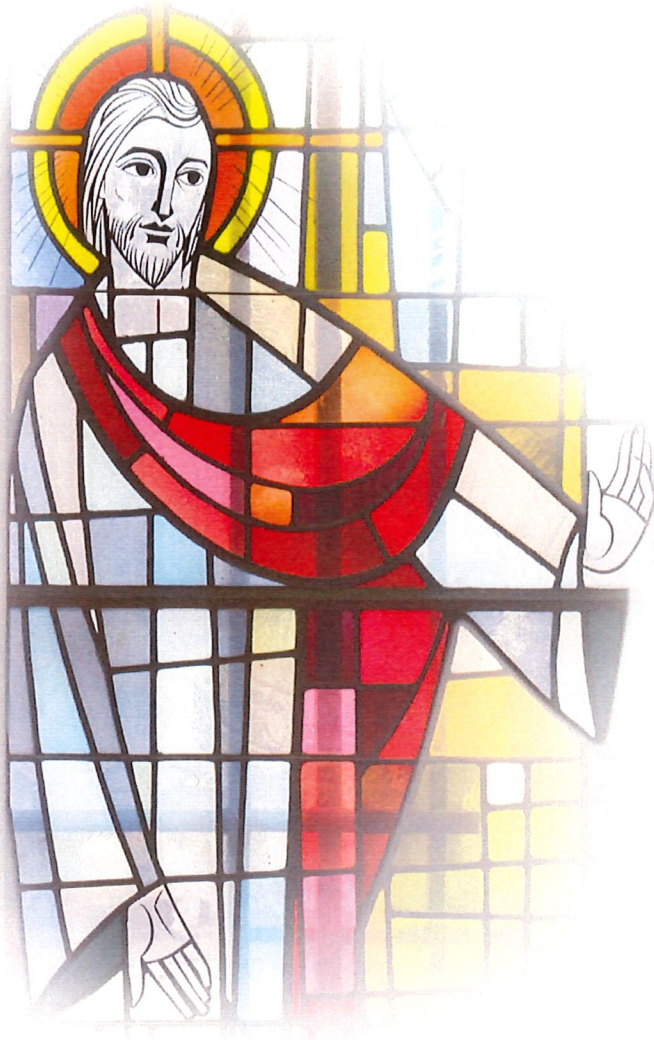


²⁶ A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. ²⁸ Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people and I will be your God.

Ezekiel 36:26–28



Abington Presbyterian Church

October 9, 2022

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

18th Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP
18TH Sunday after Pentecost October 9, 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*

O God, we gather in this time set apart for worship, to explore how we should live in all times and places. Soften our hearts so we will be receptive to your guidance, that all that we might do would glorify your holy name. Amen.

PRELUDE Improvisation on Wareham *Erik Meyer*

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

ENERGIZER

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come to worship,
recognizing the One true God.
We come to revel in community,
recognizing each other as beloved children of God.
We come to pray,
recognizing the world is not what it should be.
We come to sing,
recognizing the power of praise.
We come to worship,
recognizing who we are, who God is, and who we are because of who God is.

*** HYMN 320** The Church of Christ in Every Age WAREHAM

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day
to offer the truth of our lives:
the fear that stifles us,
the prejudice that blinds us,
the selfishness that hobbles us,
the methodology that undermines us.
Help us that we will
find courage in unlikely places,
see the world with new and gracious eyes,
move to those places where love is needed,
have assurance that you are with us.
This we pray in Jesus' name.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

With God, there is enough hope, enough peace, enough life for us all.

Through Jesus Christ, we are set free to live less “us and them” and more “we and thee.”

We are made for an abundant life, a life that is more than enough.

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

2ND & 3RD Grades remain in worship

SUMMER FAITH REFLECTIONS – Massanetta Springs Middlers Conference

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 36:22-28

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SUMMER FAITH REFLECTIONS – Montreat Youth Conference

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 22:39-53

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

What Jesus Rejects and Embraces: Working for Change

The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

* HYMN 286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

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

* 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.

ORDINATION OF YOUTH OFFICERS

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.*

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT – MM Harris

OFFERTORY

Blessed are the Humble (The Beatitudes)
Chapel Choir

Graham Kendrick

* 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 373

O Day of Peace

JERUSALEM

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Festival

Healey Willan

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

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.

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PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS
Irregular

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

Liturgist: Zene Colt Jr., Eliza Feil, Gabriela Nhlapo, and Miriam Sall

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

Chapel Choir: John Sall & Ruth Sall, co-directors

Organ: Erik Meyer

In Loving Memory
of
Carolyn McDermott
04/13/1945 - 10/02/2022

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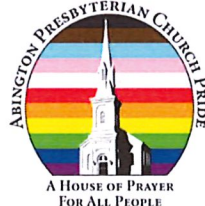
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In need of special prayers this week: Doris Boerner, Ira Greenbaum (nephew of Marlyn Whyte), Helen Porter (mother of Joe Porter), Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Linda Maisenhelder, Christine Kim (wife of Stephen Kim), Will Pompilli (son of 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, Rusty Thurlow (Jackie Thurlow's husband, Family, Friends & Students of middle school teacher Chris Hamsher).

