

⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials,⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

1 Peter 1:6-7



Abington Presbyterian Church

April 16, 2023

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

Older Adults Sunday

* RESPONSE HYMN Christ the Lord is Risen Today! (v.1-2)

LLANFAIR

1 Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

* THE PEACE OF CHRIST *Greet one another with the sign of Christ's 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 dismissed to Sunday School

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 71:1-18
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 1:8-23
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON A Few Thoughts on Being A Comparative *The Rev. Jack Norrie*

* HYMN 548 May God Support You All Your Days DICKINSON COLLEGE

CELEBRATION OF OUR 50 YEAR MEMBERS

Presentation
Prayer

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 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song *Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus*
*The Chapel Choir offers a song created within a religious community The Little Sisters of Jesus that captures a sense of
God's presence in our journey throughout life. You may follow the text at Hymn #737.*

*DOXOLOGY Christ the Lord is Risen Today! (v.4) LLANFAIR
Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN 686 God of Our Life SANDON

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune in D Major *David N. Johnson*

Worship Leaders:

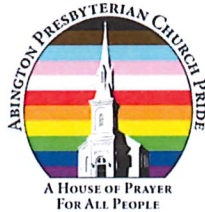
Preacher: The Rev. Jack Norrie
Liturgist: The Rev. Dr. James Thornton
Children's Message: Ruth Sall
Chapel Choir: Ruth Sall and John Sall, co-directors
Organ: Erik Meyer

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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), Kirby Lawrence Hill.

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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John Sall, M.M., *Director of Music Ministries*

Eric Meyer, *Organist*

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

2023 50-YEAR MEMBERS BY YEAR

Savage, Peggy A.	1943	Graf, Betty	1965
Reed, Diane	1944	Graf, James C.	1965
Cunningham, Wayne A.	1947	Boutcher, Carol	1965
Hill, Lois V.	1948	Aemisegger, Sue	1965
Risko, Carol	1948	Long-Arnold, Paula	1965
Gould, Amy E	1949	High, Susan J.	1966
Given, Eleanor K.	1951	Sibel, Catharine	1966
Castor, Diane	1953	Hollish, Charlotte A.	1966
Dutcher, William III	1953	Wanck, Nicholas	1966
Gilliam, Jane	1953	Castor, Bruce L. Sr.	1967
High, Jr., Gilbert P.	1953	Neff, John B.	1967
Sonneborn, Duane G. Jr.	1953	Neff, Shirley	1967
Faunce, Joan R.	1953	Sandstrom, Frank T. Jr.	1967
Findlay, Mary	1955	Whyte, Marlyn	1967
Harris, M-M	1955	Mabry, Richard E.	1968
Boerner, Doris	1956	Porter, Helen	1968
Jacobs, Barbara	1956	Porter, Joseph T.	1968
Lufkin, Janice M.	1956	Sutch, Randa R.	1968
Bunting, Thomas III	1957	Sutch, William R. II	1968
Patten, Ernest Jr.	1957	Sneberger, Daniel Jr.	1968
Wynn, James M. II	1957	McNamee, Ann N.	1968
Bunting, Caroline	1958	Cunicelli, Francis X.	1968
Meyers, Joan	1958	Adams, Sally	1969
Sandstrom, Judy	1958	Benson, Stephen A.	1969
Sheppard, Judy	1958	Brosius, Doris	1969
Stoll, Barbara M.	1958	Brosius, J. Howard	1969
Wanck, Maryland	1958	Derr, Sandra	1969
Cunningham, Virginia R.	1958	Lapham, Richard T.	1969
Bihn, George F. III	1959	Mann, Gertrude	1969
Wynn, J. Renee	1959	Mann, Robert J.	1969
Czarnecki, Walter III	1960	Tyrrell, Jr., Mary E.	1969
Lafferty, Laura	1960	Young, Ruth	1969
Lynch, Douglas R. Sr.	1960	Young, Jr., William J.	1969
Morris, Peter H.	1960	Mabry, Sondra	1970
Rose, Meryl	1960	Schoeller, Betty Lou	1970
White, Denise E.	1960	Sneberger, Candace	1971
Williams, Edward Jr.	1960	Lewis, Lillas	1971
Barwis, Eleanor K.	1960	Wysocki, Bernice	1971
Watt, Carol	1960	Forrest, Paul R.	1972
Watt, John C. Jr.	1960	Lane, Joan A.	1972
Mignogna, Gail	1960	Lane, Charles III	1972
Lehnert, Patricia	1962	Rowland, Baron	1972
Williams, Edith	1963	Koch, Carolyn	1972
Miller, Edith A.	1964	Koch, Gary	1972
Webb, David B.	1964	Maisenhelder, Howard III	1972
Boutcher, Walter Jr.	1964	DiMarco, Susanne C.	1973
Adams, Robert C.	1964	Foster, Albert L., Jr.	1973
Keebler, Bernice	1964	Harbison, Jeffrey T.	1973

