

⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?"

John 6:5



Abington Presbyterian Church

October 2, 2022

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

World Communion Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP
World Communion Sunday October 2, 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*

We give thanks for our ties with Christians all around the world, O God. We join with others who express their praises in so many different languages. Draw us closer to you and to our siblings in Christ. We count on you to feed us physically and spiritually. Amen.

PRELUDE Improvisation on In Christ There is No East or West *Erik Meyer*

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Today we gather around God's table from near and far.

We are the People of God!

Though we may differ in language, custom, and tradition,

we are sisters and brothers in Christ!

For there is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.

We are One in God's Spirit! In joy, we worship the Triune God!

*** HYMN 317** In Christ There Is No East or West **MCKEE**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, Mother of mercy, Father of grace:

You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course.

You have promised us the abundance of all creation,

but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without.

You have promised us the bread of life itself,

but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry.

You have promised us the waters of peace and justice,

but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty.

And now we are famished, too, Lord.

Have mercy on us.

Transform us, at this table,

and send us from this table

as servants of your righteousness,

by the power of your Son, our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows.

Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows.

And even when our hearts feel barren, God's love overflows.

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.

CHORAL HYMN OF PRAISE

He Came Down

Cameroon traditional, arr. P Kadidlo

The Cherub Choir leads our continued praise.

He came down that we may have love, hallelujah forever more.
He came down that we may have light, hallelujah forever more.
He came down that we may have peace, hallelujah forever more.

* 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.

ANTHEM

Oh Sing to the Lord

Brazilian folk hymn, arr. John Helgen

The Carol Choir offers an anthem with Spanish and Portuguese language traditions from Brazil.

- 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song. ... Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
- 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders. ... Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
- 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets. ... Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
- 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit. ... Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

All Grades remain in worship

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 37:1-9

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Caribbean trad., arr. Bell/Maule/Haugen

The Chapel Choir sings a celebratory song to welcome the Gospel message.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

1 Oh God to whom shall we go? You alone have the words of life.

Let your words be our prayer and the song we sing: Hallelujah!

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

2 My sheep here my voice, says the Lord. When I call them they follow me.

I will lead them to rest by the peaceful streams: Hallelujah!

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 17:5-10

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Satisfied Hunger

The Rev. Sarah A. Colwill

* HYMN 773

Heaven Shall Not Wait

HEAVEN SHALL NOT WAIT

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(adapted from the Belhar Confession)

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,
the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family.
And we believe that this unity of the people of God
must be manifest and active,
in that we love one another;
that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another,
that we share one baptism together,
that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together,
that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope,
which is the height and the breadth and the depth and the love of Christ,
forever and ever.

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

How Very Good and Pleasant

K. Lee Scott

The Chancel Choir offers an anthem composed on 3 passages of scripture:

Psalm 133, Ephesians 4:4-6, and I Peter 1:22.

How very good and pleasant here

When kindred live in unity!

It is as ointment on the head

And to the garments flowing down.

As dew from Hermon's lofty height
Which falls on Zion's holy hill.
For there God sounds the blessing forth:
Life forevermore.

There is one body and one Spirit, as you were called to one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, on God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have sincere and mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart.

* 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)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you!
San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are ho - ly, Lord!
Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res, Se - ñor!

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:

LORD'S PRAYER

Cambodian Lord's Prayer (sung)

Cambodian Folk Song, arr. M. Sedio



Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name,
And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, lead us not;
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done here on earth as it is in heav'n.
but de - liv - er us from e - vil, Lord, we pray your mer - cy.
Give us this day our dai - ly bread; and for - give our tres - pass - es,
For yours is the king - dom, and the pow - er, and the glory
Lord, for - give as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us,
for - ev - er and ev - er! A - - men, A - men,
for - give us Lord, For - give us, Lord.
A - men a - men, a - men, a - men.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

* HYMN 526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

In Thee is Gladness (Afro-Cuban)

Johannes Matthias Michel

PEACE POLE DEDICATION

The Peace Pole, similar to those that have been erected in many places around the world, is dedicated here this day as a reminder to us and a witness to our community. This pole includes in eight languages and braille the statement or prayer: May peace prevail on earth! The languages representing people all around the world are: English, Spanish, Hebrew, Arabic, Swahili, Russian, Ukrainian, and Chinese (Mandarin).

Litany of Dedication

We acknowledge this day the One who has come to us as the Prince of Peace.

In a time of war between countries, we long for a lasting peace.

We give thanks for the possibilities of a deep peace that goes beyond lack of violence.

In a time of poor human relations with creation itself, we long for a lasting peace.

We look to God for guidance in the ways of peacemaking.

In a time of political turmoil and conflict, we long for a lasting peace.

We seek to live out the commandments of loving God and neighbor.

In a time of racism, injustice, and the violation of human rights, we long for a lasting peace.

We seek to partner in the ways of shalom/salaam/peace.

In a time of community and domestic violence, we long for a lasting peace.

This day, we dedicate this peace pole, and with it, we pray:

May peace prevail on earth, may peace prevail on earth, may peace prevail on earth!

