

40 A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean." 41 Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" 42 Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.

Mark 1:40-42



Abington Presbyterian Church

February 18, 2024
10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

First Sunday in Lent

*RESPONSE HYMN 447

We Are Forgiven

WE ARE FORGIVEN

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

*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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 30

OT p. 505

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

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

NT p. 172

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:40-45

NT p. 35

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

SERMON

MY FELLOW LEPERS

The Rev. Dr. James W. Thornton

*HYMN 415

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

RERSTORATION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
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.
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

INVITATION TO PRAYER

HYMN 851

Come, Bring Your Burdens to God

WOZA NOMTHWALO WAKHO

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

Balm in Gilead

arr. William Dawson

The choir offers an anthem setting of the spiritual found in the hymnal as #792.

*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 806

I'll Praise My Maker

OLD 113TH

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fantasy in F Minor

Robert Schumann

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. James W Thornton

Liturgist: Russ Cornman

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

Chancel Choir: John Sall, director

Organ: Erik Meyer

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

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.

New floral arrangements this Lent:

During the Lenten season we often prepare for the exuberant joy of Easter with slightly simpler patterns in our worship life. This Lenten season the Worship Council was delighted to receive and respond to a suggestion that we reflect the season with the stark beauty of the curly willow branches you see. May they serve as a reminder that even in fallow time, winter, or periods of rest without visible flowering in the natural world (and in our spiritual lives, too) life and energy is being shared and stored for something new that will follow.

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, Sally Hardy, Katie Link, Jennifer Edward (friend of Nick Cupo), Ted Hyczko, Gordy Hawkinson (Nick Cupo's Uncle), Jen Klaunder (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), Peter S. Johnson, Carmina Gagliardi (friend of Joanne and Jeff Bates), David Cardwell (brother of Bob Cardwell), Thubi Kolobe (friend of Thembeka 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.



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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Ashley Rossi, M.Div., & Justin Feil, Youth Fellowship Coordinators

The Session has called for a meeting of the Congregation/Corporation to be held TODAY 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.



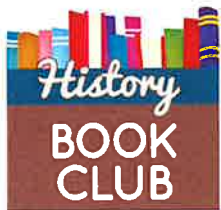
Next Sunday, 2/25 immediately following the 10am Worship Service, there will be a celebration in the Parish Hall to share our gratitude for Pastor Jim Thornton on his last Sunday serving as Bridge Pastor at APC.



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!

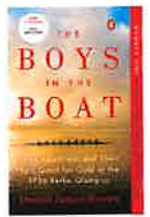
APC GIVING

	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)



The next History Book Club meeting will be held on Thursday, Mar. 14th at 7pm in the Parlor.

We will be discussing "The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics" by Daniel James Brown.



No Youth programming Feb 18 due to President's Weekend

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





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!

Faithbased Care Leaders Community Training 2024—March 13, 2024—9:00am to 2:30pm
 Host Venue: Abington Presbyterian Church Cost: \$25.00 per person (APC members free, email Tia At tmccoun@apcusa.org)

Scan QR code for additional information



To register: Send check to Boots & Wings Project
 124 W 5th Ave., Collegeville, PA 19426
 Venmo: @soul-utionsforcaregivers
 Have Questions?

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!



INTERFAITH MULTICULTURAL AWARENESS WEEK



MONDAY, MARCH 4 - SUNDAY, MARCH 10

- Monday, March 4, 7:00 p.m: Tour of Won Buddhist Temple located at 423 Abington Ave, Glenside, PA and hands on meditation activities led by Pastor Grace Song.
- Tuesday, March 5, 7:00 p.m: Tour of Willow Grove Islamic Center located 502 Easton Rd. Willow Grove, PA for a discussion and Q & A on Islam .
- Wednesday, March 6, 7:00 p.m: Zoom Townhall meeting on Gun Violence and Gun Safety. **Meeting ID: 828 3994 451 Passcode: 975646**
- Thursday, March 7, 7:00 p.m: Tour of Old York Road Temple-Beth Am located at 971 Old York Road, Abington, PA for discussion and Q & A on Judaism.
- Sunday, March 10, 2:00 p.m: Townhall Meeting (in person) on Combating Racism, Islamophobia, and Antisemitism at Grace Presbyterian Church located 444 York Rd. Jenkintown, PA



TROOP 1'S PARENTS NIGHT OUT!

**ENJOY A NIGHT OUT WHILE WE
TAKE CARE OF THE KIDS!***

*** Open to all Kids 3-12. Must be toilet trained.**

MARCH 9, 2024 6:30-9PM

AT ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Activities will be run by scouts with registered adult leaders on hand to supervise.

**Kids will enjoy hands-on scout skills activities and a
Movie. Snacks will be provided! No dinner will be served.**

\$10 Donation/Child Only 36 Spots! Sign up Soon!

Go to link or scan QR Code below: <http://tinyurl.com/mu5b3rjc>
Questions? Email - trooponeabington@gmail.com



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
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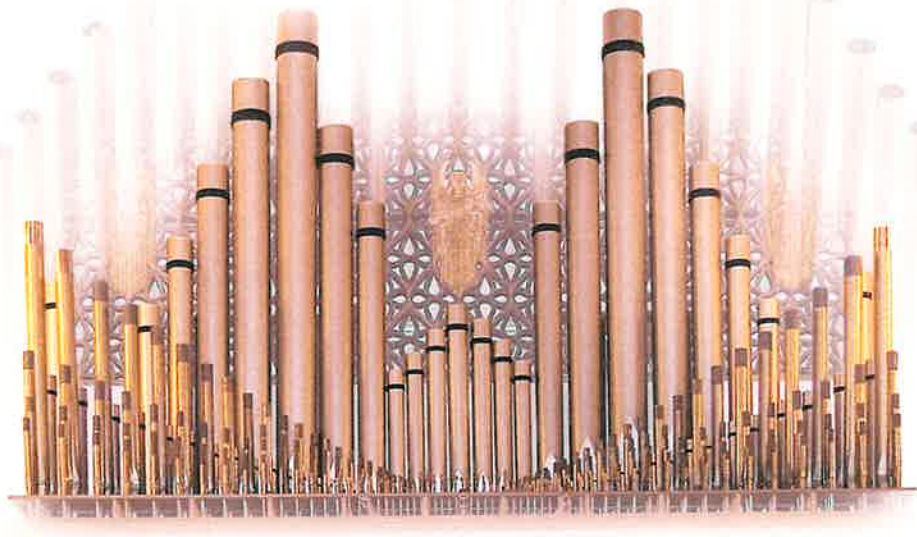
Janáček, a Czech composer, is one of the most important exponents of musical nationalism in the 20th century. *Zápisník zmizelého* (The Diary of One Who Vanished) is a narrative song cycle of 22 songs written for tenor and piano, with 3 of the numbers featuring also a mezzo-soprano and a backstage trio 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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