

5 Then the word of the LORD came to me: 6 Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.

*Jeremiah 18:5-6*



## **Abington Presbyterian Church**

September 4, 2022

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost      September 4, 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*

God of our lives, you have a powerful and gentle touch. Prepare us now for a touch of encounter, a touch of awakening, a touch of hope, a touch of feeling that comes from you. By your touch, reality changes. Help us to welcome your touch on our lives. In Christ's name. Amen.

**PRELUDE**      Toccata, BWV 564      *Johann Sebastian Bach*

**LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, people of God, to know again who you are, return to the One who gives you life.

**We come as children of God, longing for a closer walk with our Creator.**

The abundant grace of God is offered to all of us in Christ Jesus.

**We gather to receive that gift, to learn and remember how best to use it.**

God is the potter; we are the clay.

**Mold us and shape us, O God, according to your will even this day.**

**\* HYMN 19**      God of Great and God of Small      **GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, hear our prayer:**

**for the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness;**

**for the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair that touches us;**

**for the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist;**

**for the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us.**

**We ask for the courage to admit our fault,**

**the strength to amend our actions,**

**and the hope that your grace awaits us.**

**Lay your strong and gentle hands upon us,**

**and reshape us according to your delight.**

**HYMN 695**      Change My Heart, O God      **CHANGE MY HEART**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Rejoice and be glad. There is more grace in God than sin in us!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**\* 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.*

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

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 18:1-6

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

God's Hands

*The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill*

\* HYMN 686

God of Our Life

SANDON

\* 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.

## 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

Adagio, BWV 564

Johann Sebastian Bach

### \* 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

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy... we join our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful  
of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, Holy, Holy (sung)

### Holy, Holy, Holy 552

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)  
F C F B<sup>b</sup> C F

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the  
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the  
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)  
C F/A Am B<sup>b</sup> C Dm

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)  
B<sup>b</sup> F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

You are holy, O God of majesty...that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Gracious God pour out your Holy Spirit...even as we pray as our Lord Jesus has taught us:

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

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

## PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

\* HYMN 5

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

JENNINGS-HOUSTON

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue, BWV 564

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

## Worship Leaders:

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

**Liturgist:** Anna Meyer

**Organ:** Erik Meyer

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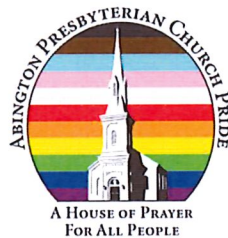
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**In need of special prayers this week:** Doris Boerner, Ira Greenbaum (nephew of Marlyn Whyte), Helen Porter (mother of Joe Porter), Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Linda Maisenhelder, Christine Kim (wife of Stephen Kim), Will Pompilli (son 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, 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), Peter Mason (John Waters' nephew).

**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***

**The Rev. Ashley Rossi & Justin Feil, *Youth Fellowship Coordinators***



## Homecoming is almost here!

Join us next Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 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 and live jazz music. And there will be a dunk tank to raise funds for some of our mission partners. It will be a lot of good, clean fun!

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 next Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 10am for worship and afterward for Homecoming festivities!



### Christian Education Offerings beginning September 18th

#### 8:45am

Middle School Sunday School at 8:45am in the Parish Hall basement. All 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to join us.

Senior High Dialogue at 8:45am in the Parish Hall basement. All 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to join us.

Adult Education at 8:45am in the Parlor. (see blurb below for more information)



#### 10am

Preschool Sunday School Class will begin on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am. We are moving back to the nursery school rooms for class. Join us in Room 221 each Sunday. All children from 2 and a half through pre-k are invited to this class.

Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School will begin on September 18<sup>th</sup>. All children attend worship with their families until the children's moment when they are dismissed for Sunday School. Each week children are taught about a Bible story through various workshops that rotate- music, games, art, cooking, video are all possibilities. Classes will be divided by K/1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grades.

For more information contact Ruth Sall at 215-887-4530 or [rsall@apcusa.org](mailto:rsall@apcusa.org).

