

32 When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."

Exodus 32:1



Abington Presbyterian Church

October 8, 2023

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

19th Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP
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ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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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*

Fill our worship with your grace, Lord Jesus, that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

PRELUDE

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Christa Rakich

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 106

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD
or declare all his praise?
Blessed are those who observe justice,
who do righteousness at all times.

***HYMN 10**

Sing Glory to the Name of God

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

(* - Indicates all who are able may stand)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal and merciful God,
you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding,
and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake.
Yet we have strayed from your way;
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
through what we have done and what we have left undone.
As we remember the lavish gift of your faithfulness,
we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again.
Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin,
and to rise daily to new life in Christ,
who lives and reigns with you,
and in whose powerful name we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*RESPONSE HYMN *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

GLORY TO GOD

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen**

World without end, without end. Amen

World without end, without end. Amen

World without end, without end. Amen

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

*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.**

ANTHEM

Da Pacem Domine (Grant Peace, Lord)

Franck, arr. Spevacek

Sung in Latin, the Chapel Choir anthem is a 17th Century round, praying for peace.

Give peace Lord, give peace in our time.

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

Exodus 32:1-14

The Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 25:1-9

The Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:4-13

The Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

The Glory of the Father

Egil Hovland

The Chancel Choir anthem sets text adapted from John 1.

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.
We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth.
In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God.
In Him was life; and the life was the light of all.
He came to his own, and his received him not.
The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.
We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth.

SERMON

A MORE MANAGEABLE GOD?

The Rev. Dr. James W. Thornton

*HYMN 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED, question and answer form

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended to heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

A MINUTE FOR MISSION

Stewardship

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 and 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

And the Glory of the Lord

G.F. Handel

The Chancel Choir offers a chorus from Handel's Oratorio "Messiah" based on Isaiah 40:5.

And the glory, the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

And all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

*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

*HYMN 363

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

DARWALL'S 148TH

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Darwall's 148th

Healey Willan

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. James W. Thornton

Liturgist: Jeff Bates

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

Chapel Choir: Ruth Sall and John Sall, directors

Chancel Choir: John Sall, director

Organ: Erik Meyer

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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.

In need of special prayers this week: 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, Jennifer Edward (friend of Nick Cupo), Karen Dirks, Marilyn DeBacco (mother of Barb Foy), Ted Hyczko, Bill Kostik (Shelia Jackson's brother), Gordy Hawkinson (Nick Cupo's Uncle), Jen Klauder (friend of Cindi Willis), Valerie Steigerwalt (niece of Marlyn Whyte), John Connelly (friend of Joanne and Jeff Bates), Jim Holman (friend of Joanne and Jeff Bates), Paul Costello Family, Mary Ann Wherry, Miriam Whitten, Marian Poole, Leigh Shull, Victor V. Johnson, Jr, Carolyn Ming, Richard Decembrino family, Kelly & AJ Lattanzio.

Joys: Our church family would like to celebrate and share joys in our midst including the arrival of a child, grandchild, or great-grandchild in your family. Please let Susan in the office know about these happy events that we may share here.



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

October 8, 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	Noah– Ark & Animals	221
K—2nd Grades	Youth Lounge (72)	Ruth Sall	Drama	Parish Hall
3rd—5th Grades	Richard Treat Room (71)	Connie Allgyer	Science	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)

Nursery

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, contact Bill Stock for more information.
- Adult Education at 8:45am in the Parlor.
- For more information contact Ruth Sall at 215-887-4530 or rsall@apcusa.org.




CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Adult Education

Adult Forum Series: *Grace and Gratitude*

Sundays 8:45 am in the Parlor. September 17 - October 22.

Join us as we explore the rich meanings of the terms "Grace and Gratitude" as part of our Reformed and Presbyterian identity and as part of our daily Christian lives. We will once again be using curriculum from the *Being Reformed Series*.



Fellowship Hour

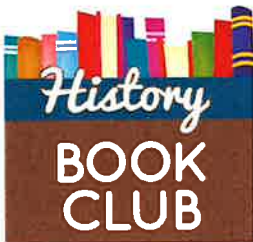
Please join us TODAY, after the 10:00am worship service, for Fellowship in Parish Hall.

APC GIVING

	YTD 8/31/22	YTD 8/31/23	2023 Budget
Income	\$447,669	\$431,784	\$658,500
Expenses	\$475,017	\$449,683	\$728,500
(Deficit)/Surplus	(\$27,348)	(\$17,899)	(\$70,000)

DEACON'S COFFEE & DONUTS MEET & GREET

The Deacons will host a **Parish Deacons Meet and Greet** over Coffee and Donuts on October 22, 2023 in Parish Hall after the 10 am Worship Service. Please plan to stop by and visit your Parish Team! We will share Deacon activities and outreaches and would love to hear from you on what more we can be doing!



