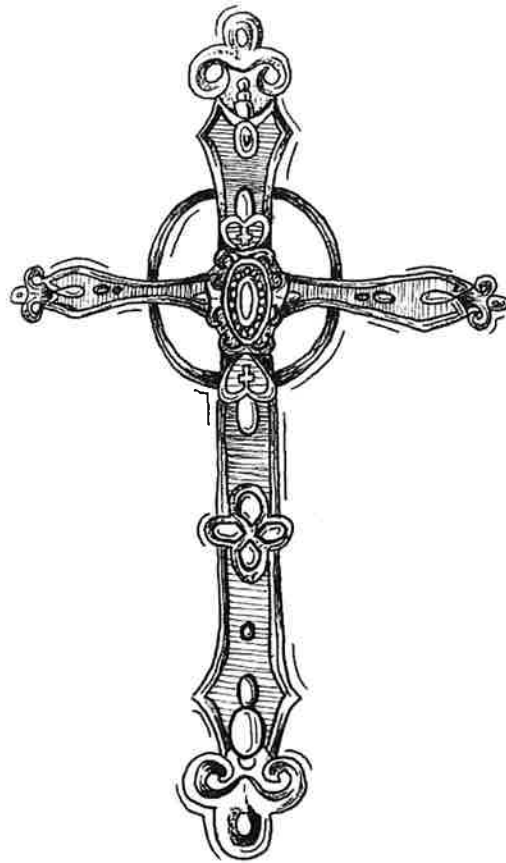


2 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup> and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.

*Mark 9:2-3*



Youth Sunday  
and the Souper Bowl of Caring

**Abington Presbyterian Church**

February 11, 2024

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

Transfiguration of the Lord

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
Transfiguration Sunday      February 11, 2024  
ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
YOUTH SUNDAY

**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*

We praise you, O God, that you are with us at all times. Help us to feel your presence in our lives and in our worship today. Strengthen and inspire us to help others who may feel alone, weak, hurt, unsupported or unloved. Let us be a source of strength and hope for them as you are for us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**PRELUDE**

Arabesque

*Claude Debussy*

**LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

The mighty one, God the LORD,  
speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God shines forth.**

Our God comes and does not keep silence,  
before him is a devouring fire,  
and a mighty tempest all around him.

**He calls to the heavens above  
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

"Gather to me my faithful ones,  
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

**The heavens declare his righteousness,  
for God himself is judge.**

**\*HYMN 65**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

(\* - Indicates all who are able may stand)

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Lord of all things,  
We come to you in need of forgiveness.  
We know that we are imperfect in our daily lives,**

**we do not treat everyone equally,  
favoring those whom we deem stronger or more deserving.  
We do not freely share our strengths with the weak among us,  
often because we are so focused on selfish interests.  
Forgive us for our wrongdoings and inaction,  
And help us to find strength in you and with others.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**We are all God's children, and he loves us all.  
God gives us the strength to live without guilt in his never ending forgiveness.  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**\*RESPONSIVE HYMN 582                      Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me**

**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.**

**\*ENERGIZER**

**Wavin' Flag**

*K'naan*

**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**

**2 Kings 2:1-12**

**OT p. 332**

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

**MESSAGE**

*Maddie McMahon*

**HYMN 71**

**Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me**

**FIRST SONG**

*The congregation is invited to sing the Refrain as the Choir leads the verses.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:2-9

NT p.44

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

MESSAGE

Allie McMahon

\*HYMN 192

Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Written by the 2024 Confirmation Class*

**We believe that God is everyone's Father.**

**We believe that God created everything, and we believe in the Trinity.**

**We believe that Jesus was God's Son. He was human and he taught the world about God. He was crucified and rose from the dead.**

**We believe the Holy Spirit resides in everyone. We admire that God wants us to be a part of the church. The Spirit makes us feel sad when we see people in unrest and inspires us to act upon God's will and help them.**

**We believe that the Church is where we share our ideas, share our talents and time, and where we show the world the kind of community that God wants the world to be:**

**where everyone is welcome and loved.**

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 ANTHEM I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

*arr. Cathy Moglebust*

*Festive Ringers make a musical offering with a setting of Hymn #377.*

\*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 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lift your voice, rejoicing

*Erik Meyer*

\*Confirmation Class members will be at the exits to the sanctuary following the service to collect the Souper Bowl of Caring donations for the Family Promise - Food Pantry.

**Worship Leaders:**

**Youth:** Ben Bradley, Anna Colt, Zene Colt, Claire Enama, Christian Feil, Lukas Meyer, Lyd Meyer, Allie McMahon, Maddie McMahon, Taylor Richardson, Nate Sacco, Auggie Sall, Azaiah Williams

**Program cover:** Maddie McMahon

**Festive Ringers director:** Shirley Keiter

**Flute:** Anna Meyer

**Organ:** Erik Meyer

**Chapel Choir:** John Sall & Ruth Sall, co-directors

**Piano:** Zene Colt

**Violin:** Lyd Meyer

**Ushers:** Duncan Boyd, Tommy Enama, Isaac Freeman, Gabriel Jackson, Stanley Mormello

**Souper Bowl of Caring collectors:** 2024 APC Confirmation Class

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**Hearing assistant devices** are available in the Narthex, please see an usher for assistance.

**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), David Cardwell (brother of Bob Cardwell), Thubi Kolobe (friend of Thembeke Mason).

