

**12** Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run the race with perseverance that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

*Hebrews 12:1-2*



## **Abington Presbyterian Church**

June 26, 2022

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

3rd Sunday after Pentecost      June 26, 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*

With all the saints of every time and place, we come to worship you, God Most High. We rejoice in the wisdom you reveal to us. Fill us with hope even when conditions around us seem only to hurt and destroy. Help us learn from the faithfulness of those who have preceded us. Amen.

PRELUDE      Allegretto from Suite, op. 166      *Benjamin Godard*

### LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise God in the assembly of the faithful;  
sing to God a new song.  
**God is our maker, the ruler over all things.**  
Our voices join with voices that have preceded us.  
**We are called to the riches**  
**of God's glorious inheritance among the saints.**  
We discover the hope God has for us  
as we step into our journey of faith.  
**Surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,**  
**we run with perseverance the race set before us.**

\* HYMN 17      Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!      WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, despite our best intentions,  
our days have been marred by thoughts and actions that pull us away from you,  
and distort our relations with others.  
We have not followed the best examples of people of faith who have preceded us.  
We have not set a good example for those who follow after us.  
Restore us to integrity and self-respect,  
freed of the burdens of our mistakes.  
O God, forgive us and turn us toward your way.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As we try God's way rather than our own, we experience the grace that comes to us.  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

\*HYMN 582      Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me      GLORY TO GOD (VASILE)

1 Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

2 World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

\* THE PEACE OF CHRIST *Greet one another with the sign of peace.*  
The Peace of Christ be with You.  
And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### WORD

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

SCRIPTURE READING *Ephesians 1:15-23*  
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING *Hebrews 12:1-3*  
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Spirited Credibility – The Communion of Saints* *The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill*

\* HYMN 731 *Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith is Firm* REPTON

\* 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

Idylle from Suite, op. 166

*Benjamin Godard*

## \* 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 326

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

## \* BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Allegro from Sonata in G minor, BWV 1020

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

## Worship Leaders:

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

**Liturgist:** The Rev. Aaron Twitchell

**Organ:** Erik Meyer

**Flute:** Anna Meyer

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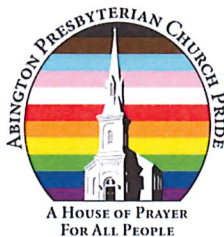
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**In need of special prayers this week:** Doris Boerner, Ira Greenbaum (nephew of Marlyn Whyte), Helen Porter (mother of Joe Porter), Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Linda Maisenhelder, Christine Kim (wife of Stephen Kim), Will Pompilli (son 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), Jennifer Edward (friend of Nick Cupo), Karen Dirks, 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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**The Reverend Aaron Twitchell, *Associate Pastor***

**The Reverend Dr. Jade King Bass, *Minister of Congregational Care***

**Ruth Ideen-Sall, B.M. *Director of Children's Choirs and Ministries***

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

**Eric Meyer *Organist***



**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 Room 110—112	Childcare	Childcare	110-112
3 years - 6th Grade	Children's Choir Room Sanctuary Basement	Jamie Boutcher	Summer Sunday School One Room School House	Playground



**SUMMER HOURS**  
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**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.**

Simple Gifts worship service at 8 a.m. meets outside near the flagpole through Labor Day weekend. If there is inclement weather, this service will gather in the sanctuary.



*Outdoor Worship Service*



Summer Sunday School at 10:00am in the Children's Choir Room.



**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.



APNS is looking for a state certified teacher beginning Fall 2022. This position is teaching 3/4 year old's.

Please call Barbara Foy at 215-885-0832 or email her at [apns@apcus.org](mailto:apns@apcus.org).

#### 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.

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

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



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!



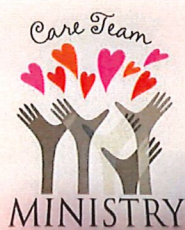
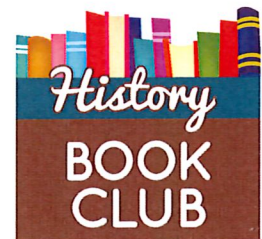
Abington Presbyterian Church  
Vacation Bible School  
**SUMMER SPLASH!!**  
**THIS WEEK, June 27-30, 2022**  
**9:00am-12:00pm**

Please pray for all our kids and staff that they have a wonderful week!!

