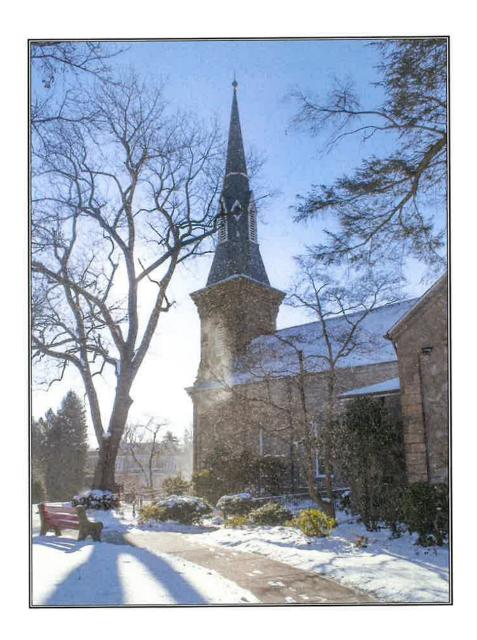
21 They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²² They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

Mark 1:21-22



Abington Presbyterian Church

January 28, 2024 10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship 4th Sunday after Epiphany

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 28, 2024

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

Dear God, silence all voices within our minds but your own. Help us to seek and be able to follow your will. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRELUDE Ringing Victoriously Michael Mazzatenta

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 111

Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them.

Glorious and majestic are God's deeds, and God's righteousness endures forever.

God has caused all these wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

God provides food for those who obey the holy commands, and remembers the covenant forever.

*HYMN 65 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

(* - Indicates all who are able may stand)

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Out of the depths we cry to you, O LORD. Hear our voices, for we have done wrong! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of our supplications! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, Therefore, we hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with God is great power to redeem.

^{*}ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE HYMN

Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

HYFRYDOL

Alleluia! Laud and blessing to our God, whose Word is sure; by whose grace we find redemption, in whose love we live secure. Righteousness and rich compassion shall attend us all our days; may God's promise to be faithful echo through our songs of praise!

*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

God is Here with Me

Christopher Hogan

Cherub and Carol Choir

God is in my voice when I am singing.

God is in my voice, right here in my song.

God is here with me, alleluia.

God is here with me, alleluia.

God is in my mind when I am praying. God is in my mind, right here in my prayer.

God is in my heart when I am sleeping. God is in my heart, right here in my sleep.

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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

OT p. 174

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 111

OT p. 562

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

ANTHEM

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Timothy Shaw

Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captives free,
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He shall pour down his blessings upon the barren earth; faith, hope, and love together before him spring to birth. Upon the mountains with him shall peace and gladness go; and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

He comes with consolation to those who suffer wrong; and for the poor and needy, the courage to be strong: he offers songs for singing, turns darkness into light, for souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.

Kings shall fall down before him, their royal tribute bring; all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing.
Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
Hail the anointed One!

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:21-28

NT p. 35

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

SERMON

HE SPOKE WITH POWER

The Rev. Dr. James W. Thornton

*HYMN 436

God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

O QUANTA QUALIA

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Second Helvetic Confession

From the beginning of the world God has used people (even if many of them were simple in worldly wisdom or philosophy), namely, the patriarchs, with whom he frequently spoke by angels. For the patriarchs were the prophets or teachers of their age whom God chose to be, as it were, lights of the world. They were followed by Moses and the prophets, renowned throughout all the world. After these the heavenly Father even sent his only-begotten Son, the most perfect teacher of this world; in whom is hidden the wisdom of God. He chose disciples for himself whom he made apostles. These went out into the whole world, and everywhere gathered together churches by the preaching of the Gospel. Then throughout all the churches in the world they appointed pastors or teachers according to Christ's command; and through their successors Christ has taught and governed the Church unto this day.

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

Healer of Our Every Ill

Marty Haugen

The Chapel Choir sings a prayer for healing of many kinds which is included in Glory to God as Hymn #795.

Refrain: Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow, give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness; Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.

In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding, give us all your vision, God of love.

Give us strength to love each other, every sister, every brother; Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, above ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

CANONBURY

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Finale from Concerto in G after Johann Ernst

Johann Sebastian Bach

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. James W. Thornton

Liturgist: Jeff Bates

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

Celebration Ringers: Risë Kagan-Erickson, director

Chancel Choir: John Sall, director

Chapel Choir: Ruth Sall & John Sall, co-directors Cherub and Carol Choir: Ruth Sall, Director

Organ: Erik Meyer

In Loving Memory of Linda Maisenhelder 11/18/1953 - 01/19/2024

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In need of special prayers this week: Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Will Pompilli (son of Teresa Pompilli), Wayne Gibbons, Jr., Judy Meissner, John and Phyllis Frazier, Robin Cupo, Laura Lafferty, Emil Kupper, Laurie Betts, Sally Hardy, Katie Link, Jennifer Edward (friend of Nick Cupo), Ted Hyczko, 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), Mary Ann Wherry, Miriam Whitten, Victor V. Johnson, Jr, Richard Decembrino family, Olive Biggs, Stephen Krewson, Kristine Biddle (mother of Isaiah and Kade Holt), Ed Messina, Gaylen Byker (friend of Sandra & Jim Holt and former member of APC), Sandra Brown (sister of Diane Faust), Peter S. Johnson, Carmina Gagliardi (friend of Joanne and Jeff Bates).