**Adult Education** beginning September 18th, a weekly series led by Suzin Weber at 8:45am in the Parlor. Suzin is a PhD Candidate in Organizational Leadership at Palmer Seminary. The class she will lead this fall focuses on the Book of James in the Bible and James, the brother of Jesus:

James the Just, brother of the Lord Jesus, was the leader of the Church in Jerusalem from 43-62 C.E., when he died a martyr's death. He led the church during a time of great social turmoil much like our own. Violent protests erupted in the streets, people decried the social injustices they saw all around them, and many wanted to overturn a government that they saw as illegitimate. Plus, the missionary work of the Apostle Paul was bringing foreigners into the Church in droves, making the Aramaic-speaking Christians in Jerusalem fear that they were in danger of being replaced. How would God want His people to respond to these crises? The call came to James to try to sort it all out, drawing on principles from the Old Testament and the teachings of Jesus. Join us as we study this often overlooked but very important and relevant Apostle of the First Century Church.



The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 5th for Labor Day.

Church office hours starting this week will be Monday thru Thursday, 8:30am until 4:30pm and Friday, 8:30am to 12:00pm.

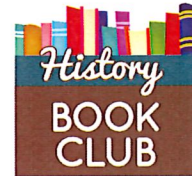


**Nursery Care**— is offered for children birth through toddler in the nursery and the toddler rooms (110 and 112)

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.



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### **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 17<sup>th</sup> – Face-To-Face Cooking in the morning and/or serving supper in the afternoon.**

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

**October TBD—Susquehanna Road Clean-Up**

**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 4<sup>th</sup>—PB&J Project following the 10:00AM Service to take with us for their guests.**

**Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> - 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](mailto: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:**

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

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



To express interest or to get more information, contact John Sall at [jsall@apcusa.org](mailto:jsall@apcusa.org).



# Refreshing Mountain Camp Fall Youth Retreat Sept. 23-25, 2022

Who: 6th—12th grade youth

When: Friday 9/23 meet @ 6:00 p.m. @ APC

Sunday 9/25 return to APC @ 12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$50 per youth (Scholarships available)

What: High Ropes Course & Zip Line

Teambuilding Adventure

Movie, Campfire w S'mores, Worship, and Games!!!

Check out the website: [www.refreshingmountain.com](http://www.refreshingmountain.com)

Questions? Contact....

Justin Feil 215-512-4946 or [justinfeil4@gmail.com](mailto:justinfeil4@gmail.com)

Or Ashley Rossi 215-870-7170 [pastorash80@gmail.com](mailto:pastorash80@gmail.com)



To register:

Fill out **APC Parental Consent Form** and  
**Refreshing Mountain Release Form**  
(both on the church website)

Return forms and check for \$50 payable to APC,  
to the Church office or Justin Feil **by TODAY!!**



## Calling all chefs and servers! Mission Council has two opportunities to serve!

### **Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

Where: Face to Face Mission, 123 East Price Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19144

When: Cooking from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM **or** Serving from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM

How: Contact Don Brooks at [dmkabrooks@comcast.net](mailto:dmkabrooks@comcast.net)

### **Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**

Where: APC in the Parish Hall

When: After the 10:00 AM Service

How: Just show up to make PB&J Grab & Go Lunches for Face to Face Mission

If you are behind on your giving to the church because of the summer months, the Stewardship Council hopes you can get caught up. That would help the offering receipt and cash flow numbers. Thank you!

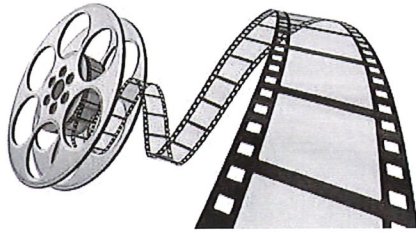
## Be a part of the ushering team at APC



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](mailto: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](mailto:dmkabrooks@comcast.net), Chris Ellis at [ctellis@comcast.net](mailto:ctellis@comcast.net) or Glenn Hostetter at [hostetter@comcast.net](mailto:hostetter@comcast.net).

*So, ready, set and action!*

The Stream Team

**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

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