

²² You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 4:22–24



Abington Presbyterian Church

August 21, 2022

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

11th Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP
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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*

We give thanks, O God, that we cannot travel beyond the range of your love. We relish your love and kindness this day, asking that you would shape us by that love so we can be who you created us to be. Amen.

PRELUDE

Madrigal

Leo Sowerby

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

O Lord, open our lips,
that our mouths shall show forth your praise.

O Lord, open our minds,
that our thoughts shall be formed by you.

O Lord, open our hearts,
that we may receive the fullness of your grace.

And be pleased to grant that in this time of worship we may find our wholeness
by becoming whole in you.

*** HYMN 409**

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ has called us to love God with our whole being,
to love ourselves as we are loved by God,
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

We have not dedicated our hearts, souls, minds, and strength to loving you, O God.

Our love for ourselves has been unhealthy.

Our lived-out love for others lacks breadth, focus, and dedication.

Turns us from our unconscious distortions and our conscious deceits,
so we can more fully accept your life-changing forgiveness.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We have been freed to walk once more as people liberated by divine grace -
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*** HYMN 582**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD (VASILE)

**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.

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.

WORD

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 12:28-31

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:17-24

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Christ's Church: Renewed in the Spirit of our Minds

The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

* HYMN 63

The Lord is God

AZMON

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,

and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles

rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,

engages us through the Word proclaimed,

claims us in the waters of baptism,

feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,

and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

And to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

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

O Love

arr. Elaine Hagenberg

The anthem is a new musical setting of the familiar hymn text from Hymn 833, verses 1 and 3.

* 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 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

* BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Lord of All

Cyril Vincent Taylor

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

POSTLUDE

Fugue sur la Trompette

Francois Couperin

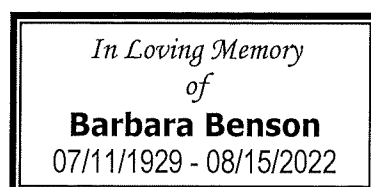
Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

Liturgist: Janet Gildner

Organ: Erik Meyer

Presbytones: John Dean, Bill Price, Zene Colt, John Sall



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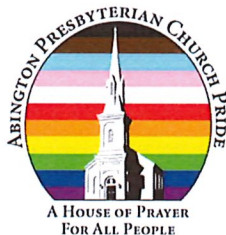
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In need of special prayers this week: Doris Boerner, Ira Greenbaum (nephew of Marlyn Whyte), Helen Porter (mother of Joe Porter), Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Linda Maisenhelder, Christine Kim (wife of Stephen Kim), Will Pompilli (son of 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, Erma Yerkes, Joseph May, John & Carolyn Burrell (Janet Gildner's parents), Victor Johnson III (Pete Johnson's nephew), Laurie Betts, Sally Hardy, Katie Link, Kevin Alexander (Betsy Alexander's son), Jennifer Edward (friend of Nick Cupo), Karen Dirks, Marilyn DeBacco (mother of Barb Foy), Ted Hyczko, Todd Smyth, Victor Johnson Jr. (Pete Johnson's brother), Ann Miller (friend of 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 Rev. Ashley Rossi & Justin Feil, *Youth Fellowship Coordinators*

ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN LIFE

August 21, 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: John Sall, Ruth Sall, Barb Foy, Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill



During the summer 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

2022 2nd Quarter Contribution Statements

The 2nd quarter contribution statements were mailed; look for them in your email or mailbox.

Emailed statements will have the following message in the “From Line” and “Subject line” since they are sent through our vendor, CCIS:

From line: support@ccissoftware.com

Subject line: Contribution Detail - Etc.

If you changed your email, please send an email to jthurlow@apcusa.org requesting your email to be updated including whether “individual name and/or family update”.

Thank you! Any questions, please contact Jackie Thurlow in the Church Office.



Summer Sunday School is finished.
Classes will resume in the September.

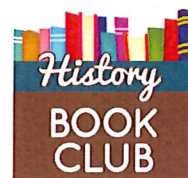


Nursery Care— is offered for children birth through toddler in the nursery and the toddler rooms (110 and 112)

All nursery volunteers will be vaccinated and wearing masks.
Our limit per room is 4 children.

The next book is: **Leonardo De Vinci** by Walter Issacson (576 pages).

Our next meeting is Tuesday Sept. 27 at 7PM in the Parlor.



--- Clip and Save on your Fridge ---

Mission Council Update

The members of Mission Council feel that it is important to offer hands-on opportunities to serve our members both within APC and our neighbors outside of our church. With that goal in mind, we have put together a calendar of projects that *everyone* in APC can participate in at their own pace and level of interest!

Saturday, September 17th – Face-To-Face Cooking in the morning and/or serving supper in the afternoon.

Sunday, September 25th—PB&J Project following the 10:00AM Service to take with us for their guests.

