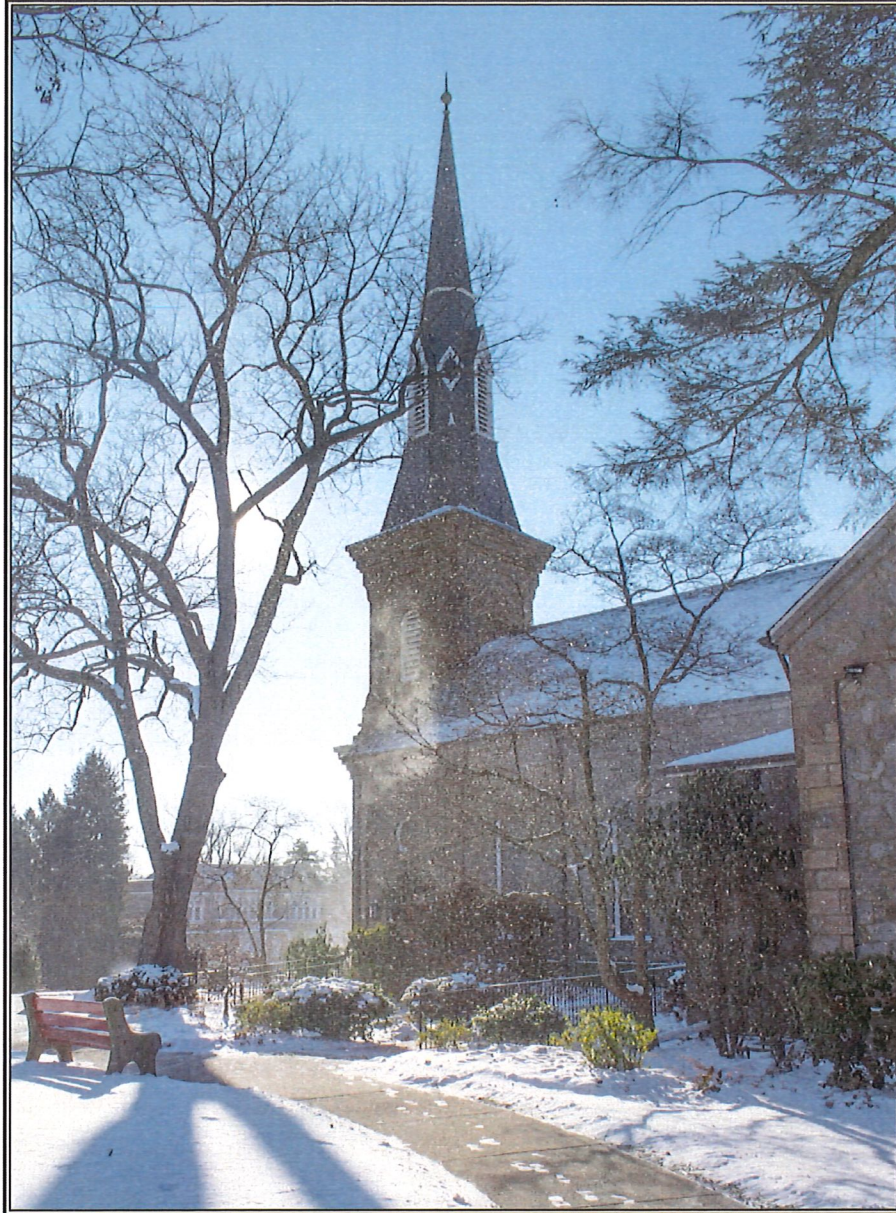


<sup>12</sup> What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ."  
<sup>13</sup> Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

*1 Corinthians 1:12-13*



## Abington Presbyterian Church

January 22, 2023

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany      January 22, 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*

Sovereign God, open our eyes to joyfully recognize all the ways you have blessed us. Give us hearts to seek compelling challenges in the opportunities you place before us. Break down barriers we have created among ourselves, and against you, so others may be drawn to your lifesaving love. Amen.

**PRELUDE**      Improvisation on Kelvingrove      *Erik Meyer*

**LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come together, people of God, out of the gloom and shadow of a troubled world.  
**We come with joy to the great light, that God has given us in Jesus Christ.**  
Come away, people of God, from the jealous rivalries that mar your days.  
**We come with openness to one another, to overcome that which divides us.**  
Come to worship, people of God, leaving behind all else that calls for your attention.  
**We come to refocus our priorities and to become more alert to God's action among us.**

**\* HYMN 19**      God of Great and God of Small      GOD OF GREAT AND GOD OF SMALL

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We admit, God our Light, that we try to tear Christ apart –  
a piece of him here to support our politics,  
a part of him to undergird our economic views,  
the rest of him to bolster our fears of others.  
We could leave immediately to follow him,  
but we tend to wait until we see where he might lead us.  
We want you to look upon us with favor always,  
but we have no trouble turning our backs on those around us.  
Hear us, God our Deliverer, as we speak of our failures!  
Have mercy on us, we appeal to you, have mercy!  
Allow your love to be at the center of our hearts,  
may your compassion become the words we speak,  
may your hope illuminate the ways in which we serve others,  
even as we seek to follow the One who calls us to new life,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

We are sheltered in God's gracious heart of mercy and love!  
**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

*Children are dismissed to Sunday School*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:12-23

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

To Whom Do We Belong?

*The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill*

\* HYMN 3

Womb of Life and Source of Being

REQUEL

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.  
In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image,  
male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.  
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God's commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth,  
exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.  
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah  
chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.  
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.  
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.

