

20 Then God spoke all these words: ² I am the LORD
your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods
before me.

Exodus 20:1-3



Abington Presbyterian Church

March 3, 2024

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

Third Sunday in Lent

ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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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*

O God, you pour out the Spirit of grace and love.
Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds
and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.

PRELUDE

Folk Tune

Amy Beach

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT Of the Father's Love Begotten *traditional chant (Hymn 108)*

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 96

O sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Sing to the LORD, bless God's name;
tell of God's salvation from day to day.
Declare God's glory among the nations,
God's marvelous works among all the peoples.

*HYMN 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling HYFRYDOL
(* -- Indicates all who are able may stand)

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us
a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace
to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN OF PRAISE

**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

All Grades are dismissed to Sunday School

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:1-5

p. 91

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

SERMON

That Place Where Heaven and Earth Touch

Ruth Faith Santana-Grace

*HYMN 127

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT

*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.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

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

Prayer Litany

arr. Michael Kemp

*The Chancel Choir offers an anthem arranged by former Director of Music, the late Michael Kemp from a setting of
prayers by Francis of Assisi and Richard of Chichester.*

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace, day by day.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love,
and where there is despair, may I sow hope.

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace, day by day.

Where there is darkness, let me sow light,
and where there is sadness, may I sow joy.

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace, day by day.

And Lord of thee three things I pray, day by day:

To see thee more clearly,

love thee more dearly,

and follow thee more nearly, day by day.

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace, day by day.

Let me sow love, hope, light, joy!

*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

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

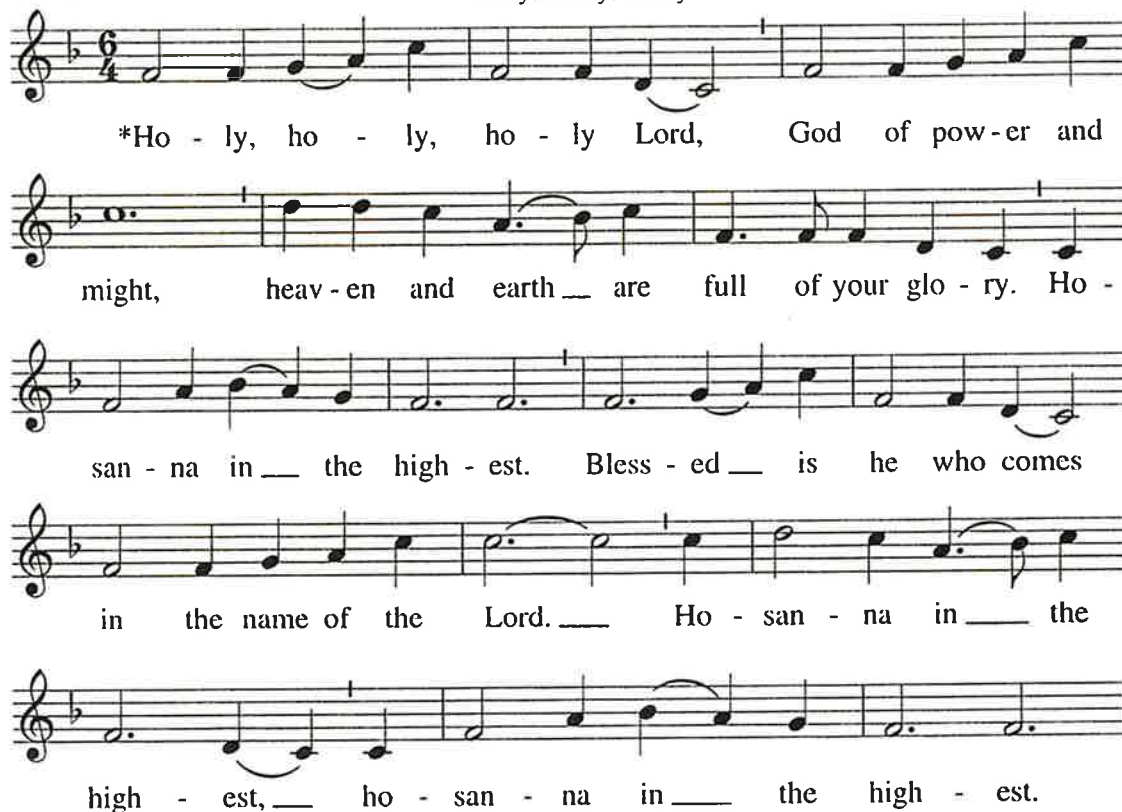
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We glorify your name and lift our voices in joyful praise:

HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy



*Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

We join together in the prayer Christ taught his disciples, saying:

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Gifts of God for the people of God ... Let us keep the feast.

