

we will tell to the coming
generation
the glorious deeds of the LORD,
and his might,
and the wonders that he has
done.

Psalm 78:4b



Elijah ascending into heaven in a fiery chariot

Abington Presbyterian Church

March 12, 2023
10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship
Third Sunday in Lent

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday in Lent March 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*

There are forces beyond us and within us that would keep us from worshiping you this day.
Focus us on your glorious deeds and tender mercies, so our gratitude and praise would grow and be shared. Amen.

PRELUDE

Adoration

Florence Price

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Return to the Lord our God,
for God is gracious.
Confess to the Lord our God,
for God is merciful.
Repent to the Lord our God,
for God is slow to anger.
Praise the Lord our God,
for God abounds in steadfast love.

* HYMN 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and God of glory,
we have fallen short of your good intent, time and time again.
You have given us your word, both in scripture and in Son.
You have promised us your presence, both in Spirit and in community.
And you have graced us with your reign, both in teaching and in service.
Even so, we neglect, ignore, and reject your purposes for us.
We do not love what you love.
We do not embrace what you embrace.
We do not defend what you have called us to defend.
Have mercy on us, O God.
Forgive us for what we do and what we fail to do.
And with your gifts, promises, and grace, continue working in our lives
that we might live in greater faithfulness.

SUNG PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Prayers of Kierkegaard (closing prayer)

Samuel Barber

Hold not our sins up against us
But hold us up against our sins,
So that the thought of Thee should not remind us
Of what we have committed,
But of what Thou didst forgive;
Not how we went astray,
But how Thou didst save us!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's love is sure and steadfast,
always providing a way out,
a way through, a way back to God.
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.

BELL VOLUNTARY

And He Never Said a Mumblin' Word

Spiritual, arr. William Gross

WORD

God's Word is read and its message is proclaimed in scripture, music and interpretation.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*K – 2nd Grades remain in worship
3rd – 5th Grades are dismissed to Sunday School*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER HYMN 632

People of the Lord

JENNY VAN TSCHEGG

Refrain is always sung together by all.

- v. 1 Solo
- v. 2 Chancel Choir
- v. 3 Combined Choirs
- v. 4 **All**

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 26:47-56

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Declaration of Faith

Jesus announced the coming of God's kingdom
and its hidden presence in the midst of the world's kingdoms.
He taught his disciples to seek God's kingdom first.
We believe Christ gives us and demands of us
lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom.
Like Christ, we may enjoy on our journey
all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful.
No more than Christ are we spared
the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world.
We are in the world, but not of the world.
Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people
do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world,
but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom.
Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom:
to serve as he has served us;
to take up our cross,
risking the consequences of faithful discipleship;
to walk by faith, not by sight,
to hope for what we have not seen.

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

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Lamb of God (From Mass for Treble Voices)

Allen Pote

O Christ, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Dona nobis pacem. Dona nobis pacem. Give us your peace.
O Christ, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Amen.

* 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 692

Spirit, Open My Heart

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O Gott du frommer Gott

Ethel Smyth

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

Liturgist: Zene Colt

Children's Message: Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

Chancel Choir: Erik Meyer, director

Festive & Celebration Ringers: Nathan Lazarus, director

Chapel Choir: Lyd Meyer, guest director

Organ: Erik Meyer

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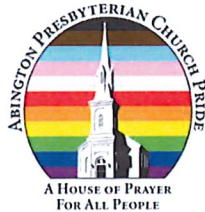
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In need of special prayers this week: Doris Boerner, Helen Porter (mother of Joe Porter), Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Linda Maisenhelder, Will Pompilli (son of Teresa Pompilli), Wayne Gibbons, Jr., Judy Meissner, Susan Johnson, John and Phyllis Frazier, Robin Cupo, Laura Lafferty, Emil Kupper, 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, Diana Sall (John Sall's mother), Jan Young (Tink McDevitt's mother), Chris McDevitt (Ralph McDevitt's brother).

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

March 12, 2023

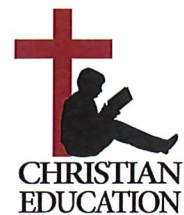
10:00 AM				
AGE/GRADE	ROOM	TEACHER	TOPIC	Pick Up
Birth— 2 year olds	110-112	Childcare	Childcare	110-112
Preschool	221	Sue Parsons	Jesus feeds 5,000	221
K—2nd Grades	Remain	In	Worship	Parish Hall
3rd—5th Grades	Parish Hall		Prayer Centers	Parish Hall

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.

