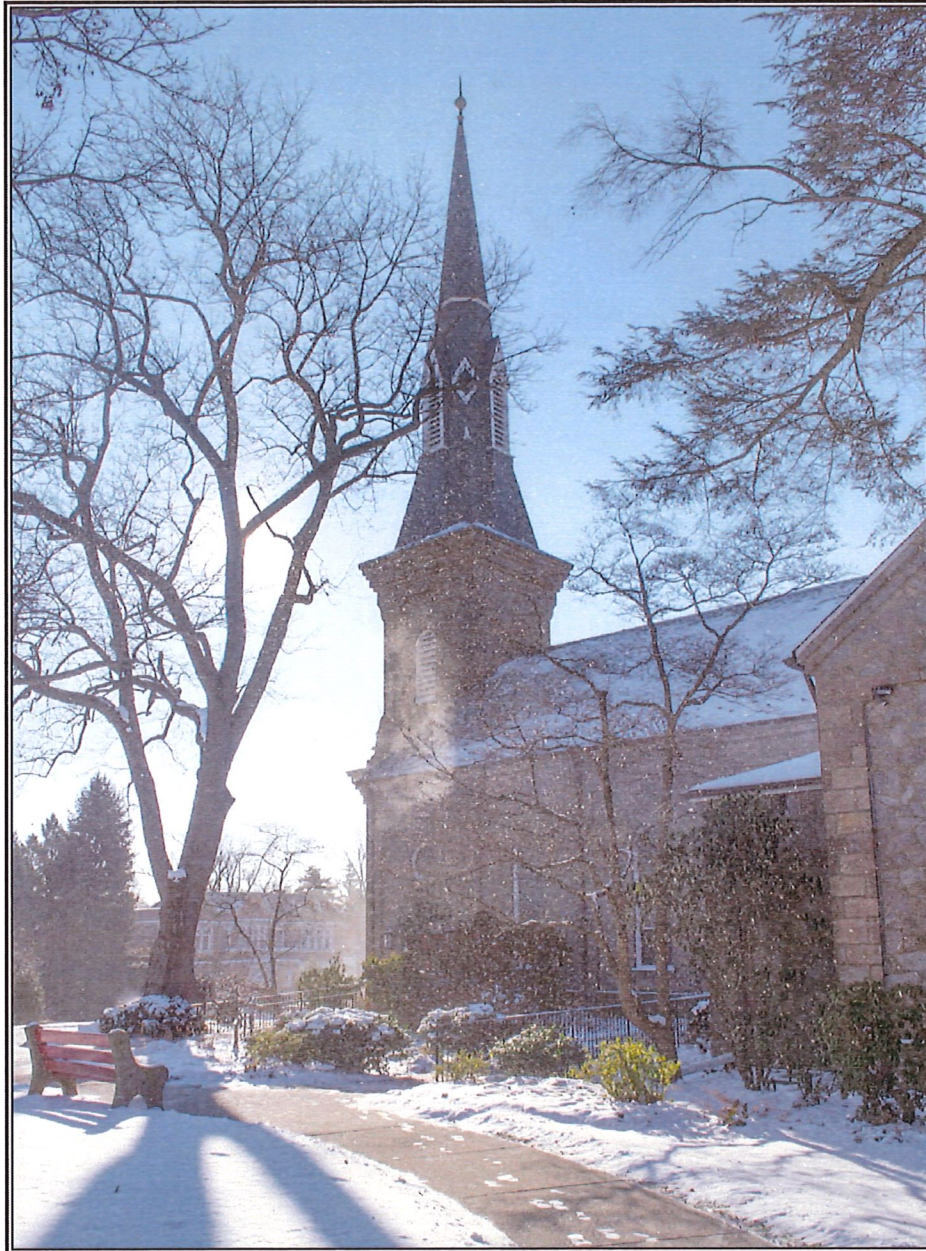


² Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom
of heaven.”

Matthew 5:2-3a



Abington Presbyterian Church

January 29, 2023

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

4th Sunday after Epiphany

ORDER OF WORSHIP
4th Sunday after Epiphany January 29, 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*

Gracious God, you gather us and show us yourself through the wisdom, righteousness, and redemption that comes through Jesus Christ. Help us to recognize and be grateful for all of your blessings that we experience. You have told us what is good and what you require of us – shape us now that our lives might bring glory to your name. Amen.