**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.

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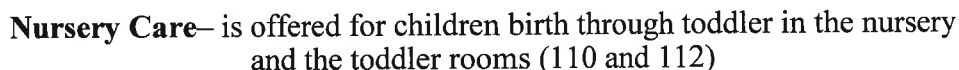
**John Sall, M.M., *Director of Music Ministries***

**Eric Meyer, *Organist***

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

**February 11, 2024**

*Children ages 30 months through 5<sup>th</sup> grade attend Sunday School during the 10am service. Preschool classes start at 10am and are listed in the grid. Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> 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.*



**8:45am**

- 
- CHRISTIAN  
EDUCATION**

**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>.

**TODAY is Youth Sunday, and it's also the Souper Bowl of Caring.** Our Confirmation Class will be at the exits of the sanctuary after the 8 and 10 a.m. services to collect non-perishable food items as well as monetary donations in large soup pots. Donations will go to the Family Promise - Food Pantry.

Join us TODAY for Fellowship Hour after the 10:00am worship service.



On Sunday, 2/25 immediately following the 10am Worship Service, there will be a celebration in the Parish Hall to share our gratitude for Pastor Jim Thornton on his last Sunday serving as Bridge Pastor at APC.

Mark your calendars as we join together to celebrate Pastor Jim and thank him for his service and leadership during this time of transition for APC. We hope to see you there!

The Session has called for a meeting of the Congregation/Corporation to be held on February 18, 2024, following the 10 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting is the Dissolution of the DPNC, along with the 2023 Treasurer's Report, the Audit Team Report, the Presentation of the 2024 Budget, and the Nominating Committee Report with the election of church officers.



#### APC GIVING

	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)

#### 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>





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!

Super Bowl party tonight at youth fellowship  
6-12th graders join us to watch the big game in the youth lounge.  
6:15 pm until the halftime show ends  
Bring a food to share - no nut products please  
Choir rehearses at 5:00



Summer Faith Opportunities  
Please check email and Facebook for important details on attending either:  
Massanetta 6-8th grade from July 11-14  
Montreat 9-12th grade from July 7-13

No Youth programming Feb 18 due to President's Weekend

#### 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.



We want to be able to support and thank our veterans in the APC family.

Please reach out to the church office if you or someone you know should be  
on our Veteran's list.

Everyone hears things a little differently. If you find you are having difficulty hearing  
the service, please consider moving to the pews in front of the pulpit. Also, the ushers  
have hearing devices for which you can ask upon arrival. We want to hear your ideas  
on how we can improve, so please speak up! We are glad you are here to worship with  
us, and we want you to hear it!



Music  
at Abington presents

Leoš Janáček  
**The Diary of One Who Vanished**  
a lecture/recital  
Sunday, February 25, 2024, at 3:00 P.M.



Stephen Ng, tenor  
Ting-Ting Wong, piano  
with Maren Montalbano, mezzo-soprano

Abington Presbyterian Church, 1082 Old York Road, Abington PA  
livestream option available at [www.apcusa.org/MusicAtAbington](http://www.apcusa.org/MusicAtAbington)  
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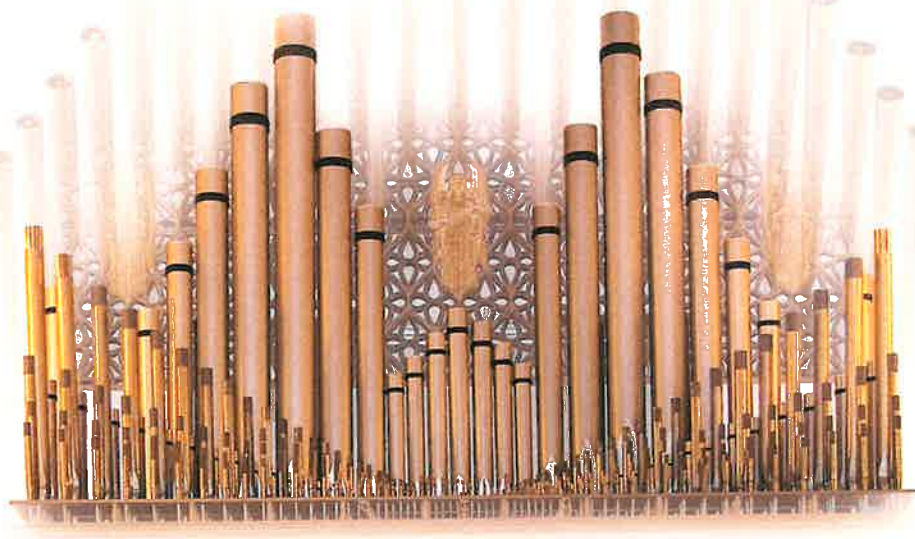
Janáček, a Czech composer, is one of the most important exponents of musical nationalism in the 20th century. *Zápisník zmizelého* (The Diary of One Who Vanished) is a narrative song cycle of 22 songs written for tenor and piano, with 3 of the numbers featuring also a mezzo-soprano and a backstage trio of singers. The poems first appeared in a newspaper in Brno, which were printed anonymously and were supposedly found by the father of a young man who had abandoned his home and country for a gypsy woman. The music and the words together portrayed the struggle of the young man and his transformation to form his new family with the gypsy. This performance will be sung in Czech, preceded by a short lecture on the composer, background, and story of the songs to deepen the experience for listeners.

*Music*  
at Abington presents

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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