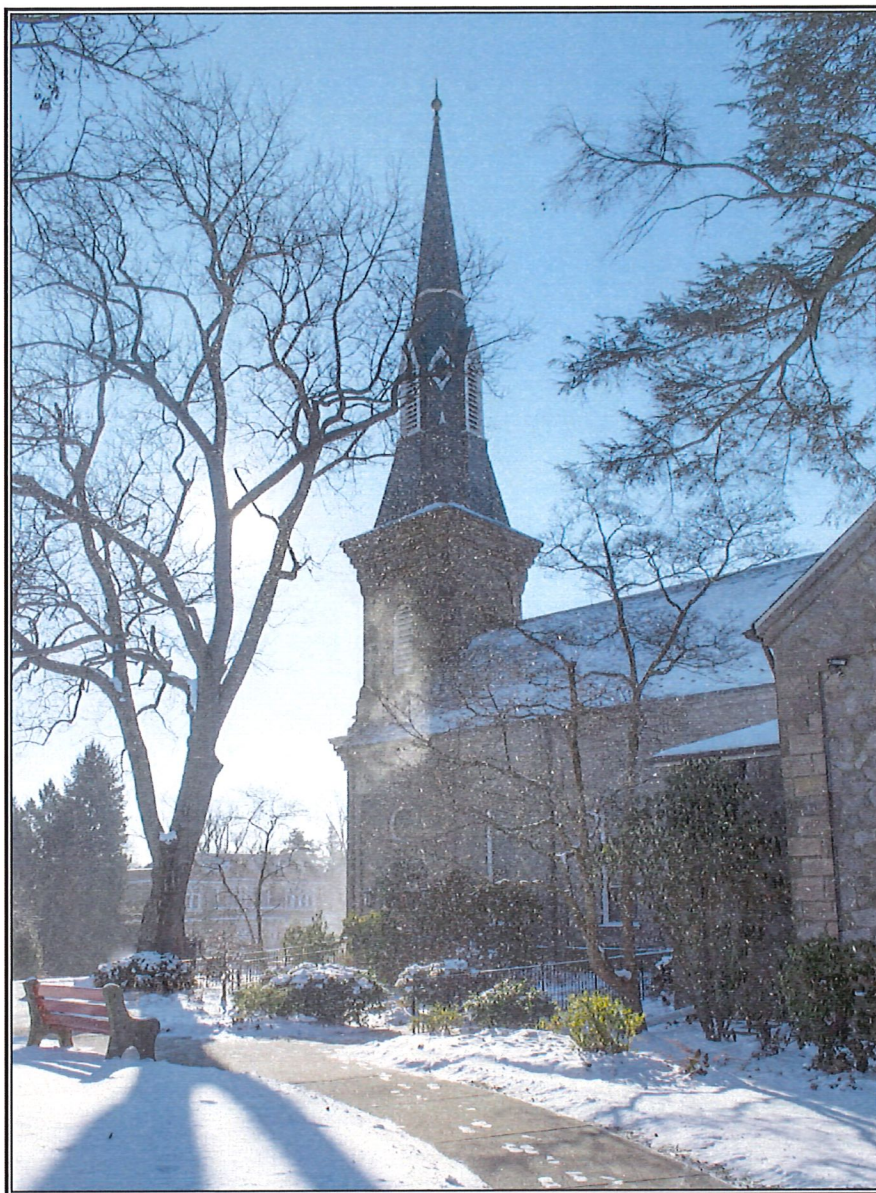


13 “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

14 “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.”

Matthew 5:13–14



Abington Presbyterian Church

February 5, 2023

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

5th Sunday after Epiphany

ORDER OF WORSHIP
5th Sunday after Epiphany February 5, 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*

We thank you, O God, that you do not meet us in the flights of speculation, but in the everyday circumstances of our lives. May this time of worship not become a time for escape, but would rather be a time of preparation to go out and light up the world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

PRELUDE

Evening Song

David Hurd

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT

Light of the World

Michael Bedford

This anthem names Jesus as Light of the World as found in the gospel of John, and includes a verse newly written by the members of the Cherub Choir for today.

