

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.

1 Timothy 6:6-8



Abington Presbyterian Church

September 25, 2022
10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship
16th Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP
16TH Sunday after Pentecost September 25, 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*

Source of all goodness, we know everything necessary for life in all its fullness has been made available to us. Pour out on us now an extra measure of your Spirit to expand our vision, enlarge our dreams, and help us to speak and live your truth. Amen.

PRELUDE *Where'er you Walk* *George Frederic Handel*

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

God, who dwells in unapproachable light,
is present and available to us here and now.
God, who is more than we can ever imagine,
reveals to us, here and now, eternal values.
We are all children of one God, who loves us,
poor and rich, old and young, powerless and powerful.
God richly furnishes us with everything to enjoy,
and calls us to live for the good of all.
We have every reason to rejoice in our God.
We praise the One who deals wondrously with us.
God is good! We will express our gratitude
to the One whose steadfast love endures forever!

*** HYMN 804** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* *MARION*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we brought nothing into the world and can take nothing out of it.
Yet, while we are here, the things of this world become terribly important to us.
We find it hard to believe your promises that we will eat in plenty and be satisfied,
for we know of many for whom this is not true.
We love money and the things money can buy.
We think that when we are truly rich, we can become generous,
but we never have enough to risk truly liberal sharing.
O God, show us how to value what you value.
Give us a new perspective to view what is really important in life.
Have mercy on us, we pray.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

When we recognize our need and seek God's help
we can count on God's faithfulness and mercy.
Spiritual blessings are being poured out –
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* HYMN 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

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.

WELCOMING OF A NEW MEMBER

*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.

WORD

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children are dismissed to Sunday School

4TH and 5th Grade remain in worship

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16:19-31

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Six Studies in English Folksong, No. 2, Andante Sostenuto

Ralph Vaughan-Williams

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Timothy 6:6-19

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Contentment

The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

* HYMN 345

In an Age of Twisted Values

CHURCH UNITED

*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

Lord, Thee I Love, With All My Heart

arr. John Ferguson

The Chancel Choir offers an anthem setting of a 16th Century chorale.

Lord, thee I love with all my heart;
I pray thee, ne'er from me depart;
with tender mercy cheer me.
Earth has no pleasure I would share,
Yea, heaven itself were void and bare
if thou, Lord, were not near me.
And should my heart for sorrow break,
My trust in thee can nothing shake.
Thou art the portion I have sought;
Thy precious blood my soul has bought.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord,
my God and Lord, forsake me not! I trust thy word.

Yea, Lord, thine own rich bounty gave
my body, soul, and all I have
in this poor life of labor.
Lord, grant that I in every place
may glorify thy lavish grace
and serve and help my neighbor.

Let no false teaching me beguile,
let Satan not my soul defile.
Give strength and patience unto me
to bear my cross and follow thee.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord,
my God and Lord, in death thy comfort still afford.

Lord, let at last thine angels come,
to Abraham's bosom bear me home,
that I may die unfearing.
And in its narrow chamber keep
my body safe in peaceful sleep
until thy reappearing.
And then from death awaken me,
that these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, thy glorious face,
my Savior and my fount of grace.
Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,
my prayer attend, and I will praise thee without end!

* 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 711

Lord of All Good

TOULON

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Six Studies in English Folksong, No. 4, Lento

Ralph Vaughan-Williams

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

Liturgist: Mike Palumbo

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

English horn: Janet Easlea

Chancel Choir: John Sall, director

Organ: Erik Meyer

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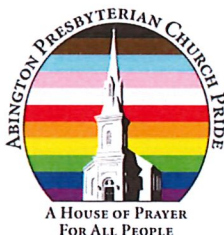
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In need of special prayers this week: Doris Boerner, Ira Greenbaum (nephew of Marlyn Whyte), Helen Porter (mother of Joe Porter), Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Linda Maisenhelder, Christine Kim (wife of Stephen Kim), Will Pompilli (son of 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, 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), Shawn London (William Coles’ daughter), Todd Smyth.

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

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

10:00 AM				
AGE/GRADE	ROOM	TEACHER	TOPIC	Pick Up
Birth- 2 year olds	110-112	Childcare	Childcare	110-112
Preschool	221	Farah Khan Gill	Creation	221
K/1st Grades	Malachi Jones Room (70)	Maryum Gill	Cooking	Rm 70
2nd/3rd Grades	Youth Lounge (72)	Dori & Ellie Ratka	Science	Parish Hall
4th/5th Grades		Remain in Worship		

Children ages 30 months through 5th grade attend Sunday School during the 10am service. Preschool classes start at 10am and are listed in the grid. Kindergarten through 5th graders start the worship service with their families and proceed to their classrooms after the Children's Moment. All children are welcome to attend Sunday School. If you are a visitor today, please feel free to accompany your child to his or her classroom.

Christian Education Offerings

8:45am

- Middle School Sunday School at 8:45am in the Parish Hall basement. All 6th - 8th graders are welcome to join us.
- Confirmation class led by Bill Stock and Karen Hoyle.
- Senior High Dialogue at 8:45am in the Parish Hall basement. All 10th-12th graders are welcome to join us.
- Adult Education at 8:45am in the Parlor. (see blurb below for more information)



Adult Education Join us for 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.



APC's Session welcomes back Liz Pendley Costello into membership. Liz grew up here, but joined a sister church in center city while living there. Having returned to the Abington area, Liz has reconnected here. She and her husband, Kevin, have a daughter, Ellie, who is two years old. Ellie will soon be a big sister to a family addition. Welcome!



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.

