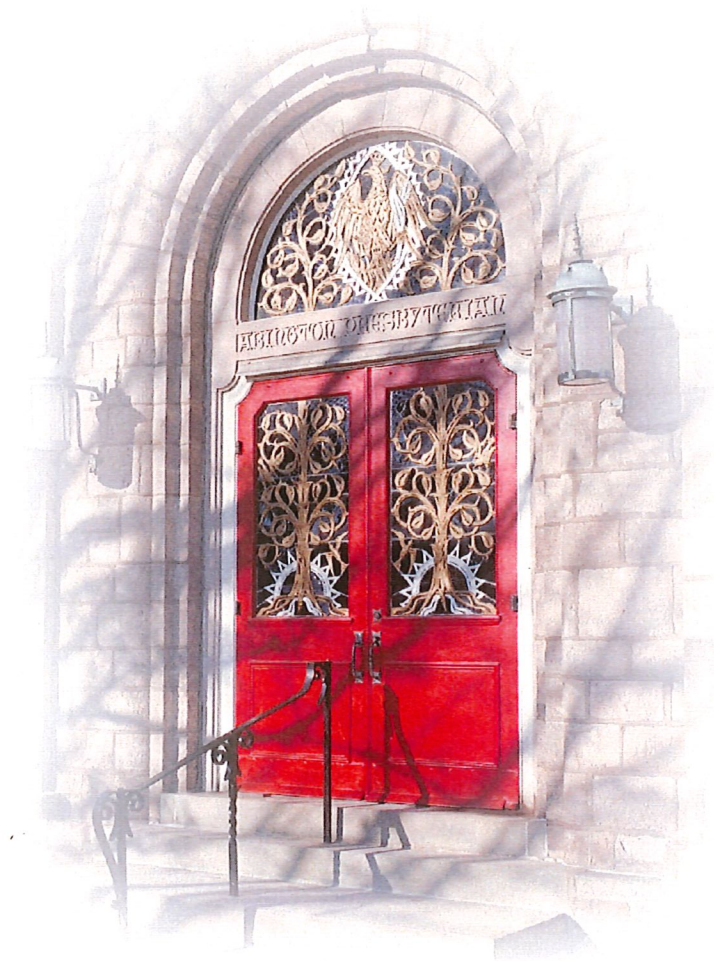


⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Matthew 21:9



⁴⁶ And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Matthew 27:46

Abington Presbyterian Church

April 2, 2023

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

Palm Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Palm Sunday April 2, 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*

O God, allow your love to have full reign in our lives. We have seen that love in the face of Christ. We have heard it in human words. We have experienced it in deeds of kindness and mercy. It is painful to remember the suffering of Jesus. Help us to learn from the account of his last hours to strengthen our own journeys through life. Amen.

PRELUDE Improvisation on The Summons *Erik Meyer*

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 21:1-11

The Word of the Lord.
Hosanna!

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

God wakens us to possibilities of this new day, bidding us to enter the gates of righteousness.
This is the day that God has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it!
Blessed is the One who comes in God's name!
Blessed are all who welcome the reign of God!
Blessed is the One who opens the heart of God to us!
Hosanna in the highest!

*** HYMN 196** All Glory, Laud and Honor VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God, we come confessing our guilt
and seeking to be free from our willful self-centered ways.
When things go well for us,
we readily sing our loud hosannas,
but we sing a different tune when things go awry.
We have been less than courageous and loving.
We recoil from the demanding example
of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Remake our hearts so we can
faithfully follow our Lord wherever he leads.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Now we have a real reason to lift up our expressions of 'Hosanna' – God's coming brings hope and assurance!
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.

ANTHEM

Ride On!

Taylor Davis

The Chapel Choir sings an anthem based on the text of Hymn #198.

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

Matthew 27:32-44

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

* HYMN 210

Lord, Why Have You Forsaken Me (Psalm 22)

DISTRESS

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 27:45-54

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Grace at the Cruc: Not Godforsaken

Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

* HYMN 216

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

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

Do Not Be Afraid

Philip Stopford

The Chancel Choir offers an anthem based on Isaiah 43:1-5 as adapted poetically by Gerard Markland.

