

<sup>6</sup> And the foreigners who join  
themselves to the LORD,  
to minister to him, to love the  
name of the LORD,  
and to be his servants,  
all who keep the sabbath, and do  
not profane it,  
and hold fast my covenant—  
<sup>7</sup> these I will bring to my holy  
mountain,  
and make them joyful in my  
house of prayer;  
their burnt offerings and their  
sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house shall be called a  
house of prayer  
for all peoples.

*Isaiah 56:6–7*

## Abington Presbyterian Church

October 16, 2022

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

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

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*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.*

Lord, everywhere we look we see the imprint of your creative love. The wondrous works of nature show your majesty. Although you are holy, you welcome all of us as your children. Fill our hearts with gratitude and joy even as we seek to reflect your welcoming spirit. Amen.

## LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

Joy, wonder, delight –  
**Doubt, peace, restlessness** –  
 Sorrow, contentedness, anxiety –  
**Confidence, hope, pardon:**  
 We lay our hearts, full of these things, before our God.  
**Unburdened and awaiting, let us worship God.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in Jesus, our risen Lord, we have seen your glory.  
Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ.  
We are quick to accuse and slow to confess.  
We find faults easily in others, while ignoring our own shortcomings.  
We have squandered your gifts.  
We have turned from your ways.  
We have ignored your Word.  
Have mercy on us, compassionate God.  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives.  
Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace,  
that day by day, we might move closer to being the people you would have us be.

Relentlessly, God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out. This is good news!

**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

*K & 1<sup>st</sup> Grades remain in worship*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 56:6-8

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 5:29-39

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## SERMON

What Jesus Rejects and Embraces: Who's In? *The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill*

\* HYMN 297

In Christ Called to Baptize

ST. DENIO

## \*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.  
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.  
In gratitude to God,  
empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ  
in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"  
With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### 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.*

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP – Veda Gill

#### 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

From Generation to Generation

Tom Trenney

*The Chancel Choir sings a new anthem with a text by the composer that incorporates some of Isaac Watts' familiar Hymn  
#687 "O God, Our Help In Ages Past."*

From out of darkness you have shown us light; your Word has been a lamp unto our way.  
O God, from the beginning, you have been our life; you've led us to this day.  
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
your love is faithful and steadfast from generation to generation.

We strive to love our neighbors as ourselves, becoming one beloved community.  
We long to bring your justice, freedom, peace. You lead us on this day!  
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
your love is faithful and steadfast from generation to generation.

We pray that all who seek God's grace may find Christ's welcome here.  
Lord, be our children's children's strength as year succeeds to year,  
from generation to generation. Lord, lead us from this day!  
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
your love is faithful and steadfast from generation to generation. Amen.

#### \* 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 769

For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

St. Denio

*J. Bert Carlson*

**Worship Leaders:**

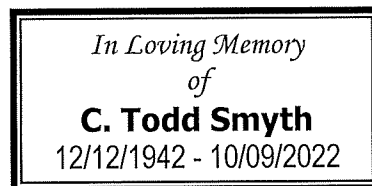
**Preacher:** The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

**Liturgist:** Bill Stock

**Children's Message:** Ruth Sall

**Chancel Choir:** John Sall, director

**Organ:** Erik Meyer



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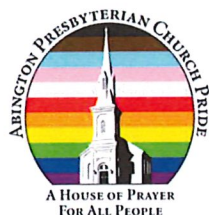
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**In need of special prayers this week:** Doris Boerner, Ira Greenbaum (nephew of Marilyn Whyte), Helen Porter (mother of Joe Porter), Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Linda Maisenhelder, Christine Kim (wife of Stephen Kim), Will Pompilli (son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



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***

# ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN LIFE

October 16, 2022

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	Noah—Rainbow & Promise	221
K/1st Grades		Remain in Worship		
2nd/3rd Grades	Richard Treat Room (71)	Suzanne Madden	Art	Parish Hall
4th/5th Grades	Malachi Jones Room (70)	Mariam Freeman	Cooking	Parish Hall

*Children ages 30 months through 5<sup>th</sup> grade attend Sunday School during the 10am service. Preschool classes start at 10am and are listed in the grid. Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> 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 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)



**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.



## Blessing of the ANIMALS

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



**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.

### Women's Fellowship Pumpkin Carving next 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](mailto:sherryaikens5333@hotmail.com) or Michelle Feil @ 215-512-1246 [michellefeil74@gmail.com](mailto:michellefeil74@gmail.com).