Join us for Coffee Fellowship TODAY after the 10:00am service.

The Session has called for a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, March 26, 2023, immediately following the 10 a.m. worship service, for the sole purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship between Abington Presbyterian Church and Pastor Kirby Lawrence Hill effective April 10, 2023.





Throughout the season of Lent, the Chapel is 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.

APC Deacons Community Blood Drive

Saturday, March 18, 2023
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM ~ Parish Hall



**American
Red Cross**

Please visit the church's Facebook page to make an appointment to give blood.

Choir and Youth Group TIME FLIP to extend time for Talent Show prep

Today (March 12) only...

Chapel Choir will rehearse 4-5:15 p.m.

Dinner 5:15-5:45 p.m.

Youth Group 5:45-8:00 p.m.

Talent Show dress rehearsal

Friday, March 17

6-9 p.m. (May end earlier)

Talent Show Night

Saturday, March 18

Participants will report by 4:30 p.m. (time may be adjusted on 3/17)

Doors open 6 p.m.

Show begins at 7 p.m.

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#/>



is coming and so is the reception to
Honor Kirby Lawrence Hill's ministry to APC!

Join us in Parish Hall on **Sunday, April 2nd**
following 10 a.m. worship!

Help make this a day special for Kirby by
contributing in any of the following ways.

1. Scrapbook of Memories and Appreciation –
Cards, letters, pictures, and memories are being
combined into a scrapbook. Twelve by twelve
pages are available outside the church office
door for you to design OR drop off your items
and we will assemble them.
2. Add to our "finger food" menu by contacting
Anne-Marie Constable by emailing her at
sweets.amc@gmail.com or by calling 267-800-
3737. Please consider contributing appetizers
and mini desserts/cookies.
3. Contributing to a "purse" for Kirby (check or
envelop marked gift for Kirby) and mailed, left
in office, or placed in the offering plate.
4. Simply join us at the reception!





ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

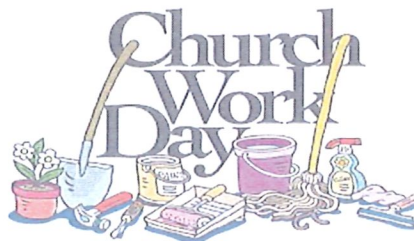
Restoring Dignity to India's Most Oppressed

A trained seamstress, Smitha Krishnan [crish-nun] was left as the sole provider for her family when her husband died just before India's last tsunami. Not only did she lose her husband, but she also lost their thatched and mud house and everything in it — including her only means of making a living, her sewing machine. Thanks to a grant to provide shelter and sewing machines among other essentials from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) to the Society for National Integration through Rural Development (SNIRD), Smitha and her family face a more hopeful future. SNIRD has been instrumental in helping the people of India overcome natural and human-made disasters and has received support through Presbyterians' gifts to **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)**.

OGHS's purpose of helping neighbors in need around the world remains constant, giving us a tangible way to share God's love — not only through the ministries of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, but also the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People.

Smitha's words tell the whole story: "Because of people's gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, we now live in a permanent and disaster-resistant shelter, my kids are back in school, I am able to feed and clothe them, and when they get sick, I am able to take care of their medication, too," she said.

Please give what you can to OHGS. When we all do a little — it adds up to a lot.



SPRING SERVICE DAY AT WKM

Saturday April 8th, 9:00-Noon

Jobs for anyone and everyone! Come Join Us...

RSVP to pillingcb@gmail.com

SAMPLING OF WHAT WE'LL BE DOING

- Fix light switches
- Replace floor registers
- Paint panel over front door
- Scrape and repaint wood trim on front of church
- Sweep basement floors
- Install new AC unit in Pastor office
- Install fire extinguishers
- Replace broken hardware, trim or windows

- Replace lightbulbs
- Clean door mats
- Pick up trash on church property
- Clear Lounge and Manse roof drains
- Reseed courtyards
- Fertilize courtyards
- Trim trees and bushes
- Dust and sweep clay studio

at Music
Abington presents

Annual Memorial Concert

Franz Joseph Haydn

Mass in D, "Lord Nelson"

4:00 p.m. Sunday, March 26, 2023

Abington Symphony Orchestra & Oratorio Choir
soloists Ruth Sall, Andreia Lucaciu, Stephen Ng, John David Miles
John Sall, conductor

Bach - Concerto for Oboe d'amore with Lloyd Shorter
Dvorak - Serenade for Winds

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