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.



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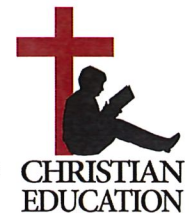
10:00 AM				
AGE/GRADE	ROOM	TEACHER	TOPIC	Pick Up
Birth- 2 year olds	110-112	Childcare	Childcare	110-112
Preschool	221	Farah Khan Gill	Creation—Ark & Animals	221
K/1st Grades	Youth Lounge (72)	Dori & Ellie Ratka	Science	Parish Hall
2nd/3rd Grades		Remain in Worship		
4th/5th Grades	Richard Treat Room (71)	Suzanne Madden	Art	Parish Hall

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.



With the rainy weather last Sunday, we rescheduled the dedication of our new peace pole for today, following the 10 a.m. service.

It is a seven-foot-tall pole near our church drive with the message, "May Peace Prevail On Earth," written in eight different languages.

We hope you can stay for this special event and then go to the Pot Luck in the Parish Hall.



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.

We are having a... POTLUCK TODAY!

In Parish Hall after the 10am worship service and the dedication of our peace pole, 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!



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.

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.



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!

The APC Session ordains three youth officers today.

Eliza Feil is a senior who attends Upper Moreland High School. She enjoys basketball, soccer and art, and binge watching 'Survivor.' She is being ordained as a ruling elder.

Alex Orlevitch is a junior who attends Abington High School. He enjoys traveling, tennis, and cross country, and is interested in clothing and shoe design. He is being ordained as a ruling elder.

Wilson Boyd is a junior who attends Upper Dublin High School. He enjoys baseball, fishing and spending time with friends. He is being ordained as a deacon.

Ordination

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.

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

10/9 Summer Faith Experiences

Confirmation Class

No MS or HS Sunday School

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

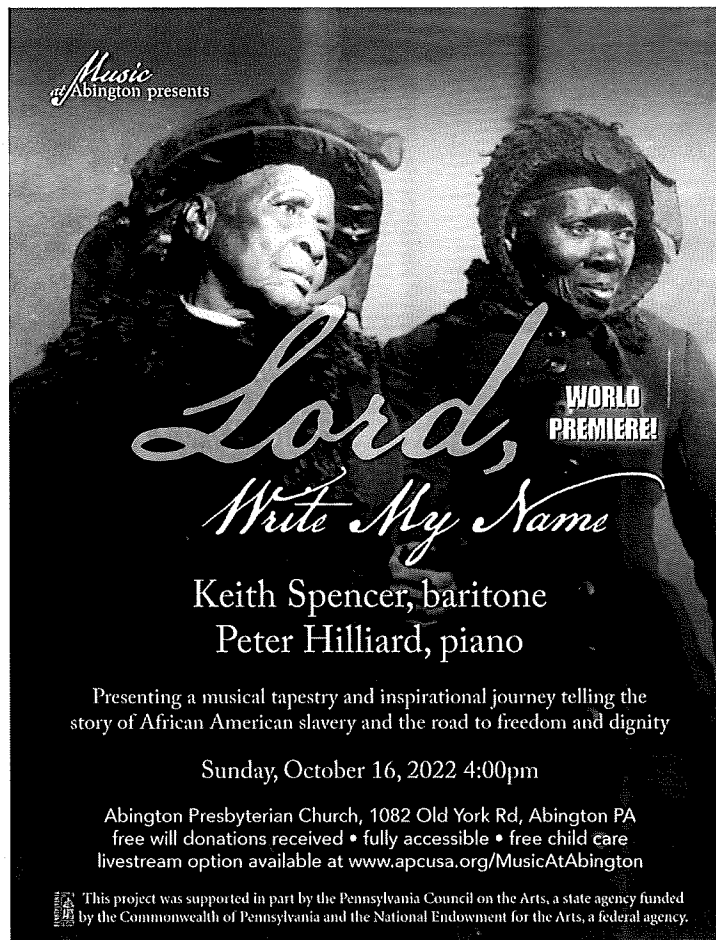


On Sunday, October 23rd, Mission Council is sponsoring a "Beautify Susquehanna Road Project" to clean up the trash on the road. We will meet in the APC parking lot after the 10:00 AM Service and patrol the section of Susquehanna Road from Old York Road to Fitzwatertown Road. If you are interested, we'll 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 reimaged 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.

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