RECEIVING OF ELEMENTS

Please come forward to one of the stations for Communion today. Gluten free communion bread will be available in front of the lectern. Self-contained packets will be available at the middle of the sanctuary.

COMMUNION HYMN 312 Take Us as We Are, O God

ENDLESS FEAST

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

*HYMN 13 The Mighty God, with Power Speaks

KINGSFOLD

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Prelude in E Minor

Johann Sebastian Bach

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace

Liturgist: Cindi Willis

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

Chancel Choir: John Sall, Director

Organ: Erik Meyer

Oboe: Janet Easlea

Gluten free communion bread will be available in front of the lectern.

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

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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, Sally Hardy, Katie Link, Ted Hyczko, 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, Ed Messina, Peter S. Johnson, Carmina Gagliardi (friend of Joanne and Jeff Bates), David Cardwell (brother of Bob Cardwell), Thubi Kolobe (friend of Thembeke Mason), Barbara Burke (friend of Jeff Bates), Donald Wolf.

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

ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN LIFE

March 3, 2024

10:00 AM				
AGE/GRADE	ROOM	TEACHER	TOPIC	Pick Up
Birth– 2 year olds	110-112	Childcare	Childcare	110-112
Preschool	221	Sue Parsons	Jesus Walks on Water	221
K—2nd Grades	Parish Hall Basement	Ruth Sall	Prayer Centers	Parish Hall
3rd—5th Grades	Parish Hall Basement	Ruth Sall	Prayer Centers	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.



Adult Forum

Martyrdom, me? What do you mean? How? Why? Join us at Adult Forum, at 8:45 Sunday morning, March 3rd in the Parlor to discuss the *Christian Century* article, "A Rich Woman Who Took the Magnificat Seriously," which explores the writings of Vida Dutton Scudder, an early 20th Century social activist, who points Christians to solidarity and martyrdom. Copies are available in the parlor or with this link or QR code.
<http://tinyurl.com/yc7vp6t7>

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



On Sunday, 3/24 (Palm Sunday), immediately following the 10am Worship Service, we will gather in the Parish Hall for a welcome reception for Pastor Sudie Elisabeth Niesen Thompson who will be starting as Head of Staff at APC on March 11.

We look forward to seeing you there as we celebrate Pastor Sudie's arrival at APC!

Women's Gathering on Thursday, March 14th

*Please
join us!*

Please join us at the new Nifty Fifty's located at 1140 Old York Road in Abington. We will gather at 11:30am.

Please RSVP to Sheila Jackson at dljskj@gmail.com.

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-utionsforaregivers
Have Questions?
Email: answersforaregivers@gmail.com



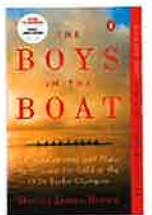
APC GIVING

	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.



Talent Show planning the next 2 Sundays 4:00-5:30 p.m.!

Special Sunday March 24.

In place of youth group 4-5:30, we will be going to Gemma Services 1:15-3:30 p.m. to play with kids there. Further details will be coming.



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

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



Help Fight Hunger! Deacons Easter Food Basket Project



With your contributions and our service, the Deacons are delivering Easter Meal Baskets to 50 families this year!

If you are able and wish to contribute, donations are needed for our local community outreach! Consider options below:

- **Contribute funds towards the “food basket” expenses:** (anticipated cost per basket is \$70)
Please state “Deacons Food Basket” and your envelope # on your check, or use APC Website-Give Tab <https://apcusa.org/give/> or the Mobile App and put “Deacons Food Basket” in the “Notes” box.
- **Purchase food items for the baskets:** Some of the items needed for the baskets include:
 - **Boxed Items:** macaroni and cheese, spaghetti, stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, complete pancake mix, cereal, and packaged cookies
 - **Canned Items:** green beans, corn, baked beans, soup, & tuna fish
 - **Jar/Bottle Items:** peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, and pancake syrup.
- **Help with deliveries on Saturday March 23rd:** Contact Tim Waite – kathyandtim.waite@comcast.net

We will be collecting items until Sunday, March 17, 2024
Food Donations may be placed in the “Food Pantry” bins outside of the church office.

Please contact the Deacons Coordinators with any questions!

Laurie Wikoff – elwikoff@comcast.net – 215-808-9683

Sheila Jackson – dljskj@gmail.com – 610-806-3313

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