Light of the world, light of the world, Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Light of the world, light of the world, shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Jesus, you love us every day, care for our lives in every way.

Help us be thankful for your care, knowing your love is always there.

Light of the world, light of the world, Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Light of the world, light of the world, shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Called to be light,
**we would carry God's hope into
the shadows of the world.**

Called to be salt,
**we would enhance the lives
of those around us, with joy.**

Called to live in God's reality,
**we would welcome everyone
as sisters and brothers in faith.**

*** HYMN 65**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, you have called us to bring out the best in the world around us,
to be bold in our faith, to share your love with those around us.**

**We have not only broken your commandments,
we have broken your heart
when we point the finger at those who are different from us,**

when we think everything is about us,
when our greatest creativity is in manufacturing excuses.
Forgive us for rejecting the identity that you offer us freely,
for rejecting the work of your Holy Spirit in our hearts.
We long to know your ways,
so open our ears to hear those words we always ignore.
We search for you each day,
so open our eyes to your wonders so we may see them anew.
We would believe in your promises,
so fill our hearts with the presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We are being shown the gracious, merciful, and righteous way to God's realm.
God rebuilds our lives, repairs our mistakes, fills our emptiness with hope and joy.
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.

ANTHEM

Bring Forth the Kingdom

Marty Haugen

The Carol Choir leads the congregation in a celebratory call and response hymn urging us all to be part of realizing God's kingdom.

Choir: You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the kingdom of God!
share the flavor of life, O people:
life in the kingdom of God!

Refrain: Bring forth the kingdom of mercy;
Pray for the kingdom of peace;
Work for the kingdom of justice;
Hope for the city of God!

Choir: You are a light on a hill, O people:
All: **light for the city of God!**
Choir: Shine so holy and bright, O people:
All: **shine for the kingdom of God!**

Refrain: Bring forth the kingdom of mercy;
Pray for the kingdom of peace;
Work for the kingdom of justice;
Hope for the city of God!

Choir: You are a seed of the Word, O people:
All: **live for the kingdom of God!**
Choir: Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
All: **grow in the kingdom of God!**

Refrain: Bring forth the kingdom of mercy;
Pray for the kingdom of peace;
Work for the kingdom of justice;
Hope for the city of God!

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
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 58:1-12

SCRIPTURE READING
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Matthew 5:13-20

SERMON

Influential

The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

* HYMN 312

Take Us as We Are, O God

ENDLESS FEAST

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From The Confession of Belhar

**We believe that God has entrusted the church
with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ;
that the church is called to be the salt of the earth
and the light of the world,**

that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker,
that the church is witness both by word and by deed
to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells;
that God's life-giving Word and Spirit
has conquered the powers of sin and death,
and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity,
that God's life-giving Word and Spirit
will enable the church to live in a new obedience
which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

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 ANTHEM

Is Not This the Fast That I Choose?

John Sall

*The congregation is invited to rise in body or spirit and join the final hymn stanza as our response of praise and
thanksgiving as the Chancel Choir offers an anthem setting of Isaiah 58:6-12 with reflections from hymn #35 Praise Ye
the Lord, the Almighty. Originally composed for a call for new settings of this text, the piece received its premiere in
worship at the Riverside Church, NYC.*

Is not this the fast that I choose:

...to loose the bonds of injustice,
...untie the thongs of the yoke?

...to share your bread with the hungry,
...and to bring the homeless poor into your house?

...to clothe the naked,
...and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly.

If you end oppression, contempt and evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry,
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
the Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy all your needs.
Strengthened by the Lord shall you be,
and satisfied, your needs.
like a spring whose waters never fail.
You shall raise up foundation for generations.

*All that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining.
Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and
defend you
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
When in great love he befriend you.*

* DOXOLOGY

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly for aye we adore him.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy

*Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are holy, O God of majesty...to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit ...praying now as our Lord Jesus has taught us saying:

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEIVING OF ELEMENTS

ANTHEM

I Choose Love

Mark A. Miller

In the midst of pain, I choose love. In the midst of pain, I choose love.

