

¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."
¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

2 Peter 1:17-18



Abington Presbyterian Church

February 19, 2023

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

Transfiguration of the Lord

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Transfiguration of the Lord February 19, 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*

Lift us up this day, O God, that we might get a glimpse of your majestic glory. Open our ears to hear your heavenly voice that we might be confident of your guidance whether it is a time of mountaintop experience or times when we are not up in the clouds. Amen.

PRELUDE Spiritual; Round About the Mountain *Noel Da Costa*

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

We are not in a high-altitude location.
However, in Christ, God brings the mountaintop to us,
and meets us where we are.
We are not in a highly-majestic setting.
However, in Christ, God reveals light that can inspire and direct us.
We gather this day hoping to worship the God who exceeds our understanding.
God meets us where we are and lifts us to a higher place.

*** HYMN 189 O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair DEO GRACIAS**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, expressions of your revelation shine down on us,
but we get stuck in the mist of our own desires,
unable to see the glory of your grace.
We hear of your desire for a world of justice and peace,
yet we interrupt these plans through our selfish daily encounters.
Our thoughts, words, and actions do not live up to your loving ways.
Lead us to a place of awe and wonder,
that we might not only see your light and hear your instruction,
but would also be transformed by your Spirit.
In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As beloved children of God, we are embraced by divine grace.
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

All Children remain in Worship.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Second Peter 1:16-21

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 17:1-9

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE CANTICLE

This is My Beloved Son

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SERMON

Witnesses of Majesty

Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

* HYMN 274

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

PICARDY

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

I Believe This is Jesus

arr. Undine Smith Moore

I believe this is Jesus; come and see, come and see;
I believe this is Jesus; come and see, come and see.

The light of God shines in his face; Oh, come and see, come and see.
He offers all his pardoning grace; come and see, come and see.

Oh I believe (yes!) this is Jesus (yes!); come and see (yes!), come and see (yes, Lord!);
I believe (yes!) this is Jesus (yes!); come and see, come and see,
come and see, oh, my Lord!
Oh, I believe this is Jesus; come and see, come and see!

* 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 341

O God, Show Mercy to Us

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* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Finale from First Sonata for Organ

Florence Price

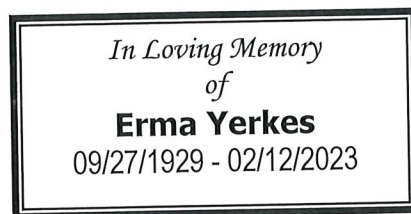
Worship Leaders:

Preacher: Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

Liturgist: Janet Easlea

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

Organ: Erik Meyer



This week's Black History Month Figure



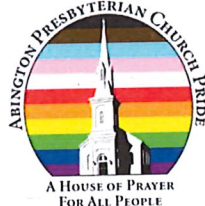
Sadie Tanner Alexander Mossell (1898-1989) Philadelphia Lawyer, Civil Rights activist. First woman of color to earn a Ph.D. in Economics and first woman to graduate from University of Pennsylvania law school.

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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, 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 19, 2023

10:00 AM				
AGE/GRADE	ROOM	TEACHER	TOPIC	Pick Up
Birth— 2 year olds	110-112	Childcare	Childcare	110-112
Preschool	No Classes	President's Day	Weekend	221
K—2nd Grades	No Classes	President's Day	Weekend	Parish Hall
3rd—5th Grades	No Classes	President's Day	Weekend	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 is held 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.

Abington Presbyterian Church's Anti-Racism Team has its concluding discussion of the book, **So You Want to Talk About Race**. The meeting will take place in the Parlor right after the 10:00 worship service church today.
All are welcome - come add your voice to the discussion.



The church office will be closed on Monday, February 20th in observance of Presidents' Day

The Session has called for our annual congregational/corporate meeting to be held in the Sanctuary next 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, 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 10 a.m. worship today 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.

There is no youth programming today due to the Presidents' Day weekend or the weekend of Feb. 24-26 due to the February retreat. Youth programming resumes March 5. Please spend some of your time off considering any acts you would do for the Talent Show!

The February retreat will depart 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 24 from APC and return by noon on Feb. 26. We still have a couple spots left if you'd like to join. It's free. Among the activities scheduled are: axe throwing, candle making, climbing wall, lake hike, service project, and a movie.

Plan to attend the 2023 Youth Talent Show on Saturday, March 18!
All are invited to attend the annual Talent Show.
Doors open at 6 p.m. for desserts and to bid on raffle baskets (please see additional note about donating a basket*)
Show starts at 7 p.m.
Suggested admission is \$15/adult, \$7/child, \$40 family cap
Raffle basket tickets are \$2/ticket or \$10/6 tickets
Proceeds benefit the scholarships for the youth summer trips



*If you would like to donate a raffle basket or have an item to donate for a raffle basket, please visit this sign up genius.....<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044fa8aa22a1fd0-youth#/>

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.

Theology on Tap

When:

7:30pm on Wednesday, March 1st

Where:

Human Robot
208 York Rd, Jenkintown, 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 March session, listen to the following episodes:

1. Dec. 6th, 2022 – ST7: Slow Creed – I Believe in Jesus Christ (Atonement) (25 min)
2. Dec. 14th, 2022—ST8: Slow Creed—I Believe in the Holy Spirit (20 min)

Want to RSVP or Get More Info?

Contact Nick Allgyer at nta107@gmail.com

Lent



Beginning Ash Wednesday and continuing through the season of Lent, the Chapel will be available for meditation and prayer. Times to visit include before and after Sunday worship, events on weekday evenings, or when the office is open during the day. There will be guided prayer stations, as well as open space for contemplation and quiet.

The Chapel is located off the North Transept in the Sanctuary, to the right of the pulpit.

COMMITTEE FOR OLDER ADULT MINISTRY

The committee invites APC members, non-members and friends to join us for a special program with our APC Nursery School children on Wednesday, March 8, at 10 a. m., in the Parish Hall.

The children will sing songs for our enjoyment. We will share a snack and make an Easter craft together. When the children return to their classroom, the program will conclude with lunch. Please RSVP to the church office - 215-887-4530 - by Monday, March 6.
Come and enjoy this program with our nursery school children.

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.



*Mark your
calendar!*



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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