

⁹ “I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 1:9



Youth Sunday
and the Souper Bowl of Caring

Abington Presbyterian Church

February 12, 2023

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

6th Sunday after Epiphany

ORDER OF WORSHIP

6th Sunday after Epiphany – Youth Sunday

February 12, 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 praise you, O God, that you are with us at all times. Help us to feel your presence in our lives and in our worship today. Guide us through your example to look for others who may feel alone, hurt or unloved and inspire us to be a source of hope for them as you are for us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

PRELUDE Pathetique Sonata in C Minor, 2nd Movement *Ludwig van Beethoven*

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Even in the depths of darkness,
God will give light.
We are not alone.
God will always watch over us.
Even when no one understands,
God will always hear our prayers.
We are not alone.
God will always answer.
Even when we are lost,
God will remind us of our way home.
We are not alone.
God will always aid us.

* HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rock of our salvation,
We know the faults we try to hide from you and others.
We have not cared for all people in the same way.
We do think some are more gifted, or better, or prettier.
We are more willing to rejoice with someone, than to suffer with another.
We are not sure the prisoners should be set free, or the poor given hope.
Redeemer of all people, forgive us.
Anoint us with your Spirit's power so our eyes might be opened to see
and our ears freed to listen to what Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,
teaches us about your love and grace for our lives.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God loves all His children no matter who they are or what they do.
His grace is never ending. Even when we feel alone, He is always with us.
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.

ENERGIZER

Do You Want A Revolution?

Kirk Franklin and The Family

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

Joshua 1:1-9

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Don't Be Afraid

John Bell

Don't be afraid, my love is stronger;

my love is stronger than your fear.

Don't be afraid, my love is stronger,

and I have promised, promised to be always near.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

A Church Community

Eliza Feil

* HYMN

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

AFRICIAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL



1 He's got the whole—— world—— in His hands, He's got the
 2 He's got the wind—— and the rain—— in His hands, He's got the
 3 He's got the ti - ny lit - tle ba - by in His hands, He's got the
 4 He's got—— you and me,—— broth - er in His hands, He's got——



whole— wide—— world—— in His hands, He's got the whole—— world——
 sun—— and the moon—— in His hands, He's got the wind—— and the rain——
 ti - ny lit - tle ba - by in His hands, He's got the ti - ny lit - tle ba - by
 you and me,—— sis - ter, in His hands, He's got—— you and me,—— broth - er,



in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.
 in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.
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 in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Written by the 2023 APC Confirmation Class

We believe that God created everything for a reason and created us human and imperfect.

We believe that God loves us and God's grace forgives us.

We believe that God gives us gifts so we can use them to help others,
 and that God works through us to spread love.

We believe that Jesus was born God's Son, fully human with flaws but also God.

We believe that while he was on earth, Jesus spread love and worked miracles.

We believe that Jesus died for our sins and rose from the dead.

We believe that the Holy Spirit is also God as part of the Trinity.

We believe that the Spirit is always with us and inspires us to help others.

We believe that the Church is a community and more than a place.

We believe that the Church brings us together to learn about God's love for us.

We believe that the Church helps us to love one another by working together to help people.

We believe that God calls us to take care of the earth.

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 ANTHEM

Praise the Savior, Ye Who Know Him

arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

* DOXOLOGY

Hymn 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, y heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN 379

We Shall Overcome

WE SHALL OVERCOME

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

****Confirmation Class members will be at the exits to the sanctuary following the service to collect the Souper Bowl of Caring donations for the Family Promise Montco PA.**

Worship Leaders:

Youth: Anna Colt, Zene Colt, Christian Feil, Eliza Feil, Lydia Meyer, Lukas Meyer, Allie McMahon, Maddie McMahon, Gabriela Nhlapo, Alex Orlevitch, Taylor Richardson, Nate Sacco, Ruby Sall

Chapel Choir: John and Ruth Sall, co-directors

Festive Ringers: Nathan Lazurus, director

Program cover: Eliza Feil

Prelude: Zene Colt

Organ: Erik Meyer

Ushers: Anna Colt, Gabriel Jackson, Bradyn Kelly, Lukas Meyer, Stanley Mormello

Souper Bowl of Caring collectors: 2023 APC Confirmation Class

This week's Black History Month Figure



Octavius V. Catto (1839-1871), Philadelphia educator, Freedom fighter and Civil Rights Activist