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.
Carol Choir (grades 3-5). Rehearse Wednesdays 5:00-6:00.
Joyful Bell Ringers (grades 3-5). Rehearse Wednesdays 4:15-4:55.

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.
Festive Youth Ringers (grades 6-12). Rehearse Tuesdays 7:30-8:30.
Abington Symphony Orchestra (advanced students by audition). Mondays 7:30.

For adults

Chancel Choir (for Sunday worship leadership). Rehearse Thursdays 7:30.
Oratorio Choir (for special programs and events). Rehearse Thursdays 8:30.
Celebration Ringers Bell Choir. Rehearse Tuesdays 8:30.
Abington Symphony Orchestra. Mondays 7:30.

Music

To express interest or to get more information, contact John Sall at jsall@apcusa.org.

Please keep in prayer our 30 youth and 6 adults at Refreshing Mountain for our fall retreat. There is no other youth programming today 9/25/22.

CALENDAR:

9/25 - No other youth programming

10/2 - REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10/9 - Summer Faith Experiences @ 10 am Worship (participants arrive 9:20 am)

Confirmation Class
No MS or HS Sunday School
Chapel Choir - 9:40 am warm up, 10 am worship
Youth Fellowship at 4:00 pm, dinner at 5:30 pm
Chapel Choir rehearsal at 6 pm



Women's Fellowship Pumpkin Carving Sunday October 23 at 1:30PM



The women of "MYKids" (mothers of young kids) invites all women to join us for this beloved annual tradition. We are excited to return to the home of Sherry Aikens, the place where it all began, and courtesy of the "hostess with the most-ess." Just bring your cleaned pumpkins. She will have tools and patterns to share. You are invited to bring a beverage or snack to share. Carving will be outdoor or indoors, and Sherry will provide s'mores over her fire pit, depending on the weather. Reach out for more information or to RSVP to Sherry Aikens @ 267-303-0181 sherryaikens5333@hotmail.com or Michelle Feil @ 215-512-1246 michellefeil74@gmail.com.



Oct 16, 4pm Spirituals Concert: *Lord, Write My Name*

Nationally-recognized baritone vocalist **Keith Spencer** and award-winning composer and arranger **Peter Hilliard** team up once again to present a world premiere concert work, *Lord, Write My Name*.

Lord, Write My Name is a musical tapestry of African American Spirituals interspersed with narratives, poetry, and letters penned by freed slaves and iconic Black figures throughout history. This inspirational journey explores slaves' mourning in servitude, the redemptive story of the Gospel, and ultimately, reclaimed identity as a freed people.

Spencer, accompanied by Hilliard on piano, performs well-known Spirituals such as "Deep River," "My Good Lord's Done Been Here," "Nobody Knows da Trouble I Seen," "Steal Away," and several others brilliantly reimagined and arranged by Hilliard for the first time in public performance.

This beautiful and timely collaboration raises issues of social justice that affect all Americans.

As part of the Music at Abington concert series, the program is presented for free-will donations and open to the public. Free professional child-care is provided as a service to our community members during the program and a reception to gather and greet the artists and fellow audience members follows the program.



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Save a Life. Give Blood

Mark your calendars for our fall American Red Cross Blood Drive, Saturday, October 1, between 8:00am and 1:00pm, right here at APC!

We have a great track record of recruiting many donors and we'd love to have your help!

To sign up and for additional information, please use the link below:

[https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?
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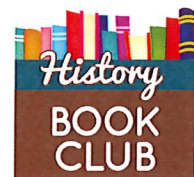


WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

World Communion Sunday is always a joyful day at APC with the ways the congregation has shared breads from all over the world symbolizing our connectedness with Christians wherever they are located. If you want to bring one or more loaves of bread to represent a particular part of the world, we encourage you to do so. There are recipes for ten different kinds of bread at this link: <https://apcusa.org/2021/09/27/world-communion-sunday-feasting/>

This World Communion Sunday, October 2nd, after the 10 a.m. service, we will also be dedicating an eight-foot-tall peace pole on the church grounds with the message, "May Peace Prevail On Earth," written in eight different lan-

The APC History Book Club will be discussing Walter Isaacson's biography on Leonardo Da Vinci this Tuesday, September 27 at 7:30 in the Parlor.
All are welcome!



For any APC bookkeeping needs, please reach out to Jackie in the finance office.

Her email address is bookkeeper@apcusa.org

We are having a... POTLUCK!

October 9th after the 10am worship service. This will be our first potluck in the Parish Hall since the pandemic started in 2020. Come one and all and bring a dish to share. Congregational Life Council is hosting this event. Enjoy food, fellowship, and an opportunity to hear about some of the goings on here at APC. All are welcome!

A POTLUCK!
Sunday, October 9th
After 10am worship
Parish Hall





**Spread a little love at our PB&J event today!
Mission Council has an opportunity to serve!**

TODAY - September 25th

Where: APC in the Parish Hall

When: After the 10:00 AM Service

We encourage you and your families to stop by the Parish Hall after worship today, to make two or three PB&J sandwiches or to fill sandwich bags with snacks and drinks. The goal is 100 lunches. They will be delivered to Face to Face and help to ensure that hungry members of the Germantown community can enjoy a nutritious meal during times when hot meals are not being served in the on-site dining room.

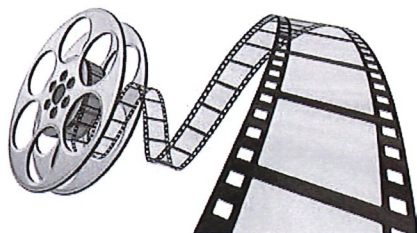
Be a part of the ushering team at APC



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

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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