In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,

I await the sun again, I choose love. I choose love.

In the midst of war, I choose peace. In the midst of war, I choose peace.

In the midst of war, hate and anger keeping score,

I will seek the good once more, I choose peace. I choose peace.

When my world falls down, I will rise. When my world falls down, I will rise.

When my world falls down, explanations can't be found,

I will climb to holy ground, I will rise. I will rise.

In the midst of pain, I choose love. In the midst of pain, I choose love.

In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,

I await the sun again, I choose love. I choose love.

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

* HYMN 314

Longing For Light

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Tocatto

Florence Price

This week's Black History Month Figure



James Forten (1766-1842) Philadelphia sailmaker, successful businessman, and African-American abolitionist.

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

Liturgist: Mike Palumbo

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

Cherub and Carol Choirs: Ruth Sall, director

Chancel Choir: John Sall, director

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

Strings: Joan Paltenstein and Bill Phillips, violin; Alex Hilliard, viola; Mary Felley, cello

Organ: Erik Meyer

We are glad to have scouts from Troop 1 participate in worship today on this Scout Sunday.

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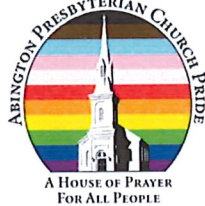
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In need of special prayers this week: Doris Boerner, Helen Porter (mother of Joe Porter), Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Linda Maisenhelder, Will Pompilli (son of Teresa Pompilli), Wayne Gibbons, Jr., Judy Meissner, Susan Johnson, John and 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), 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), Paul Costello Family.

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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The Rev. Ashley Rossi & Justin Feil, *Youth Fellowship Coordinators*

ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN LIFE

February 05, 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	Jesus Teaches Us To Pray	221
K—2nd Grades	Youth Lounge (72)	Lily Sall	Science	Parish Hall
3rd—5th Grades	Richard Treat Room (71)	Connie Allgyer	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.



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.

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.



Join us for Coffee Fellowship after the 10:00am service
next Sunday, February 12th.

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

Ash Wednesday Dinner and Service



February 22 will be the beginning of the season of Lent. We look forward to having a simple soup, fruit, and bread supper in the Parish Hall at 6 p.m., followed by a service about 6:45 where there will be the imposition of ashes and the sacrament of communion. A SignUpGenius link will go out next week for those who would be able to provide food for the meal. We also will be distributing devotional material for Lent. Please put this date on your calendar.

YOUTH SUNDAY PLANNING—Youth Group meets today 4-5:30 to continue very important planning for the Talent Show. Come be part of the fun!

YOUTH SUNDAY PLANNING meets at 8:45 a.m.

All high school students 9th-12th (Confirmation Class will continue to meet on its own) will be meeting today Feb. 5 for a final planning session 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 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's due this Tuesday!

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)



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: We still have a couple spots if you let me know by Monday, Feb. 6th.

First payment of \$100 due Feb. 5.

Second payment of \$150 due March 26.

Third payment of \$100 due May 28.

The Souper Bowl of Caring is Feb. 12! Before the Birds go for the championship, join the Youth Group in this wonderful tradition of giving on the day of the Big Game. Bring in your canned and non-perishable food items on Sunday, February 12th and they will be collected at the doors to the sanctuary following the 8 and 10 am services. Donations go to the Family Promise Montco Food Pantry. Or you can make a cash donation to the effort.

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!

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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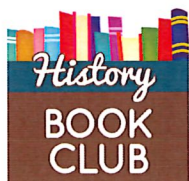
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CHRIST'S WORK ♦ OUR WITNESS



The Property Committee and Tuesday Group volunteers are always looking for a few more volunteers to assist with project management, hands-on help, or to simply hold a flashlight on various maintenance, landscaping, and improvement projects in and around the church buildings. For more information, please reach out to Michael Palumbo, John Dwyer, John Miller, or any Tuesday group volunteer.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

The next Women's Gathering will be Lunch at noon on Friday, March 10th at Bonnet Lane Restaurant, 1720 Old York Road, Abington.



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.

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

Music
at Abington presents

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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