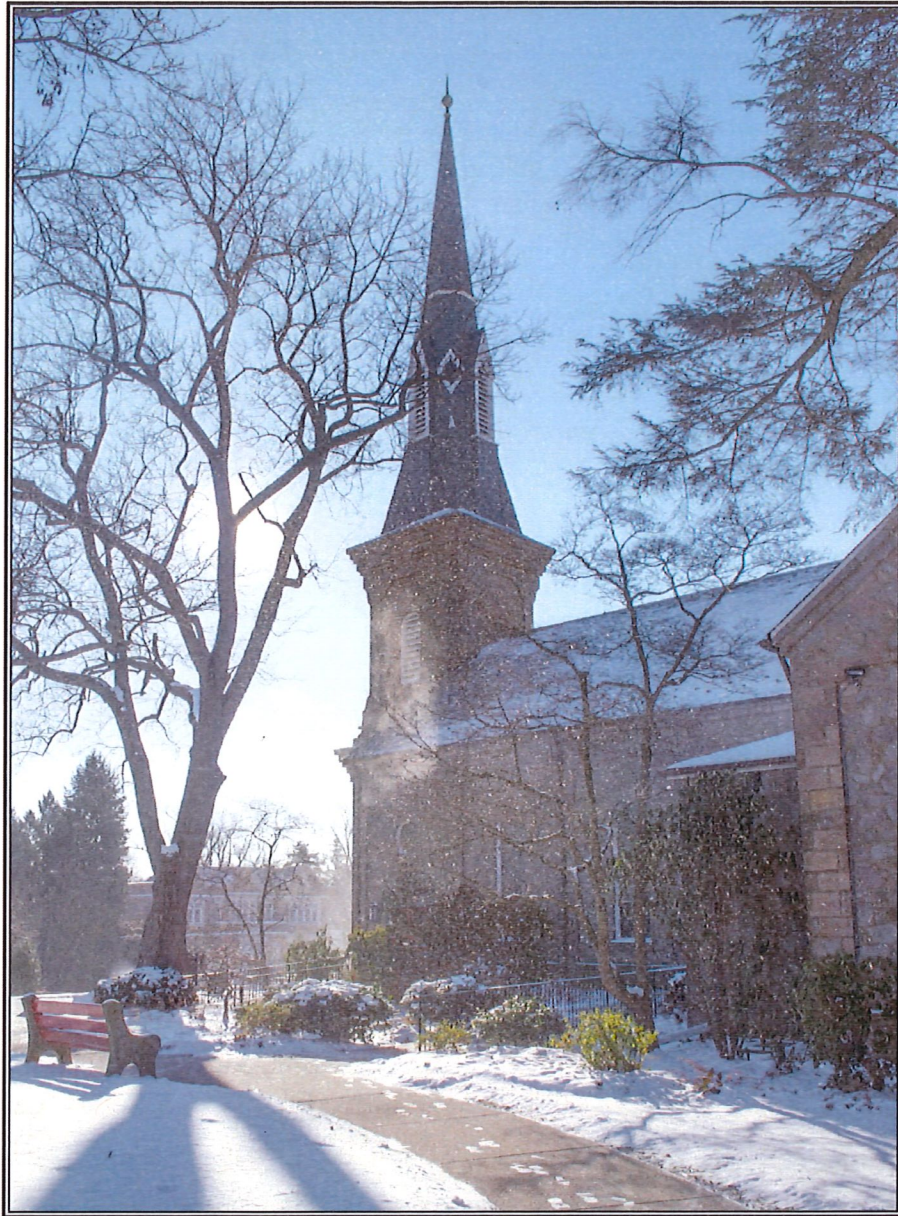


³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?"
³⁹ He said to them, "Come and see."

John 1:38-39a



Abington Presbyterian Church

January 15, 2023
10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship
2nd Sunday after Epiphany

ORDER OF WORSHIP
2nd Sunday after Epiphany January 15, 2023

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*

Prayer prior to the service: O God, scripture indicates that you call people of faith to reflect your light. This is a great invitation and an awesome responsibility. By the power of your Spirit, enable us to be transformed by your illuminating grace so we can respond positively to your invitation. Amen.

PRELUDE *Elegy* *William Grant Still*

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

There are various identities that we could claim as our best descriptors.

**Our God, who made us and redeems us,
invites us to be followers of Jesus.**

There are many goals we could set, many purposes we could adopt.