Prayer

*HYMN 753

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis

D Bm A7 D Em A7

1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It

D Bm G Em A7

there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where
there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in

Em A7 Em7 A7

there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and
there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and
giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in

Em A7 D 1 2, 4 (Fine)

where there's doubt, true faith in you.
where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.
dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

G Em D Bm

3 O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so

Em A7 D A7 D D7

much to be con-soled as to con-sole, to be

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Though popular opinion credits this prayer to Francis of Assisi, the earliest known printing was in a French religious magazine in 1912. Yet that gentle saint's spirit seems evident in these words, a quality that has spurred many paraphrases and musical settings such as this one.

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill
Liturgist: Tiffany Clark
Children's Message: Ruth Sall
Cherub and Carol Choir: Ruth Sall, director
Chapel Choir: John Sall and Ruth Sall, co-directors
Chancel Choir: John Sall, director
Organ: Erik Meyer

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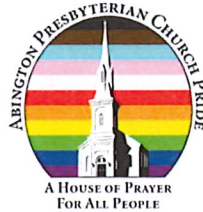
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In need of special prayers this week: Doris Boerner, Ira Greenbaum (nephew of Marlyn Whyte), Helen Porter (mother of Joe Porter), Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Linda Maisenhelder, Christine Kim (wife of Stephen Kim), Will Pompilli (son of 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), Kirby & Nancy Lawrence Hill.

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	Sue Parsons	Creation—Animals	221
K/1st Grades		Remain in Worship		
2nd/3rd Grades		Remain in Worship		
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.



World Communion Sunday is TODAY. This 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.

After the 10 a.m. service, we will be dedicating a seven-foot-tall peace pole on the church grounds with the message, "May Peace Prevail On Earth," written in eight different languages. We hope you can stay for this special event and for the sharing of breads from around the world.



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.



Rev. Sarah A. Colwill serves on the Presbytery of Philadelphia staff as the program director of a clergy care initiative that seeks to prevent burn-out and isolation in pastors of small churches. Before taking this call in April of 2021, she served as pastor of Church on the Mall in Plymouth Meeting for over six years. Sarah's call to ministry stems from her experience at church as a child where she learned she belongs, she is loved, and she is enough. She resides in Lafayette Hill with her two teenage 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.

Halloween Mini-Concert Sunday Oct. 30, following 10am worship



APC's Erik Meyer will share a 30 minute mini-concert after the postlude on Sunday, October 30. While we won't have a full trunk-or-treat event this year, Children's Ministry has loved our chance to celebrate the creative and colorful costumes our kids wear and share at Halloween. This fun event will delight listeners of all ages, and includes heroic, spooky, and recognizable holiday themed music such as Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D minor, Saint-Saens' Danse Macabre, and John Williams' Star Wars! Kids are welcome to wear their trick-or-treat costumes this morning!



APC members and friends filled 120 grab and go lunches!

On Sunday, September 25, the Parish Hall was buzzing with activity as folks gathered after the worship service to fill lunch bags with PB&J sandwiches, snacks and juice boxes. They were delivered to Face to Face Germantown, where they will be given to members of the community to enjoy a nutritious meal during times when hot meals are not being served in the on-site dining room. Our next sandwich making day will be Sunday, December 4th!

Mission Council directs \$500 to Puerto Rico.

Hurricane Fiona impacted Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic with torrential rain resulting in flooding and powerful winds leading to widespread power outages. PDA is in touch with Presbyterian leadership in the presbyteries and synod of Puerto Rico, in addition to our international partners in the Dominican Republic. While assessments are underway, solidarity and initial assistance grants are being disbursed. As always, PDA will work alongside our partners for the long-haul.

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 mostess." 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.

It's World Communion Sunday, and the youth group will be doing some baking 4-5:30 p.m. today. Meet in the youth lounge to start.

And maybe we start putting the upcoming 3-weeks calendar in the insert in the youth corner?

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

10/16 REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

(Chapel Choir off for Worship)

(MAA Concert - Keith Spencer)

10/23 REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sr. High Chapel Choir only in Worship

Blessing of the Animals Worship @ 4 pm, Youth arrive at 3:30 pm

5:30 pm youth dinner as usual

6 pm Chapel Choir rehearsal



On Sunday, October 23rd, Mission Council is sponsoring a "Beautify Susquehanna Road Project" to clean up the trash on the road. We will meet in the APC parking lot after the 10:00 AM Service and patrol the section of Susquehanna Road from Old York Road to Fitzwatertown Road. If you are interested, we'll see you after the service and get to work. You are encouraged to bring gardening gloves with you. If it is raining that day, the project will be rescheduled to another date.



On Sunday, November 6th, Mission Council is sponsoring a "Leaf Raking Day" to help our church members who may not be able to get outside themselves.

If you know of a member or you yourself need help, please contact your Deacon or Don Brooks at dmkabrooks@comcast.net to be added to our list. That day, all folks interested in participating will meet in the APC parking lot after the 10:00 AM Service and divide into teams and "branch out" ... sorry! If it is raining that day, the project will be rescheduled to another date.



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.

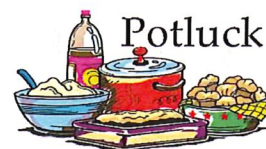
This beautiful and timely collaboration raises issues of social justice that affect all Americans.

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.

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



Blessing of the ANIMALS

All Pet lovers are invited to bring your pet to an all-ages friendly Blessing of the Animals service on Sunday, October 23, at 4 p.m. in the Parish Hall for a celebration of the critters God created and loves. Appropriate restraints requested.

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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