10:00 AM				
AGE/GRADE	ROOM	TEACHER	TOPIC	Pick Up
Birth– 2 year olds	110-112	Childcare	Childcare	110-112
Preschool	221	Amanda Pompeili	Easter Story	221
K—2nd Grades	Youth Lounge (72)	Connie Allgyer	Drama	Parish Hall
3rd—5th Grades	Richard Treat Room (71)	Ellie Ratka	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.



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.

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.
- 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.
- For more information contact Ruth Sall at 215-887-4530 or rsall@apcusa.org.



Adult Education

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.

Learn about the history of Emmet Till and his legacy TODAY at 8:45 am in the Parlor.

Discuss the movie TODAY 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!

TODAY is Older Adult Sunday. 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.

Youth News:

Today 4/16/23
Youth group 4-5:30
Dinner 5:30
Choir rehearsal 6-7:15
Choir/Bells Tour meeting 7:15-7:45



Please stay alert for announcements on helping with VBS and taking part in after-VBS youth activities.

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.



Youth Music Tour Sponsorships:

To provide support for choir and handbells outreach ministry our youth musicians offer on their tour to Pittsburgh, please consider:

1. Come hear our amazing **Homecoming Concert at APC, Sunday, April 30, 7:00pm.**
2. Pray for our youth and their mission, ministry, spiritual growth, and health.
3. Sponsor a singer/ringer to help us reach our goal of 40 sponsorships

I would like to sponsor _____ singers/ringers at \$30 each (suggested donation).

Your Name _____ Envelope # _____

Address _____ Checks may be made to APC. Memo: Choir Tour Sponsor



Adult Forum Series for Spring: *Being Reformed: Faith Seeking Understanding*

8:45 Sunday mornings, May 7, 14, 21 June 4, 11, 18 in the Parlor.

What does it mean to be a Presbyterian Christian in the world today? God calls us to explore and to work together continually to grow in faith and understanding, but how? Join us in a six-part course, as we explore and celebrate the Reformed and Presbyterian tradition of faith.

We will be using the study guide "Being Reformed: Faith Seeking Understanding" published by the PCUSA. Through readings, discussion, and prayer we will explore aspects of theology, church, worship, spirituality, discipleship, and social righteousness, and how these are significant for our faith.

See Ruth Sall to obtain a copy of the study guide. Extra copies will be available at class time. Sessions will be facilitated by Charlotte Dean and Peter Dykstra and are open to high school age students and adults. Hope you can join us!

2023 1st Quarter Contribution Statements

The 1st quarter contribution statements were mailed; look for them in your email or mailbox.

Emailed statements will have the following message in the "From Line" and "Subject line" since they are sent through our vendor, CCIS:

From line: support@ccissoftware.com

Subject line: Contribution Detail - Etc.

If you changed your email, please send an email to jthurlow@apcusa.org requesting your email to be updated including whether "individual name and/or family update".

Thank you! Any questions, please contact Jackie Thurlow in the Church Office.

APC Congregation Survey for Designated Pastor Search

The Designated Pastor Nominating Committee (DPNC) needs your input. We are seeking feedback from the congregation which will help to inform the search for APC's new pastor. This survey will take 5-10 minutes to complete. Please scan the QR code below to access the survey. Hard copies are also available in the church office and can be placed in the box marked DPNC Survey. If you have trouble with the QR code below the direct link is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9ZF7JVJ>

The survey will be available until May 1, 2023.

Your feedback is greatly appreciated and will be very important to the search process. Note: This survey is anonymous and identifying information will not be collected. All are welcome and your feedback is appreciated. Thank you!



This QR Code takes you to the donation page on our APC website