**Our God, who guides us and enlivens us,
invites us to relish the reign of God over us and our world.**

There are many places we can try to go, many destinations we could pursue.

**Our God, who wills what is best for us,
invites us to come together to make this sanctuary
and our hearts a locus of worship.**

*** HYMN 388** *Come All You People* *UYAI MOSE*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You are faithful, Patient God,
even as we who are called to reflect your light
continue to live in the shadows of life.

We could delight in your hopes for us,
but we choose to do things our own way.

We could serve the most vulnerable around us,
but we long to pal around with the powerful.

We could share the glad news of deliverance,
but we prefer to swap stories of little importance.

There is none like you, Holy Redeemer.

You draw near to listen to our prayers,
and proclaim forgiveness to our souls.

You lift us out of the holes we dig for ourselves,
and set us on hope's solid ground.

You strengthen our faith with the life, grace, and love
of Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Savior.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our Lord leads us closer to God and to our own best selves.

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.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 49:1-7

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:29-42

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

An Inviting God

The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

* HYMN 183

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

AUSTIN

*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.**

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of 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.

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

Rise, Shine!

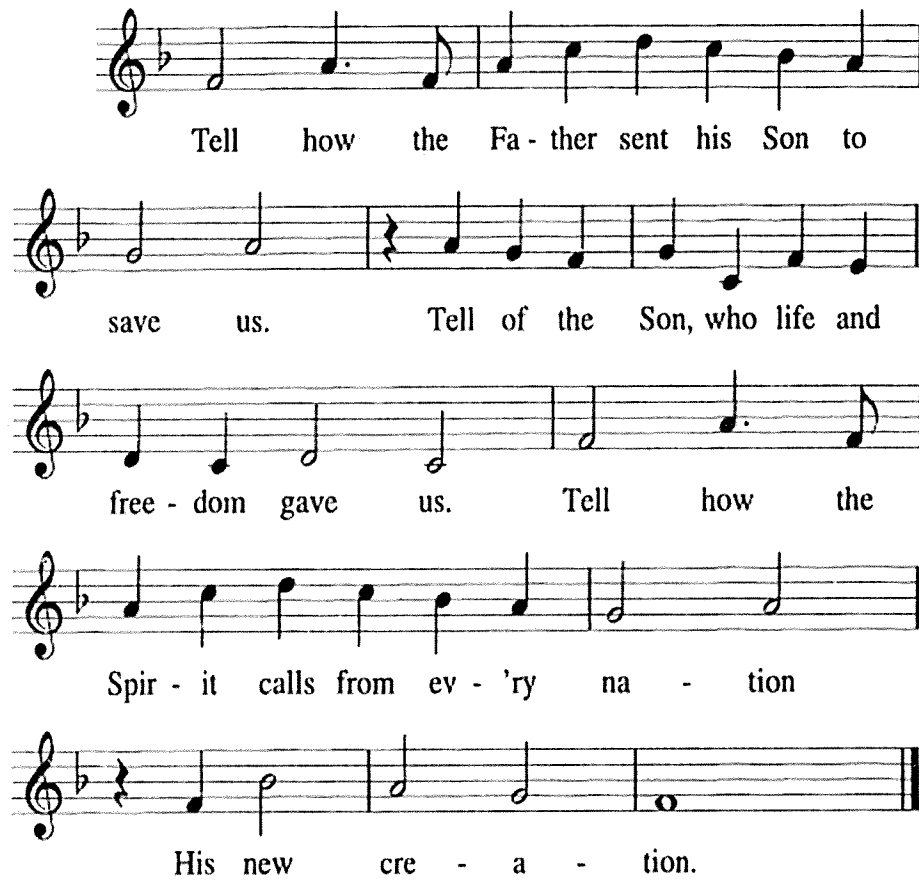
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Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
our human story; God in him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.

See how he sends the powers of evil reeling;
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing..
All men and women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.

Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story of Jesus glory.

* DOXOLOGY: The Congregation is invited to stand and sing the final verse with the choir.



