

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹ not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Ephesians 2:8-10



Abington Presbyterian Church

March 10, 2024

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

Fourth Sunday in Lent

ORDER OF WORSHIP
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ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
March 10, 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*

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place.

Here may the faithful find salvation, and the doubting find faith. Here may the anxious be encouraged, and the tempted find help. Here may the sorrowful find comfort, the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Here may the aged find consolation and the young find inspiration; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (-Presbyterian Book of Common Worship 1946)

PRELUDE

Prelude on Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(* - Indicates all who are able may stand)

In a time of Lenten wilderness,

Our God comes close, offering us strength and nourishment.

In a time of wondering and wandering,

Our God comes close, touching our hearts with grace.

In a time of new beginnings and next chapters,

Our God comes close, providing courage to lean into a new day.

Let us worship God with hearts of gratitude and praise!

*HYMN 624

I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our lives, we confess that at times we don't like Lent.

**We would rather bask in the glory of the empty tomb
than make our way to the foot of the cross.**

**We would rather turn our backs on mistakes and gloss over bad decisions
than face the hard emotions that come with our humanity.**

Hear our prayer as we face our missteps and wrongdoings.

**Forgive us for the times when we have acted selfishly,
caring more about ourselves than our neighbor.**

**Forgive us for the times when we have neglected to care for your Creation. Forgive us for
the times when we have misused our power to harm others.**

**Bless us with your unending mercy,
and help us make our way with Jesus to Jerusalem,
so we may know not only the depth of human pain,
but the depth of your love for the world.**

CHORAL PRAYER

Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

Richard Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.
To decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk with a perfect heart before thee, now and evermore.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends in Christ, hear this good news: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Know that whatever guilt or shame lies in your heart, God hears your prayer and offers you abundant forgiveness. As we have been forgiven in Christ, let us live our lives offering that same grace and mercy to one another. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*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.**

BELL VOLUNTARY

Entrata

Margaret R. Tucker

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 3:14-21

NT p. 94

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

SERMON

Staying Curious

The Rev. Sarah Colwill

*HYMN 309

Come, Great God of All the Ages

ABBOT'S LEIGH

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Psalm 23

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.**

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

My Song Is Love Unknown

Dale Wood

The Chancel Choir makes an offering of a choral anthem based on the text of Hymn #209.

*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 314

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

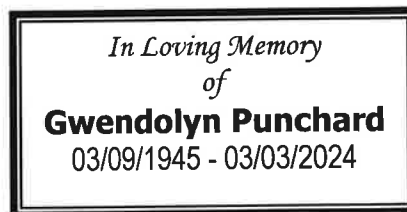
CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Variations on Toulon

Christa Rakich



Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Sarah Colwill
Liturgist: David Bishop
Children's Message: Ruth Sall
Festive Ringers: Shirley Keiter, director
Chapel and Chancel Choirs: John Sall
Organ: Erik Meyer

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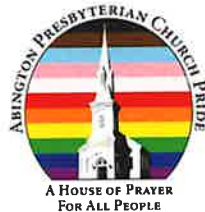
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Hearing assistant devices are available in the Narthex, please see an usher for assistance.

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, 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, Linda Doyle, Carol Ann Vogel.

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, M.M., Organist

ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN LIFE

March 10, 2024

10:00 AM				
AGE/GRADE	ROOM	TEACHER	TOPIC	Pick Up
Birth– 2 year olds	110-112	Childcare	Childcare	110-112
Preschool	221	Christine Sacco	Jesus Calms the Storm	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.

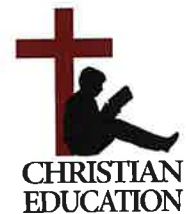


Nursery Care– is offered for children birth through toddler in the nursery and the toddler rooms (110 and 112)

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

Suzin Weber will be leading a class on the book of Hebrews.



Coffee Fellowship

Please join us today, after the 10:00 worship service, for Coffee and Donuts in Parish Hall.



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)

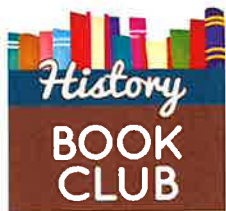
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To register: Send check to Boots & Wings Project
 124 W 5th Ave., Collegeville, PA 19426
 Venmo: @soul-utionsforcaregivers
 Have Questions?
 Email: answersforcaregivers@gmail.com



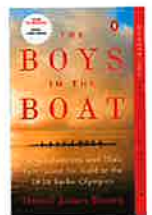
APC GIVING

	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 Sunday 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



Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self Development of People – all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to organizing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Mission Council is partnering with the Presbyterian Church USA in support of this world-wide fund raising effort. We hope you will consider joining us in this crucial time of need. The program runs from February 14th through March 31st. There are offering envelopes in the pews for your consideration.

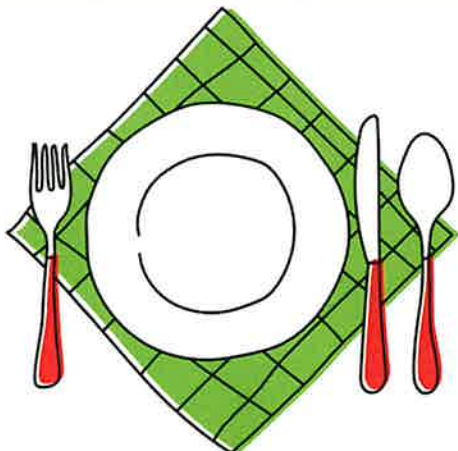
Calling all chefs & servers!