12 people attended our last book discussion about Ben Franklin.

Our next book is: **Forget the Alamo: The Rise and Fall of an American Myth** by Bryan Burrough, Chris Tomlinson, & Jason Standford.

**Our next meeting is this Tuesday, June 28 at 7PM in the Parlor.**



APC's Care Team is in need of additional volunteers to support their mission of providing outreach, and more importantly, a connection with our senior members and those who are homebound. The Care Team's main purpose is to let these members of the congregation know that we, APC, think of them and miss them.

Actions by the Care Team include regularly sending cards or letters, making a simple phone call, or a personal visit, when conditions permit. The volunteer receives names of members and then decides how best to connect, or build a relationship, with those members. The commitment is very flexible and most rewarding. Teenager and adult volunteers are welcome.

If you have a desire to join this ministry, please reach out to the church office at 215-887-4520.

**GEMMA SERVICES** changes lives by transforming hope into action for children, youth and families facing emotional and behavioral challenges. Those served often are impacted by loss, unexpected challenges, or serious traumas such as abuse, neglect and/or addiction. Gemma Services offers education programs, mental health services in residential and community settings, foster care, adoption services and prevention programs. (*gemmaservices.org*)

**2022 Backpack and School Supply Collection**

**June 27 through July 31**

*Help children served by Gemma begin school with all the right stuff!*

**SUPPLY LIST**

Backpack – *gender neutral please!*

3 composition books

4 pocket folders

1 box of pencils

1 large eraser

1 box crayons

1 package colored pencils or markers

2 glue sticks (no paste or liquid glue)

Please bring your filled back pack to APC and leave it outside the church office no later than July 31st. Any questions, please contact Mission Council (Georgene at [gapilling25@gmail.com](mailto:gapilling25@gmail.com)).

With some changing family needs, the Rev. Aaron Twitchell has submitted his resignation as APC's Associate Pastor, which would be effective July 10.

The Session has voted to call a congregational meeting following the 10 a.m. worship service on July 10 for the congregation to vote to dissolve his pastoral relationship with APC. There will be a reception that day following the meeting to honor Pastor Aaron's service to our congregation.

Aaron served here for two and a half years. Personnel and Christian Education Councils will be working to find the needed leadership for our youth and education programs, which have been Aaron's primary responsibilities.

Session has authorized an opportunity for members of the congregation to contribute to a parting gift in appreciation for his ministry to APC. Checks or gifts should be noted for 'Aaron's gift.'

HI APC Families,

Noah's Arts Camp for Kids, NACK CAMP, IS BACK! Our annual musical theater and arts camp is coming back this summer.

July 18-22 with a performance on 7/24 at 10am worship. Family preview Friday, July 22, 4pm.

NACK will return to indoor rehearsals and outdoor lunch and recreation this year. We will abide by current PA State and CDC Covid-19 protocols with input from the APC pandemic committee.

Campers will attend art, movement, music, handbells, and drama workshops while working toward a performance on Sunday with a Friday family preview.

July 18-22: 9am-4pm Camp Hours

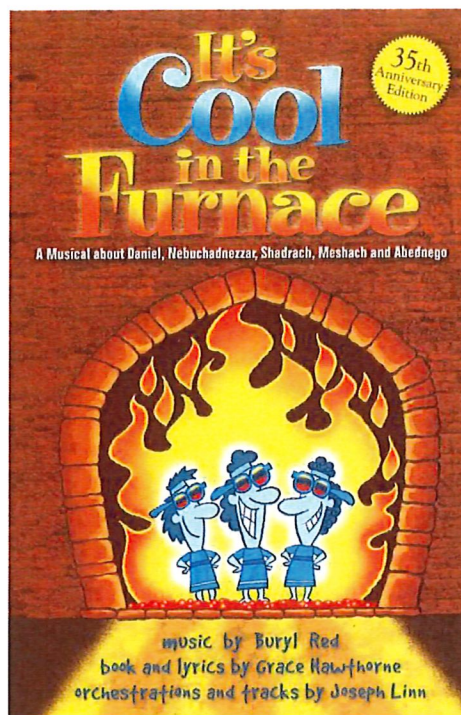
July 22: 4pm Family Preview Performance

July 24: 10am Performance as part of Worship at APC

Age: rising 2nd-8th graders

Cost: \$75 per child

NACK Registration Form Here: <https://forms.gle/DXyLixHj4EhoT5Qj8>



AID FOR FRIENDS IS NOW KNOWN AS



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Sharing food and friendship since 1974

For those who previously put meals together for Aid For Friends (now called Caring For Friends) - if your group would like to resume, please contact Laurie Mackay via email [lmackay6oh@gmail.com](mailto:lmackay6oh@gmail.com), or cell 215-771-8790.