PRELUDE The Beatitudes Erik Meyer

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.
We come to the One who is the way to fulfillment.
Blessed are the pure in heart.
We come to encounter the One who grants us vision for life.
Blessed are the peacemakers.
**We come as children of God to lift up
our hearts and voices in gratitude and praise.**

*** HYMN 611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adorn Thee HYMN TO JOY**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You have told us what is good, O God.
Your hopes for us are clear.
And yet we live as though it is unclear
what you would have us do.
We live as though we were not
the recipients of grace upon grace.
We have withheld what is not our own.
We have judged where it was not our place.
We have sinned by what we have done
and by what we have failed to do.
We seek your forgiveness, your reconciliation, your strength,
that we may follow in the way you would have us go.
Cleanse us and guide us.
We make this and all our prayers
in reliance upon our faithful savior, Jesus Christ.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sacrificial offerings are not what puts us on good terms with God.
Rather the mercy God shows to us leads to our justification and restoration.
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

Micah 6:1-8

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

* HYMN 70

What Does the Lord Require of You

MOON

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:1-12

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Breadth of God's Blessings

The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Gilbert Martin

The choir sings a choral arrangement of Hymn #223.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Declaration of Faith

God created human beings with a need for community
and with freedom to enter into it
by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience
and to one another with love and helpfulness.
We believe that we have been created to relate to God
and each other in freedom and responsibility.

We may misuse our freedom and deny our responsibility
by trying to live without God and other people
or against God and other people.
Yet we are still bound to them for our life and well-being,
and intended for free and responsible fellowship with them.
Since every human being is made for communion with God and others,
we must treat no one with contempt.
We are to respect and love all other people and ourselves as well.

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

OFFERTORY

To a Wild Rose

E MacDowell, arr. Frances Callahan

*Originally composed of the Op. 51 "Woodland Sketches" MacDowell composed this piece as a musical ode on the beauty
and inspiration of natural surroundings near his cabin in New Hampshire. The tender simplicity of awe before creation
carries through this arrangement for handbells.*

* 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

Concerto in G major BWV 592: Presto

Johann Sebastian Bach

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

Liturgist: Bill Gustafson

Children's Message: Kirby Lawrence Hill

Chancel Choir: Erik Meyer, director

Celebration Ringers: Nathan Lazarus, director

Organ: Erik Meyer

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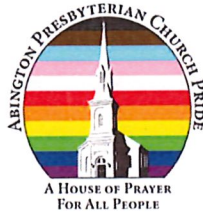
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In need of special prayers this week: Doris Boerner, Helen Porter (mother of Joe Porter), Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Linda Maisenhelder, Will Pompilli (son of Teresa Pompilli), Wayne Gibbons, Jr., Judy Meissner, Susan Johnson, John and 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, John Connelly (friend of Joanne and Jeff Bates), Jim Holman (friend of Joanne and Jeff Bates).

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 29, 2023

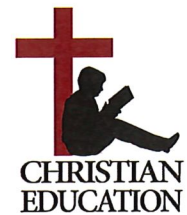
10:00 AM				
AGE/GRADE	ROOM	TEACHER	TOPIC	Pick Up
Birth— 2 year olds	110-112	Childcare	Childcare	110-112
Preschool	221	Sue Parsons	The 12 Disciples	221
K—2nd Grades	Kitchen	Mariam Freeman	Cooking	Parish Hall
3rd—5th Grades	Youth Lounge (72)	Lily Sall	Science	Parish Hall

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.

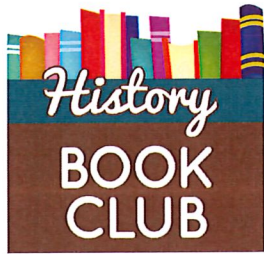
Contact Blythe Palumbo (blythep42@gmail.com) or Ruth Sall.

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.

On behalf of Mission Council, we want to thank you for your support of the Asylum Seekers Clothing Drive! The APC Congregation donated several hundred pounds of brand-new clothing to help the less fortunate arriving in Philadelphia to escape violence and poverty! You also donated over \$1,000 to help this effort! Once again, APC demonstrates their support for those in need!





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. 15th, 2022 – ST5: Slow Creed – I Believe in God (30 min)

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

Questions:

Contact Nick Allgyer at nta107@gmail.com

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!

Special meeting times today 1/29/23 for choir and youth group!

Choir rehearsal will be held 11:15 a.m. - noon

Lunch will be served noon - 12:30 p.m.

Youth group will run 12:30-1:30 p.m.



YOUTH SUNDAY PLANNING

All high school students 9th-12th (Confirmation Class will continue to meet on its own) will be meeting 8:45-9:35 a.m. today & 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: FREE! (Being covered by the Colton Fund)

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, TN—RSVP due to justinfeil4@gmail.com by Tue. Jan. 31!!

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.

Third payment of \$100 due May 28.

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 starting today and the next 2 Sunday afternoons right after the 10:00 worship service church on today, 2/5, and 2/12. All are welcome - come add your voice to the discussion.

The first meeting today will cover chapters 1-5, but even if you are only able to skim through those pages - or even if you haven't gotten the book yet but are interested - please join us TODAY after the 10AM service in the church parlor.

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 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

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



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AGO Organ Recitals

February 7 **Erik Meyer**

February 14 **Luke Stasiunas**

February 21 **Andrew Monath**

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



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