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

10:00 AM				Tr.
AGE/GRADE	ROOM	TEACHER	TOPIC	Pick Up
Birth- 2 year olds	110-112	Childcare	Childcare	110-112
Preschool	221	Sue Parsons	The 12 Disciples	221
K—2nd Grades	Youth Lounge (72)	Connie Allgyer	Video	Parish Hall
3rd—5th Grades	Richard Treat Room (71)	Suzanne Madden	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)

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.



Join us for the <u>2024 Winter Picnic TODAY</u> after the 10am worship service. Our entertainment this year will be local musical group *Two of a Kind*. "TWO OF A KIND delights audiences of all ages with their music, good humor and audience participation. David and Jenny Heitler-Klevans of TWO OF A KIND love bringing people together and building community through music."

If you come to church without food, join us anyway for the fellowship and the entertainment! There will be tables and chairs for those who don't wish to sit on their own picnic blanket in front of the show. This musical show is for all ages. https://twoofakind.com/

Theology on Tap — 7:30pm on Wednesday, January 31st

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 podcast series *Hinge* (available wherever you get your podcasts). Hinge is a podcast about doubt, identity, and the search for the real Jesus. For our next session, listen to the following episodes:

Episode 8 - The Unavoidable Question (40 min) Episode 9 - Hidden Motivators (31 min)

Want to RSVP or Get More Info? Contact Nick Allgyer at nta107@gmail.com

Adult Forum

Going Deeper: Conversations on Current Life and Faith Issues. On the first Sunday of each month, starting on February 4th, Adult Forum will use recent and forthcoming articles from the Christian Century magazine as the focus and guide for discussions as we, as Christians examine our responses to contemporary issues. Join us in the Church Parlor at 8:45 am. The articles will be available Sunday mornings or can be previewed at http://tinyurl.com/APC-Adult-Forum.

The other Sundays of each month, Suzin Weber will be leading a class on the book of Hebrews.

Interested in Walking the Labyrinth

Join us Wednesday, February 7, 2024, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm INDOORS!

Labyrinth Walk: Stepping Out In Love Followed by supper sandwiches.

Please RSVP to the church office by Sunday, February 4.



2023 4th Quarter Contribution Statements

The 4th 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.

	AF	A manual	
	YTD 12/31/23	YTD 12/31/22	Annual 2023 Budget
Revenue	\$658,957	\$670,074	\$658,500
Disbursements	\$695,743	\$737,020	\$728,500
(Deficit)/Surplus	(\$36,786)	(\$66,949)	(\$70,000)



Do you have too many bud vases that need a new home? We are collecting 9" tall bud vases for flowers here at church. Look for a box by the office labeled bud vases. Thanks!

Ash Wednesday Dinner and Service



February 14th will be the beginning of the season of Lent. We look forward to having a simple soup, fruit, and bread supper in the Parish Hall at 6 p.m., followed by a service about 6:45 where there will be the imposition of ashes and the sacrament of communion.

A SignUpGenius link has been created for those who would be able to provide food for the meal.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B48A4AD23A7FA7-47342243-ashwednesday

We need your talent! Planning for the Talent Show will be a high priority at youth group over the next 2 months. Please share your talents and come 4-5:30 p.m.!

Update the Youth Sunday planning:

High School students: Youth Sunday Planning

10-12 graders and any 9th grader not in confirmation will continue to meet 8:45-9:30 on Jan.

28 and Feb. 4 to plan details for the Feb. 11 Youth Sunday.

Also all Youth Sunday participants, plan on a "dress rehearsal" of the Youth Sunday service 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10.



Attention APC Family!



Our Property Manager Fred is seeking a few awesome volunteers to join our newly formed Emergency Response/ Rick Management Team to help protect our church as a whole. If interested in being a part of this vital team, please reach out to Fred Cipriano at fcipriano@apcusa.org.

APPORTIONMENT FOR 2024

Please be aware that the Presbytery apportionment amount for this year is \$32.00 per APC member, not per family! These funds help to pay for staff at Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly levels of our denomination.



Kindly make checks payable to Abington Presbyterian Church

You can mail or drop-off your payment at the Church Office.

Did you know that Abington Presbyterian Church hosts Boy Scout Troop 1?

Troop 1, created in 1916, is 108 years old!



If you are interested in nature, leadership roles, community service, fellowship with other youths (5th grade or 11yo+), and having fun, join Troop 1!

At meetings, scouts develop independence by learning essential skills. Scouts learn to administer first aid, tie knots & lashings, navigate using topographical maps (no phones or GPSI), start campfires, manage projects, and develop other lifelong skills, while earning merit badges and rank advancement.

Troop 1 meets on Mondays, 7:15-8:30pm in the Rec Room.
Contact or speak with Allen Tsung, Jesse Freeman, and Mariam Freeman.
Email mariambirouti@gmail.com for more information.

Be on the lookout for more Troop 1 related news and fundraisers!



February Organ Recitals each Tuesday at 12:00 noon

AGO Organ Recitals

February 6 Wesley Parrott

February 13 Erik Meyer

February 20 Shirley Keiter

February 27 **Theodore Thomas**



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