If you weren't in a group prior to the pandemic but would like to participate or get more information, please contact Laurie. We welcome new groups or individuals who would be willing to put together occasional meals .

Today continues the sermon series entitled 'Spirited Credibility' which focuses on the five phrases in the Apostles' Creed that follow the phrase, "I believe in the Holy Ghost."

June 19 – The Holy catholic church

June 26 – The Communion of Saints

July 3 – The Forgiveness of Sins

July 10 – The Resurrection of the Body

July 17 – The Life Everlasting

NEW  
Sermon  
Series





WHAT: The NINTH annual APC Summer Soaker 5k

WHEN: Saturday, JULY 16, at 8:30 a.m.

WHO: We welcome all runners, walkers, wheelchairs to the race. We also need volunteers to make this event a success -- email [justinfeil4@gmail.com](mailto:justinfeil4@gmail.com) if you can help by being a course marshal to help participants stay on the course or help with registration.

WHAT: Starting and ending on Adams Ave. behind Abington Presbyterian Church, runners and walkers are kept cool along the challenging course by super soakers and hoses from friendly neighbors along with a blast of refreshing mist from the Abington Fire Company fire truck at the finish.

All proceeds benefit the Ukrainian Cultural and Educational Center in Jenkintown which provides a local link to humanitarian aid to Ukraine, and the race benefits the brave firefighters of Abington Fire Company.

HOW: Register at <https://www.runtheday.com>. Children 18-and-under are only \$20. Adults are \$30. Every participant who registers by July 4 is guaranteed a comfortable soft T-shirt that has become wildly popular.

Prize money goes to the top three male and female finishers. Random door prizes with race shirts to all who register. Race Day Registration is available at a higher cost than pre-registration.

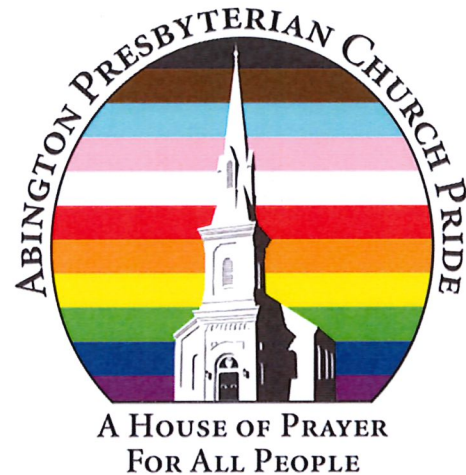
## APC Pride

This year there are several special events planned during the month of June to celebrate Pride and show our love and support to members of the LGBTQ+ community both within our church and in the local community:

**Today, June 26th 8:45-9:45AM "How the Bible has been Misused to Denigrate Gays and Lesbians"** A 2-part educational series for adults and youth, led by Pastor Kirby and Suzin Weber. This week will focus on specific scripture passages that have been used to negatively target gay and lesbian people. We'll meet in the parlor in-between the worship services.

**Today, Sunday, June 26th 12-5PM - Bucks-Mont PRIDE Festival** Join members of APC pride at the Abington Art Center in Jenkintown, PA for this FREE event with live entertainment, an art gallery, family-friendly activities, food, and community networking.

**Tuesday, June 28th 7:05PM (Game Time) - Pride Night at the Phillies** Celebrate Pride and cheer on our Fightin' Phils! We have purchased a block of 50 tickets. Price \$14 per ticket. **RSVP to Michelle Feil** to confirm and arrange payment for tickets. **Email:** [michellefeil74@gmail.com](mailto:michellefeil74@gmail.com) **Cell:** 215-512-1246.



*Don't forget to join our group on Facebook under "APC Pride," and follow us on Instagram as "apcpride."*

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