* DOXOLOGY

Hymn 606

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

* 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.

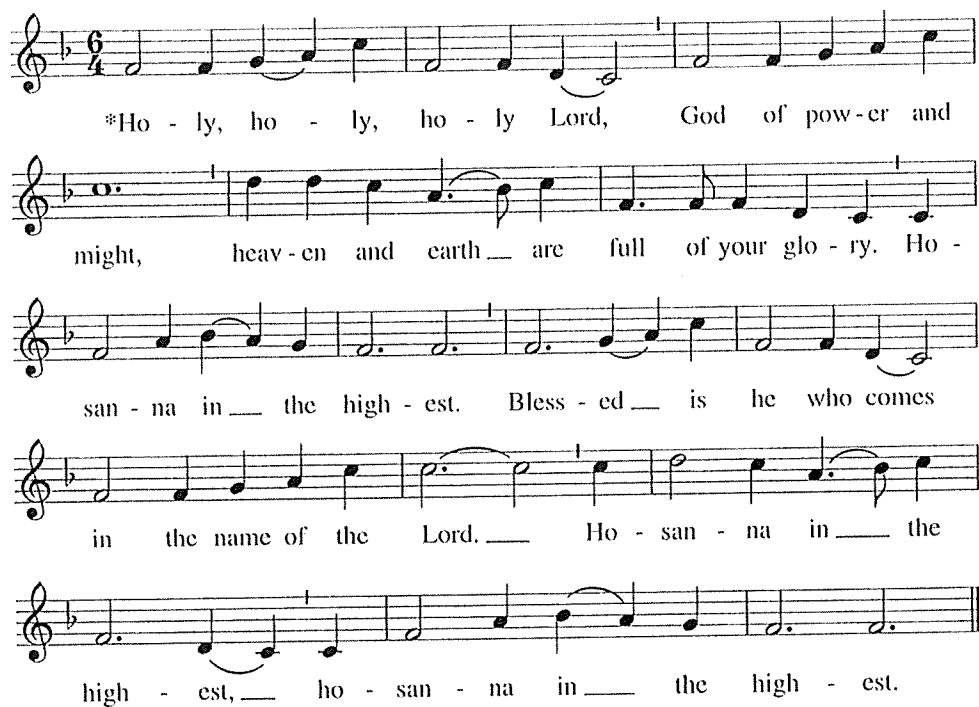
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



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

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

* HYMN 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

DISSOLUTION OF A PASTORAL CALL

Litany

Let us pray for the saving presence of our living Lord:

In your world,

Be present, Lord.

In this congregation,

Be present, Lord.

In this community,
Be present, Lord.
In the broader church,
Be present, Lord.
In the home and hearts of all your people,
Be present, Lord.

Let us pray for the mercy of the Lord:
For work begun but not completed,
Lord, have mercy.
For expectations not met,
Lord, have mercy.
For wounds not healed,
Lord, have mercy.
For gifts not shared,
Lord, have mercy.
For promises not kept,
Lord, have mercy.

Let us give thanks for our journey together in this place:
For friendships made, for joys celebrated and for times of nurture and growth,
Thanks be to God.
For wounds healed, expectations met, gifts given and promises kept,
Thanks be to God.
For our fellowship in Jesus Christ, and for the love of God, which has sustained us in the power of the Spirit,
Thanks be to God.

Dissolution
Do you, the members and friends of Abington Presbyterian Church, upon the retirement a week from now of the Rev. Dr. Kirby Lawrence Hill, release him from service as your pastor? Do you?

Do you, Kirby, recognize and accept a week from today the completion of your ministry with this congregation? Do you?

