

¹ Praise the LORD!
I will give thanks to the LORD
with my whole heart.
in the company of the upright,
in the congregation.

Psalm 111:1



Joseph being sold into slavery by his brothers

Abington Presbyterian Church

March 19, 2023

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

Fourth Sunday in Lent

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Third Sunday in Lent March 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*

Gracious God, we are grateful that we can gather with others to worship you this day. Help us to become the people you created us to be. Help us to show that we love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength by loving our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

PRELUDE Prelude on an Old Folk Tune *Amy Beach*

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Friends, we know what God desires of us:
That we do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.
We gather this morning to remind each other about that,
to remember that now is always the right time to do these things.
So with thanks in our hearts,
let us worship God.

*** HYMN 652** A Grateful Heart ROCKINGHAM

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy,
you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your way.
We are misled by pride,
for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,
and great when we are small.
We have failed in love,
neglected justice,
and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to paths of righteousness
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The steadfast love of the Lord never fails.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*** HYMN 750** Goodness Is Stronger than Evil GOODNESS IS STRONGER

* 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 Grades are dismissed to Sunday School

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 111
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 26:57-68
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Grace at the Crux: Injustice *Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill*

* HYMN 754 Help Us Accept Each Other BARONITA

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.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Statement on Ordination

*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.

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

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

The Word Was God

Rosephanye Powell

The Chancel Choir offers this anthem based on John 1:1-3.

In the beginning was the Word, and Word was with God, and the Word was God.
The same was in the beginning with God.
All things were made that have been made.
Nothing was made, He has not made.
All things were made by Him.
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

* 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 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Improvisation

Nadia Boulanger

Worship Leaders:

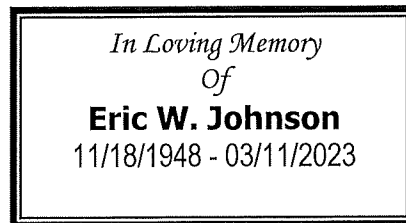
Preacher: Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

Liturgist: Anne-Marie Constable

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

Chancel Choir: John Sall, director

Organ: Erik Meyer

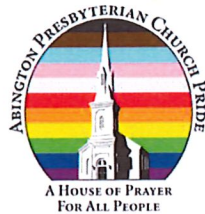


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In need of special prayers this week: Doris Boerner, Helen Porter (mother of Joe Porter), Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Linda Maisenhelder, Will Pompilli (son of Teresa Pompilli), Wayne Gibbons, Jr., Judy Meissner, Susan Johnson, John and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

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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Eric Meyer, Organist

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

ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN LIFE

March 19, 2023

10:00 AM				
AGE/GRADE	ROOM	TEACHER	TOPIC	Pick Up
Birth— 2 year olds	110-112	Childcare	Childcare	110-112
Preschool	221	Amanda Pompilli	Jesus blesses the Children	221
K—2nd Grades	Parish Hall	Jamie Boucher	Prayer Centers	Parish Hall
3rd—5th Grades	Richard Treat Room (71)	Eliza Feil	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.

Lent



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 Session has called for a Congregational Meeting next 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.



Easter Donations 2023

Easter provides an opportunity to make donations to beautify the Sanctuary and the worship services in memory or honor of a loved one. Your donations help provide palms for Palm Sunday, Easter lilies and special music to enhance our worship services on Easter morning.

To make a gift in this way please fill out the form provided below and return to the church office with your donation no later than April 3, 2023 for inclusion in the bulletin. Or donate online at <https://apcusa.org/give/donate/>. Please indicate your donation only in the box for "Special Offering" and add a note on page 2 "Easter Donation In Memory of _____" OR "Easter Donation in Honor of _____".

Thank you in advance for your continued generosity in the life and work of APC.

Yes! I/we would like to remember/honor our loved one(s) with a gift to APC.

Your Name: _____

Address: _____ APC Envelope # _____

Your Name as printed in the bulletin: _____

In Memory of: _____ In Honor of: _____

Enclosed please find: \$ _____ Check: _____ Cash: _____

Help Fight Hunger – Deacons Easter Project Annual Spring Food Basket Drive



With your contributions and our service, the Deacons are delivering Easter Meal Baskets to 50 families.

If you are able and wish to contribute, donations are needed for our local community outreach! Consider options below:

- **Contribute funds towards the "food basket" expenses:**
Family Food Basket – anticipated cost = \$65.00
Please state "Deacons Food Basket" and your envelope # on your check, or use APC Website-Give Tab <https://apcusa.org/give/> or the Mobile App
- **Purchase food items for the baskets:**
Some of the items needed for the baskets include:
 - **Boxed Items:** macaroni and cheese, spaghetti, stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, complete pancake mix, cereal, and packaged cookies
 - **Canned Items:** green beans, corn, baked beans, soup, & tuna fish
 - **Jar/Bottle Items:** peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, and pancake syrup.

We will be collecting items until Sunday, March 26, 2023
Food Donations may be placed in the "Food Pantry" bins in the Narthex or 2) outside of the church office.

Please contact the Deacons Coordinators with any questions!
Laurie Wikoff – elwikoff@comcast.net – 215-808-9683
Sheila Jackson – dljskj@gmail.com – 610-806-3313

**Join us Sunday, April 2nd to honor
Kirby Lawrence Hill's ministry to APC!
in Parish Hall 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!

Those who were elected as new officers of Abington Presbyterian Church are being ordained and/or installed today. Dori Mansur Ratka is being ordained as a ruling elder. Having been previously ordained, Marie Barnhurst, Sandy Bishop, and Kathy Messina are being installed as ruling elders. Other ruling elders were elected to a second term of service: Sarah Caldwell-Berry, Ray Rife, and Suzin Weber. Jenn Boyd, Ahtoi Gibbons, Kevin Kelly, Joanne Maransky, and Irene Rosenberg are being ordained as deacons. Having been previously ordained, Russ Cornman and Mary Stock are being installed as deacons. Other deacons were elected to a second term of service: Ralph McDevitt, Laurie Wikoff, and Nancy Woehrle. Our youth ruling elders and deacon will be ordained in the fall when their term of service begins. We give thanks for all who serve as officers of APC.

Please join us next Sunday, March 26th, after the 10:00am service, for a Reception in Parish Hall to honor our Confirmands.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

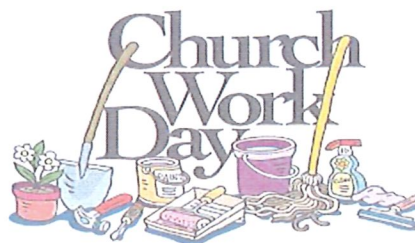
Restoring Dignity to India's Most Oppressed

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

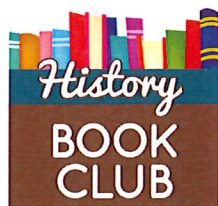
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SAMPLING OF WHAT WE'LL BE DOING

- 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



The next meeting of the History Book Club is Tuesday, March 28th at 7:00PM in the Parlor.

The book is **Rush: Revolution, Madness, and Benjamin Rush, the Visionary Doctor Who Became a Founding Father** by Stephen Fried.

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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