Tell how the Fa - ther sent his Son to
save us. Tell of the Son, who life and
free - dom gave us. Tell how the
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion
His new cre - a - tion.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN 339

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Finale Jubilante

Healey Willan

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

Liturgist: Sandy Hostetter

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

Chancel Choir: John Sall, director

Organ: Erik Meyer

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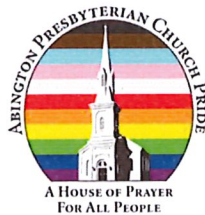
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In need of special prayers this week: Doris Boerner, Helen Porter (mother of Joe Porter), Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Linda Maisenhelder, Christine Kim (wife of Stephen Kim), Will Pompilli (son of Teresa Pompilli), Wayne Gibbons, Jr., Susan 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, Peter Mason (John Waters’ nephew), Shawn London (William Coles’ daughter), Rusty Thurlow (Jackie Thurlow’s husband), Bill Kostik (Shelia Jackson’s brother), Ian Beck, Gordy Hawkinson (Nick Cupo’s Uncle), Jen Klauder (friend of Cindi Willis), Valerie Steigerwalt (niece of Marlyn Whyte), Peggy Savage.

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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ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN LIFE

January 15, 2023

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	Baptism	221
K—2nd Grades	Richard Treat Room (71)	Connie Allgyer	Art	Parish Hall
3rd—5th Grades	Youth Lounge (72)	Jaimie Butcher	Games	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.



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.

Our congregation is growing, and our nursery volunteers are outnumbered by babies and toddlers! If you miss playing trains and dolls with your own little ones, enjoy rocking babies to sleep, or want to log some grandparent practice time, we have a spot for you.

Contact Blythe Palumbo (blythep42@gmail.com) or Ruth Sall.

Adult Education

The 8:45am Adult Education class with Suzin Weber resumes today in the Parlor. Suzin leads us through the Book of James and takes a deep dive into the entire epistle. Come join this thought-provoking bible study that links the person of James to his writings.



The Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 16th for Martin Luther King Day.

Please join us for the next Women's Gathering on Friday, January 20th for **LUNCH** at Riviera D'Italia, 1185 Easton Rd, Abington at 12 noon.
RSVP to Sheila Jackson at dljskj@gmail.com

Winter Picnic



THE MAGIC and BALLOONS of



Hey, it's winter! Come warm up at the APC Winter Picnic!

Right after the 10AM Service on January 22nd, bring a meal and a blanket (and a dessert to share)

Then get ready to be AMAZED by Magician Ed Schmitt!

His show is for ALL ages and full of surprises!

Invite a friend, find your picnic blanket and basket and SEE YOU THERE in Parish Hall.

Seating will be by blanket (like at the beach, first come first serve) or table and chair -- for anyone who doesn't wish to sit on the ground. Questions?

Contact anyone from Congregational Life Council or the APC office.



A Memorial Service for Herb Harris will be held on Saturday, January 21st at 11:00am in the Auditorium at Rydal Park.

Stewardship Update

Thank you to all who have pledged for 2023. If you have not pledged, there is still time, and we encourage you to do so. If you have pledged, we encourage you to think about increasing your pledge if at all possible. So far our pledges have fallen far short of our goal for this year, and are even short of the pledging for 2022. By way of example, below is a comparison of the giving for 2022 as compared to the pledges for 2023 to date:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Number of pledges	175	151
Amount pledged	\$585,000	\$536,000



As you can see we have quite a gap to make up to even reach the 2022 pledges. You may recall, our goal for the Stewardship Campaign this year was \$645,000. Please send in your pledges to help us meet our goal.
The Stewardship Committee

MLK Day of service

Who: All 6th-12th graders

What: Help sort donations for local families in need with youth from Beth Am synagogue and Islamic Cultural Center

When: Monday, Jan. 16 from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Where: ICC, 502 Easton Rd., Willow Grove. Meet at APC at 10:45 a.m. if you need a ride.

Bring: These items are being collected so donate what you can of: juice boxes, granola bars, potato chips, goldfish crackers, cookies, pretzels, cheez-its, small water bottles, mini-muffins, applesauce, Motts fruit snacks.



Massanetta Springs advocate application deadline extended!

Any 10th, 11th, 12th grader interested in working this summer as an advocate at Massanetta Springs has until Monday, Jan. 16, 2023 to apply.