#### 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

God Has Called Us

*Robert Hobby*

God has called us: and how can we but raise our voices, echoing God's praise?  
God has called us: and let us answer with our lives.

God has changed us: and how can we but live as servants of the Spirit's gift?  
God has changed us: and let us worship with our lives.

God has charged us: and how can we but ask for wisdom for the Christly task?  
God has charged us: and let us labor with our lives.

God has called us: and how can we but raise our voices, echoing God's praise?  
God has called us: and let us answer with our lives.

#### \* 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 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

#### \* BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

In Dir ist Freude

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

**Worship Leaders:**

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

**Liturgist:** Judy Cornman

**Children's Message:** Ruth Sall

**Chancel Choir:** John Sall, director

**Organ:** Erik Meyer

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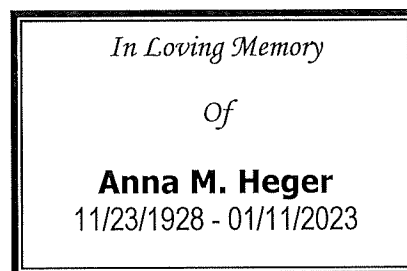
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**In need of special prayers this week:** Doris Boerner, Helen Porter (mother of Joe Porter), Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Linda Maisenhelder, Christine Kim (wife of Stephen Kim), Will Pompilli (son of Teresa Pompilli), Wayne Gibbons, Jr., 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.



An expression of sympathy is extended to Stephen Kim on the death of his wife, Christine Kim.



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

January 22, 2023

10:00 AM				
AGE/GRADE	ROOM	TEACHER	TOPIC	Pick Up
Birth- 2 year olds	110-112	Childcare	Childcare	110-112
Preschool	221	Amanda & Joe Pompilli	Fisher of Men	221
K—2nd Grades	Youth Lounge (72)	Jaimie Boutcher	Games	Parish Hall
3rd—5th Grades	Kitchen	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.



**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.

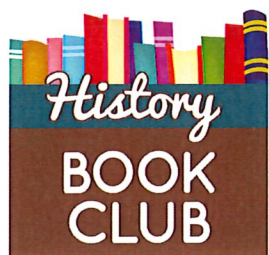
Contact Blythe Palumbo ([blythep42@gmail.com](mailto:blythep42@gmail.com)) or Ruth Sall.

## 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.

## TODAY IS THE WINTER PICNIC!!

Come warm up at the APC Winter Picnic!  
Right after the 10AM Service , 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! 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.



The next book is: **Rush: Revolution, Madness, and Benjamin Rush, the Visionary Doctor Who Became a Founding Father** by Stephen Fried (HB: 495 pages).

Our next meeting is Tuesday Mar. 28 at 7PM in the Parlor.

### *Theology on Tap*

**When:**

7:30pm on Wednesday, Feb. 1st

**Where:**

The Ways Brewery  
11 S Easton Rd, Glenside, PA



**Overview:**

Theology on Tap is calling on all those interested in enjoying local brews and engaging in hearty conversation. Over the coming months, we will reflect on the Apostles' Creed after listening to conversations between Dr. A.J. Swoboda (professor at Bushnell University) and Dr. Nijay Gupta (professor at Northern Seminary) on the podcast *Slow Theology: Simple Faith for Chaotic Times* (available wherever you get your podcasts). For our February session, listen to the following episodes:

Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – ST5: Slow Creed – I Believe in God (30 min)

Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 – ST6: Slow Creed – I Believe in Jesus Christ (Incarnation) (20 min)

**Questions:**

Contact Nick Allgyer at [nta107@gmail.com](mailto:nta107@gmail.com)

### 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	154
Amount pledged	\$585,000	\$565,000



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





### **YOUTH SUNDAY PLANNING Begins TODAY**

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](mailto: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: FREE!

### **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.

### **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.

**Kindly make checks payable to  
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**PRESBYTERY of PHILADELPHIA**  
CHRIST'S WORK ♦ OUR WITNESS

**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 has been holding a clothing drive for Refugees that have been coming in to the Philadelphia area. That drive concludes today but if you would like to donate financially make a check out to Abington Presbyterian Church, marked "Refugee Relief."

### ***2022 Contribution Statements***

*The 2022 contribution statements were mailed; look for them in your email or mailbox.*

*Emailed statements will have the following message in the "From Line" and "Subject line" since they are sent through our vendor, CCIS:*

***From line: support@ccissoftware.com***

***Subject line: Contribution Detail - .... Etc.***

*If you changed your email, please send an email to [jthurlow@apcusa.org](mailto:jthurlow@apcusa.org) requesting your email to be updated including whether "individual name and/or family update".*

*Thank you! Any questions, please contact Jackie Thurlow in the Church Office.*

### **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



# ARTISTS WANTED

In past years, APC has supplied artwork for a Good Friday Stations of the Cross focus held by our ministry partner, West Kensington Ministry. If you are interested in exploring submitting some art for such a project, please contact our church office. We can supply details for what WKM is looking for regarding each station of the cross. Thank you!

*Music*  
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## DALÍ QUARTET

7:30 p.m. Friday, February 3, 2023



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February Organ Recitals  
each Tuesday at 12:00 noon

# AGO Organ Recitals

February 7 **Erik Meyer**

February 14 **Luke Staisiunas**

February 21 **Andrew Monath**

February 28 **Rae Ann and Eric Anderson** (organ and baritone horn)



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