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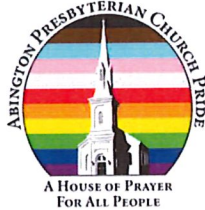
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In need of special prayers this week: Doris Boerner, Helen Porter (mother of Joe Porter), Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Linda Maisenhelder, Will Pompilli (son of Teresa Pompilli), Wayne Gibbons, Jr., Judy Meissner, Susan Johnson, John and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

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 12, 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	Valentine's Day	221
K—2nd Grades	Richard Treat Room (71)	Connie Allgyer	Art	Parish Hall
3rd—5th Grades	Kitchen	Mariam Freeman	Cooking	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 TODAY after the 10:00am service.

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 2/19. All are welcome - come add your voice to the discussion.

The Session has called for our annual congregational/corporate meeting to be held in the Sanctuary Sunday, February 26 following the 10am Worship Service. At the meeting, there will be a financial report for 2022, presentation of the 2023 budget adopted by the Session, a report on staffing plans, a vote on terms of call for the pastor, and a report of the Nominating Committee with the election of church officers. Please plan to attend this important meeting.



Before you head home next Sunday, Mission Council invites you to prepare lunches for Face to Face Germantown! We encourage you and your families to stop by the Parish Hall after worship on Sunday, February 19, to make two or three PB&J sandwiches or to fill sandwich bags with snacks and drinks. The goal is 100 lunches. They will be delivered to Face to Face and help to ensure that hungry members of the Germantown community can enjoy a nutritious meal during times when hot meals are not being served in the on-site dining room.



The **Souper Bowl of Caring is TODAY!** Before the Birds go for the championship, join the Youth Group in this wonderful tradition of giving on the day of the Big Game. Drop your canned and non-perishable food items into the kettles 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.

Special schedule today for Chapel Choir/Youth Group:

5:00 Chapel Choir rehearsal

6:15 Super Bowl Party in Youth Lounge

Please bring a snack to share for the Big Game. The Youth Group will watch through the halftime show together. Parents can pick up at the end of halftime.



There is no Youth Programming on Feb. 19 due to President's Weekend. Have a great break and stay safe!

Free your calendars for the Youth Talent Show is Saturday, March 18!

Doors open at 6 p.m. for desserts and ticket purchasing for raffle baskets
The show begins at 7 p.m. with a Shrek theme this year.

Tickets available only at the door on show night with proceeds being used for APC youth scholarships.

Please stay tuned for the opportunity to donate a raffle basket for the show.



UPDATE

At its January 25, 2023, meeting, the APC Session took several actions that will impact the congregation over the next twelve months.

- On the advice of the Presbytery's Commission on Ministry, Session approved the recruitment of a Bridge Pastor to serve the interim between Pastor Kirby's retirement on April 9 and the installation of a new Head of Staff, likely in fall 2023. The team of Jeff Bates, Chair, Bill Gustafson, Tiffany Clark, and Michelle Feil were assigned recruitment with the goal of filling the position within the April 16, 2023 time span.
- In the same action, Session postponed recruitment of an Associate Pastor until the Head of Staff position is filled.
- To provide coverage for pastoral care in the new staffing alignment, Session approved recruiting a Parish Associate for ten hours per week to augment pastoral care. The position is projected to commence as soon as discernment leads to an appropriate candidate for the position. A team composed of Ed Messina, representing Congregational Life Council, and Charlotte Dean and Ray Rife, representing Personnel Council are the recruiting team.
- Session affirmed continued support for the work of the Designated Pastor Nominating Committee.
- Session approved recruitment of a part-time Facilities Manager to oversee the maintenance of the facilities. A recruiting team of Property Committee and Personnel Council members is managing this recruitment.
- The Session also adopted a resolution to develop a plan to increase membership, improve stewardship and educate membership on setting up bequests. Targeted implementation for a plan would be late summer.

With the retirement of Pastor Kirby, and the realignment of staffing positions, the next twelve months will be a challenging period for APC. It is a period during which congregational members can support the various committees with prayer, suggesting possibilities of potential candidates and patience for the process to unfold under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Any comments or questions on the actions can be addressed to Jeff Bates or Ray Rife.

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 has been created: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b48a4ad23a7fa7-ashwednesday#/> 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.

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
Abington Presbyterian Church**

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 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.

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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