Prayer

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on Canticle of the Turning

Erik Meyer

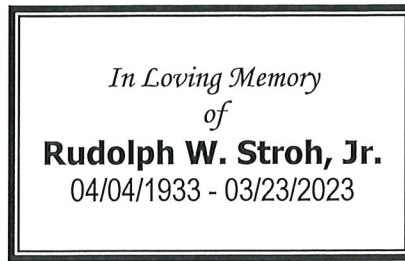
Worship Leaders:

Preacher: Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

Liturgist: Farah Khan Gill

Chapel and Chancel Choirs: Erik Meyer, directing.

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, 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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Ruth Ideen-Sall, B.M., *Interim Director of Christian Education*

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

ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN LIFE

April 2, 2023

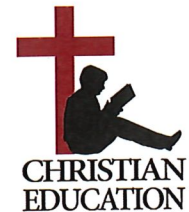
10:00 AM				
AGE/GRADE	ROOM	TEACHER	TOPIC	Pick Up
Birth— 2 year olds	110-112	Childcare	Childcare	110-112
Preschool	221	Amanda Pompeili	Palm Sunday	221
K—2nd Grades	Richard Treat Room (71)	Jamie Boutcher	Prayer Centers/Crafts	Parish Hall
3rd—5th Grades	Richard Treat Room (71)	Jamie Boutcher	Prayer Centers/Crafts	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. (No class 4/2 & 4/9)
- Senior High Dialogue at 8:45am in the Parish Hall basement. All 10th-12th graders are welcome to join us. (No class 4/2 & 4/9)
- Adult Education at 8:45am in the Parlor. (No class 4/2 & 4/9)
- For more information contact Ruth Sall at 215-887-4530 or rsall@apcusa.org.



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.

Palm Sunday Services

8:00a.m. Simple Gifts Service & 10:00a.m. Traditional Service

Maundy Thursday Service

7:30p.m. Worship Service

Good Friday Service

1:00p.m. Worship Service

Easter Services

7:30a.m. Sunrise Service

9:00a.m. Traditional Service

11:00a.m. Traditional Service



The Church Office will be closed on Monday, April 10th.

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: _____

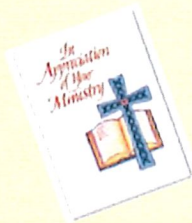
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Your Name as printed in the bulletin: _____

In Memory of: _____ In Honor of: _____

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

A special invitation is extended to all as we join in
showing our appreciation to



Kirby Lawrence Hill

for his ministry at APC.

Please share your thanks and enjoy a time of fellowship and
refreshments this morning
in Parish Hall
following
10 o'clock worship.





Who was Emmet Till and how did his murder in 1955 have such a profound impact on the modern Civil Rights Movement? Join us as we explore the story of Emmet Till. Come to any or all of the events.

View the movie *Till* Saturday April 15th at 7:30 pm in the Youth Lounge.

Learn about the history of Emmet Till and his legacy Sunday April 16th at 8:45 am in the Parlor.

Discuss the movie on Sunday April 16th after the second service in the Youth Lounge. Light refreshments will be served.

Questions? Call John or Charlotte Dean at 215-886-0636

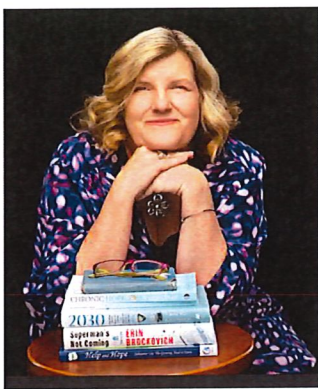
CELEBRATE OLDER ADULT SUNDAY WITH US!

Sunday, April 16, is Older Adult Sunday. During the 10 a. m. service, the Committee for Older Adult Ministry will honor all members of the church who have been with us for 50 years or more. Members who are 65 and older will also be honored. The Reverend Jack Norrie, our former Parish Associate for Older Adults, will give the sermon.

A luncheon following the worship service will be held in the Parish Hall. All 50 year members as well as those who are 65 or older will be our guests.

After the luncheon, APC's organist, Erik Meyer, and his wife Anna, will present a program of flute and piano music for our entertainment.