October TBD – Crafting Day at APC and Rydal Park. Knitting Linus blankets, knit hats for the NICU, Scarves, etc.

November TBD – Fall leaf raking for our older congregational members

Sunday, December 4th—PB&J Project following the 10:00AM Service to take with us for their guests.

Saturday, December 10th - Face-To-Face Cooking in the morning and/or serving supper in the afternoon.

As we get closer to each project, more information will be offered. Mark your calendars now for an event that is of interest! Everyone is welcome! For more details, talk to anyone from Mission Council or contact Don Brooks at dmkabrooks@comcast.net

Music Ministry is resuming rehearsals and wants to invite and welcome you to join in this opportunity. Recent research continues to produce more and more evidence of the emotional and physical benefits participating in choir and other musical endeavors. (Google it!) We would love to include you in this ministry, the only requirements are your interest to be a part of working together, and willingness to grow and learn. Opportunities for almost everyone are part of our music ministry:

For children:

Cherub Choir (grades K-2). Rehearse Wednesdays 4:15-4:55. Begin 9/14

Carol Choir (grades 3-5). Rehearse Wednesdays 5:00-6:00. Begin 9/14

Joyful Bell Ringers (grades 3-5). Rehearse Wednesdays 4:15-4:55. Begin 9/14

For youth: cookout and kickoff coming August 30

Chapel Choir Middlers (grades 6-8) & Chapel Choir Senior Highs (grades 9-12).

Kickoff event 8/30. Rehearse Sundays both apart and together 6:00-7:15. Begin 9/18

Festive Youth Ringers (grades 6-12). Rehearse Tuesdays 7:30-8:30. Begin 9/13

Abington Symphony Orchestra (advanced students by audition). Mondays 7:30. Begin 9/12

For adults

Chancel Choir (for Sunday worship leadership). Rehearse Thursdays 7:30. Begin 9/8

Oratorio Choir (for special programs and events). Rehearse Thursdays 8:30. Begin 9/22

Celebration Ringers Bell Choir. Rehearse Tuesdays 8:30. Begin 9/13

Abington Symphony Orchestra. Mondays 7:30. Begin 9/12



Anti-Racism Book Study

On Tuesday, August 23rd at 7:30PM, the Anti-Racism Book Study will meet in the church parlor to discuss chapters 7-10 of Emmanuel Acho's **Uncomfortable Conversations With a Black Man**.

These chapters deal with systemic racism, reverse racism, government accountability, and justice.

Come add your voice to this compelling conversation - all are welcome.

A light snack will be provided.

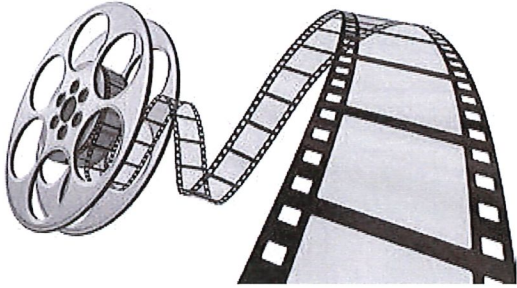
Be a part of the ushering team at APC



Older adults, young people, and even parents with their children are welcome to join and serve with us as our congregation continues to grow. *Anyone with a smile and warm heart is qualified!*

Ushers commit to being present one Sunday per month to greet and hand out bulletins to members and visitors as they arrive for worship. We make ourselves available to assist visitors and the elderly as needed. Parents, this is the perfect opportunity to teach and demonstrate good social skills to your children. Young people and seniors can give back to APC by being a small but critical part of our worship experience. Our hope is to build a team of committed ushers to reflect the welcoming and inclusive spirit we are building here at APC.

Please feel free to contact Eric Gildner at gildneres@gmail.com or the church office with any questions you might have



Have you always felt that you are the next Cecil B. Demille or Steven Spielberg? Have you always wanted to work behind the camera? Have you always wanted to say, "I want to thank The Academy..." Well, the Stream Team is looking for you! We need some folks who are interested in helping stream the Sunday 10:00 AM Service. It requires a little more than an hour on a Sunday and you would work behind the camera one and maybe two Sundays a month as your schedule allows.

To learn more, contact Don Brooks at dmkabrooks@comcast.net, Chris Ellis at ctellis@comcast.net or Glenn Hostetter at hostetter@comcast.net.

So, ready, set and action!

The Stream Team

Homecoming is almost here!

Join us on Sunday, September 11th after the 10am worship service for our annual party celebrating the start of the new program year!

There will be hotdogs, cotton candy, popcorn, snow cones and fun fellowship for all ages. There will be a Moon Bounce and games with great prizes for kids.

All church councils, committees, interest groups, and music groups are invited to share their information at tables set up outside. Come see what is happening at APC and enjoy a great time of food, fellowship and fun!

See you on Sunday, September 11th at 10am for worship and afterward for Homecoming festivities!



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