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

APC's Erik Meyer will shared 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!



#### 10/16REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

(Chapel Choir off for Worship)  
(MAA Concert - Keith Spencer)

#### 10/23REGULAR 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



### College-aged care packages



If you have a college aged young adult we would like their address to send them a care package after Thanksgiving.

Please send their name and address to [jennie.colt@gmail.com](mailto:jennie.colt@gmail.com) by Nov. 15.



Next Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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](mailto: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.

**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

## **“Help Fight Hunger –**



## **Deacons Thanksgiving Project” Annual Fall Food Basket Drive**

With your contributions and our service, the  
Deacons are delivering Thanksgiving Meal  
Baskets to 50 families this year!

If you are able and wish to contribute, donations are needed  
for our local community outreach! Consider options below:

- **Contribute funds towards the “food basket” expenses:**  
**Family Food Basket – anticipated cost = \$65.00**  
Please state “Deacons Food Basket” and your envelope # on  
your check, or use APC Website-Give Tab  
<https://apcusa.org/give/> or the Mobile App
- **Purchase food items for the baskets:**  
Some of the items needed for the baskets include:
  - **Boxed Items:** macaroni and cheese, spaghetti,  
stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, complete pancake  
mix, cereal, and packaged cookies
  - **Canned Items:** green beans, corn, baked beans,  
soup, & tuna fish
  - **Jar/Bottle Items:** peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce,  
and pancake syrup.

**We will be collecting items until Sunday, November 13, 2022**

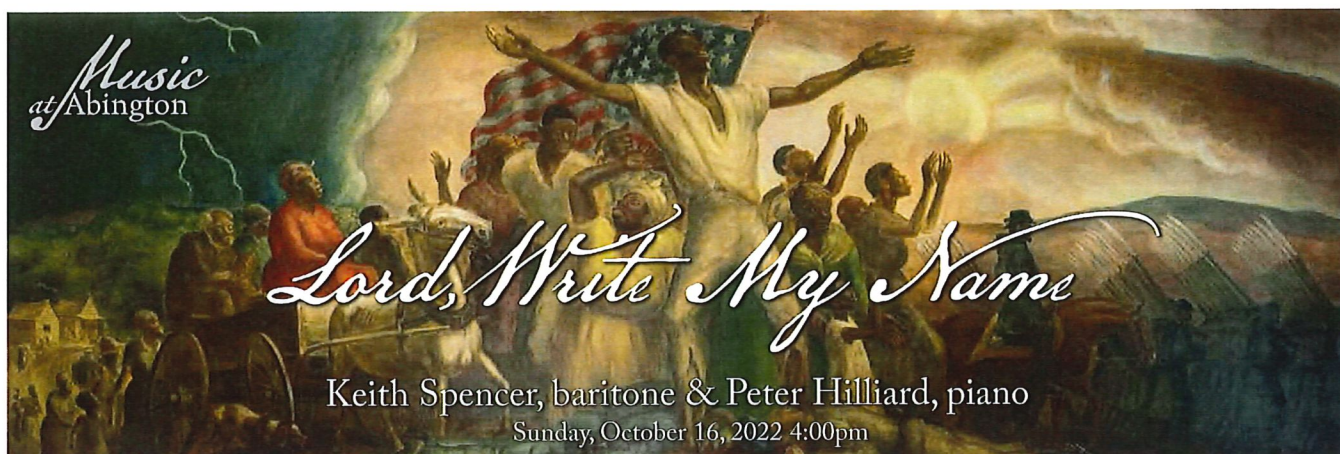
**Food Donations may be placed in the “Food Pantry” bins in**

**1) the Narthex or 2) outside of the church office.**

**Please contact the Deacons Coordinators with any questions!**

Laurie Wikoff – [elwikoff@comcast.net](mailto:elwikoff@comcast.net) – 215-808-9683

Sheila Jackson – [dljskj@gmail.com](mailto:dljskj@gmail.com) – 610-806-3313



**TODAY at 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 new concert work, *Lord, Write My Name*.

*Lord, Write My Name* is a 90-minute musical tapestry of African American Spirituals woven together 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, re-claimed 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. In that spirit it is presented for free as all MAA programs, but guests will be encouraged to make donations to the Black Doctors Consortium in lieu of tickets.

Professional child care is available for free during the program as a service to our listeners. A reception to greet the artists follows.

Those unable to attend in person may join the program by livestream during the live concert at Music at Abington and APC livestream links.

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