Our next book is **The Nation that Never Was: Reconstructing America's Story** by Kermit Roosevelt III.

Kermit Roosevelt III is a professor of constitutional law at the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Join us on Thursday, October 12th at 7:00pm in the Parlor.

YOUTH NEWS

Upcoming Youth Calendar highlights:

- 10/15 - Summer Faith Experiences service (share in both 8 & 10 a.m. services)
- 10/27 - Philadelphia Halloween House visit
- 11/10 - Middle School Lock-In 7 p.m. - 9 a.m.
- 11/18 - Service at Share in Philadelphia



Share service opportunity

Who: Youth 13 years old and above. Limited to 15 people! Look for sign-up in weekly email.

What: Warehouse Packing, Car packing: pack up DoorDash cars with Senior Food Box Program boxes, Produce sorting, Cleaning/organizing small cleaning and organizing tasks to aid in warehouse maintenance

When: Saturday, Nov. 18. Meet at APC at 8:15 to drive down. Serve 9-12, and return by 1:30 p.m.

Where: Share Food Program Warehouse at 2901 W. Hunting Park Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19129

Peanut Butter & Jelly Project



Young and young-at-heart, come join us on Sunday, October 15th after the 10:00 AM Service for the Peanut Butter and Jelly Project!

We will be making Grab & Go lunches for Face-to-Face Ministries.

Mission Council will provide the supplies. You supply the sandwich-building skills! See you in the Parish Hall!

The church van is fixed and we'd like to resume various ministries to our members and our community, BUT we **NEED DRIVERS**. We're mostly in need of local driving for picking up people who don't or can't drive, but have a need or want to participate in something at APC. If you feel **called** to do something for the Lord at APC, but don't want to serve on boards or committees, maybe this is for you! Send us an email, or talk in person to Rev. Thornton or Tia McCoun.



APC October Blood Drive

Parish Hall, Abington
Presbyterian Church

**Saturday, October 14,
2023**

8:00 AM – 12:45 PM

To donate and have a **\$15 Amazon gift card** mailed to you after giving, register your appointment at rcblood.org/together

Click on "Make an Appointment", enter sponsor code:
Abington Presbyterian Church

Click "See Times" then select an available time for:
Blood or Power Red donations.

Thank-You! Each pint of blood we collect can help save up to three lives and will touch the lives of so many more.





Movie Night- Black Panther (PG-13)

October 20th, 7-10pm- Parish Hall

Join Ruth Sall along with the Christian Education Council and the Anti-Racism Team for a screening of the hit Marvel movie, *Black Panther*. Fresh-popped popcorn and church lemonade are provided. Bring a blanket, camp roll, lawn chair, or Barcalounger to sit on for the movie, or plan to enjoy the church's folding chairs.

After the movie we will have some time to discuss several key themes: the importance of representation in films, diversity in superhero and fantasy movies, the vastness of the creative landscape in filmmaking, and how gender, race, and national structure play a role in the film.

The movie is PG-13. Parents are welcome to accompany children who are not yet 13.

For more information please reach out to Ruth Sall.

WONDERING HOW YOUR CHURCH MIGHT RESPOND TO THE CHALLENGES AROUND US?



FALL FEST 2023: OCTOBER 28

Public Witness & Response

A Presbytery-wide Equipping Event for All

DISCOVER CONCRETE WAYS YOUR CONGREGATION CAN RESPOND TO
GUN VIOLENCE, IMMIGRATION, AND NATURAL DISASTERS
WITHIN YOUR COMMUNITY - AND BEYOND!

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



REV. JIMMIE HAWKINS

PRESBYTERIAN OFFICE OF PUBLIC WITNESS
PRESBYTERIAN MINISTRY AT THE UNITED NATIONS

WORKSHOPS

- ON THE FOREFRONT OF LOCAL RESPONSE
JULIA MENZO - LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE
- ADVOCACY AS A SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE
REV. JIMMIE HAWKINS
- TURNING SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES
REV. GREGORY HOLSTON - 57 BLOCKS COALITION
- WELCOMING THE SOJOURNER
NEW SANCTUARY MOVEMENT

ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

COST FOR LUNCH: \$10.00

REGISTER ONLINE @ www.presbyphl.org

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