Lord Jesus You Shall Be My Song

LES PETITES SOEURS

*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.

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

It Is Well With My Soul

arr. Eric Nelson

The Presbyterians men's group sings a setting of Hymn 840.

* 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 295

Go To the World!

SINE NOMINE

* BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Lobe den Herren

Johann Gottfried Walther

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Aaron Twitchell
Liturgist: The Rev. Dr. Jade King Bass
Children's Message: John Sall
Organ: Erik Meyer

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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, 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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Eric Meyer Organist

ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN LIFE

May 22, 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	Children's Choir Room
Kindergarten— 6th Grade	Parish Hall Basement	Jamie Boutcher	Four Friends	Parish Hall

Super Fancy Fellowship

You are invited to Super-Fancy Fellowship TODAY!!

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!

Adult Ed:

Summer is coming and that has usually meant a downtick in education offerings here at APC. But these are not ordinary times and Aaron is not an ordinary pastor! If you are passionate about something and are interested in sharing it with your fellow congregants, please reach out to Pastor Aaron. Why can't we have Forum in the summer? We can!

★ ATTENTION ALL YOUTH: On Sunday, June 5th from 4:00-6:00 pm we'll celebrate the end of the program year with a fun party, food, and games, and we'll bid farewell to our graduating seniors. Hope to see everyone there. All are welcome!
★ Rising 6th and 7th graders! On Sunday, June 12th at the churchwide picnic, APCYG (our church youth group) would like to officially welcome you to Youth Fellowship. During the picnic, we'll break off from the crowd for some fun activities, games, and get-to-know-yous. Hope to see you there! Questions? Reach out to Pastor Aaron at atwitchell@apcusa.org.



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 (Sanctuary Basement) with Mrs. McAllister. Children can report directly to that room at 10am and be picked up there as well.

Ruth Sall



Nursery

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.



CALLING ALL YOUTH:

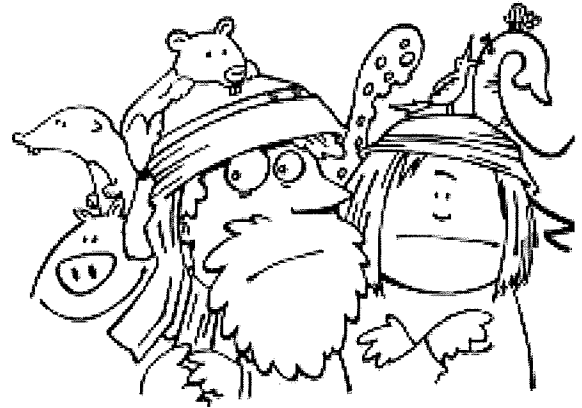
The Presbytery is sponsoring a trip to Montreat this summer. Join 2500+ other youth from all around the country for a week of fun. Plus, Pastor Aaron is going!

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

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

Abington Presbyterian Church
Vacation Bible School
SUMMER SPLASH!!
June 27-30, 2022
9:00am-12:00pm

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:



We'll see you there!





**Church
Picnic**

SAVE THE DATE!

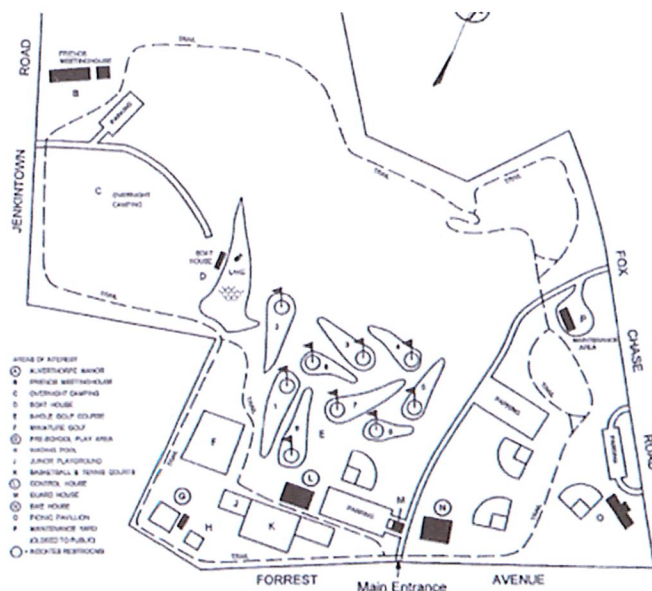
June 12th

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!



Alverthorpe Park Map

The Picnic Pavilion is off of Fox Chase Road. There will be balloons by the entrance to note the entrance location. Please use this entrance, not the main entrance, to get to the pavilion reserved for APC!

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.



SUMMER HOURS
▶ for ◀
CHURCH OFFICE

Starting on May 31st and continuing through Labor Day (September 5th), the church Office will be open as follows:

Monday—Thursday 8:30am—3:30pm.

On Fridays, the Church Office will be closed.

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!



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.



The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.

Simple Gifts 8:00am Service is moving outdoors for the summer beginning Sunday, June 5th.



Outdoor Worship Service

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