Please RSVP to the church office - 215-887-4530 - by Tuesday, April 11, if you plan on attending. This will be a special day of worship and celebration. Save the date! Hope to see you on April 16.



The Session has approved the appointment of Tia Booth McCoun to the Congregational Care Associate effective the week of April 17, 2023. Tia comes with a wide range of care experience in congregational and hospital settings. After graduating from Lafayette College with a B.A in Sociology, she earned a Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. Early on, she perceived her life's work in secular roles and pursued training and experience in Clinical Pastoral Education, a preferred certification for pastoral ordination in the PC(USA).

As Congregational Care Associate Tia's primary responsibility is visiting members who live at home, in Life Care Communities and hospitals. Her role will collaborate and coordinate Care Team activities and participate in worship occasionally, as requested by Rev. Thornton.

Tia's faith journey has traveled between Presbyterian, Lutheran and Quaker traditions. She served Gloria Dei Lutheran Church as Associate Director of Youth Ministry. As a member at Gwynedd Square Presbyterian Church, she was ordained as a Ruling Elder, and served the congregation as Worship Chair. Currently, she is a member of the Gwynedd Square Friends Meeting for Worship.

Professionally, she has served as a clinical hospice chaplain and provides grief counseling and spirit care to those who have experienced moral injury. Throughout much of her career she has provided home visitation support.

The Session is pleased to welcome Tia to the APC professional staff.

Regular Sunday Schedule today, 4/2/23

4 p.m. - Youth group - more fun together

5:30 p.m. - Dinner

6:00 p.m. - Choir rehearsal

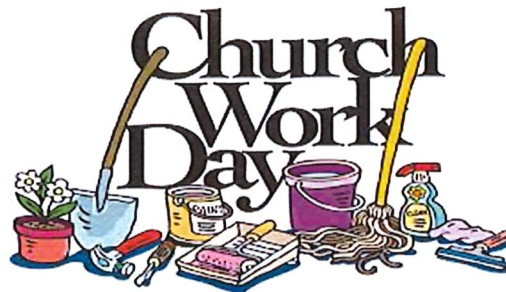


SUMMER YOUTH NOTES:

All APC families are eligible to use a \$200 scholarship to a Christian summer experience of their choice (Massanetta, Nashville, Bear Creek, etc.). This is separate from a need-based scholarship which is always available on a case-by-case basis. Our Talent Show helps to support scholarships to summer experiences.

NASHVILLE MISSION TRIP payment was due March 26: The second payment of \$150 was due March 26. Please turn into the church office or Justin Feil. Please make checks payable to Abington Presbyterian Church.

BEACH DAY: Mark your calendars: August 19, 2023 will be APC Youth Beach Day in Ocean City, NJ! Spend the day together at the beach. More details to follow.



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

Theology on Tap

When:

7:30pm on Wednesday, April 12th

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:

Dec. 23, 2022 – ST9: Slow Creed – I Believe in the Church (25 min)

Jan. 5, 2023 – ST10: Slow Creed – I Believe in the Resurrection of the Body (23 min)



Want to RSVP or Get More Info?

Contact Nick Allgyer at nta107@gmail.com

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO DONATE!



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

Sowing Seeds of Hope

Women's Meeting Space is a non-governmental organization in Panama City, Panama, that advocates for the rights of Panama's women, both Indigenous and from its poorest communities. It helps the women, primarily heads of household who are unemployed, grow food at home to help them overcome the challenges made worse by the pandemic and high unemployment. This partner organization receives funding through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People (SDOP), which is supported by Presbyterians' generous gifts to OGHS.

This project — designed to foster knowledge of urban production and boost the capacity of the community to overcome crises — also includes starting an experimental nursery to produce seedlings and installing a community farm stand. Its goal is not only to feed the growers' families but to sell surplus food to cover the basic needs of workers.

As women everywhere struggle to put food on their families' tables, Paola and the many women whose lives are being transformed by this project are grateful that the people across the PC(USA) continue to think about them.

Your gifts to OGHS support programs in over 100 countries through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and the Self-Development of People.

This QR Code takes you to the donation
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