Link is: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdQuXN4RI3i06dHx9zraJqzS2Khws_Y7T6AwuYfCFtnTFALg/viewform

YOUTH SUNDAY PLANNING Begins Jan. 22

All high school students 9th-12th (Confirmation Class will continue to meet on its own) will be meeting 8:45-9:35 a.m. on Jan. 22, 29, & Feb. 5 to plan for Youth Sunday that will be held Feb. 12. Please make a special effort to attend these important planning sessions. Youth Sunday final rehearsal is tentatively set for 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11. Middle School students will be involved in Youth Sunday and may be asked to attend rehearsal on Feb. 11.

FREE February Youth Retreat

RSVP to justinfeil4@gmail.com by Feb. 7

Who: All 6th-12th graders

When: Depart APC 6:30 p.m. Feb. 24, return by noon Feb. 26, 2023

Where: YMCA of the Pines, Medford, NJ

What: Activities, Games, Movies, Campfire, Hiking

Cost:

SUMMER TRIPS For Youth

Massanetta Springs

Who: All current 6th-8th graders

When: July 13-16, 2023

More details and a link to register forthcoming

Senior Mission Trip to Nashville, Tenn.

Who: Current 9-12th graders

When: Saturday, July 8-Saturday, July 15, 2023 (drives are split over 2 days)

Where: We will be doing mission work in the city of Nashville, Tn., through YouthWorks

Cost: \$350 per person (scholarships are available)

Due Dates: RSVP by Jan. 31 if attending.

First payment of \$100 due Feb. 5.

Second payment of \$150 due March 26.

Abington Presbyterian Church's Anti-Racism Team is offering a book study on Ijeoma Oluo's **So You Want to Talk About Race**. This engaging, 238 page book examines race in America from a Black woman's perspective. The meetings will take place in the parlor over three Sunday afternoons right after the 10:00 worship service church on 1/29, 2/5, and 2/12. All are welcome - come add your voice to the discussion.



MISSION COUNCIL REFUGEE RELIEF

On a recent early Wednesday morning, Rev. Adan Mairena was part of a team of volunteers working with the City of Philadelphia's Office of Emergency Management that welcomed asylum seekers arriving in Philadelphia from Texas. Men, women and children stepped off the bus with little of their own and in great need of warm clothing.

Mission Council is holding a clothing drive to answer the call for help. Clothes will be taken to Philadelphia's Welcome Center for distribution. Please bring **NEW** items from the list below and place them in the box outside the Church Office door. (Please, no coats or jackets!)

Specific new items needed are:

sweat pants	sweaters	socks	winter footwear
gloves	scarves	hats	underwear

If you prefer, you can donate financially by making a check out to Abington Presbyterian Church, marked "Refugee Relief." **The clothing drive runs through January 22, 2023.**

The APC Pandemic team has these updated safety protocols to match community conditions:

Masks are optional in church facilities.

You are encouraged to maintain some social distancing in where you choose to sit.

There is a full-time mask section in the front three rows on the lectern-side rear portion of the sanctuary (section where the video equipment is) for whoever wants to use it.

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



Mission Council is discussing a Knitting, Crafting, Sewing project planned for the spring to benefit the less-fortunate. We are thinking of scarves, socks, hats, Linus blankets, prayer shawls and any other items you can think of.

This could be an afternoon event after church or a do-it-yourself project that you drop off upon completion. Although a few of us have experience with some of these projects, we are still looking for our APC members who will find this interesting and, perhaps, teach others their unique talent!

If you are interested in this mission project, please contact anyone on Mission Council or email Don Brooks at dmkabrooks@comcast.net with your level of interest and your ideas! We need your help to make it work for others!

Music at Abington has a tiny pause in the month of January while we prepare for the second half of the season, but just around the corner you'll find musical opportunities waiting to welcome you to wide variety of experiences.



Friday, February 3, 7:30pm the award-winning **Dali Quartet** ushers in a full month of music. The **Dali Quartet** is internationally acclaimed for bringing Latin American quartet repertoire to an equal standing alongside the Classical and Romantic canon. Its fresh approach has been featured in distinguished concert series in New York, Toronto, Philadelphia, DC, LA, Seattle, San Juan, Oaxaca, and countless communities beyond.

PLUS – every Tuesday in February we will feature a different local organist in our annual Tuesday Noon Organ recital series presented in partnership with the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. These programs highlight an delightful variety of old favorites and new inspirations.

APPORTIONMENT FOR 2023

Please be aware that the Presbytery apportionment amount for this year is **\$32.00 per APC member, not per family!** These funds help to pay for staff at Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly levels of our denomination.

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