Saturday, March 16th

Where: **Face to Face Mission,**
123 East Price Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19144

When: Cooking from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
or Serving from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Contact Don Brooks at dmkabrooks@comcast.net



★ Youth Talent show is Saturday, March 16.
★ Doors open at 6 p.m. for desserts and raffle basket entries. Show starts at 7 p.m.
★ Suggested donation of \$15/adult, \$7/child, with a \$40 family cap.
★ Proceeds go to youth scholarships.

★ If you would like to donate a basket, this sign-up genius will also be listed in the pastor's email and on Facebook:

★ <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044FA8AA22A1FD0-47846343-2024/10559804#/>

2024 Youth



Talent Show



Easter Donations 2024

Easter provides an opportunity to make donations to beautify the Sanctuary and the worship services in memory or honor of a loved one. Your donations help provide palms for Palm Sunday, Easter lilies and special music to enhance our worship services on Easter morning.

To make a gift in this way please fill out the form provided below and return to the church office with your donation no later than March 24, 2024 for inclusion in the bulletin. Or donate online at <https://apcusa.org/give/donate/>. Please indicate your donation only in the box for "Special Offering" and add a note on page 2 "Easter Donation In Memory of _____" OR "Easter Donation in Honor of _____".

Thank you in advance for your continued generosity in the life and work of APC.

Yes! I/we would like to remember/honor our loved one(s) with a gift to APC.

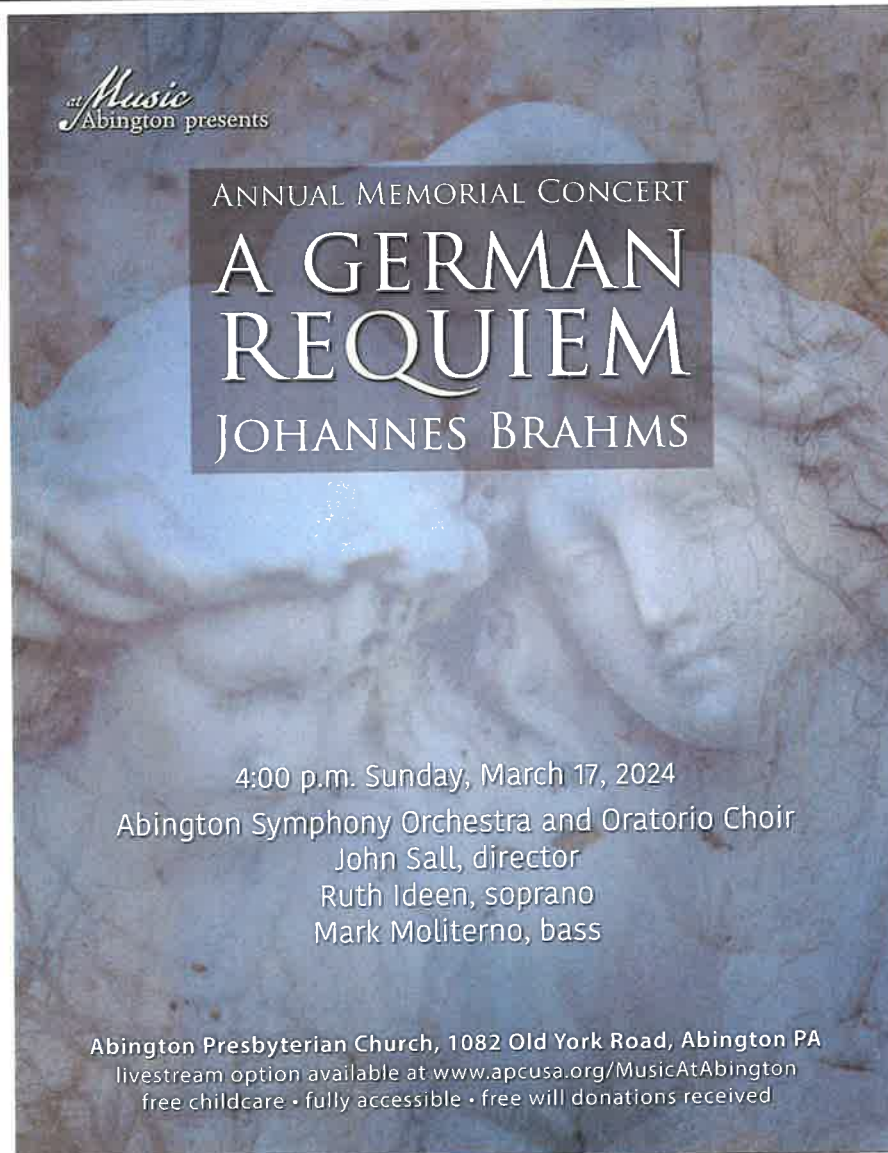
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In Memory of: _____ In Honor of: _____

Enclosed please find: \$ _____ Check: _____ Cash: _____



at Music
Abington presents

ANNUAL MEMORIAL CONCERT
**A GERMAN
REQUIEM**
JOHANNES BRAHMS

4:00 p.m. Sunday, March 17, 2024
Abington Symphony Orchestra and Oratorio Choir
John Sall, director
Ruth Ideen, soprano
Mark Moliterno, bass

Abington Presbyterian Church, 1082 Old York Road, Abington PA
livestream option available at www.apcusa.org/MusicAtAbington
free childcare • fully accessible • free will donations received



6th Annual WKM Golf Outing

(Benefiting, West Kensington Ministry, a faith community supporting the human potential of an inner-city community)



Monday, May 13, 2024
~ Five Ponds Golf Club ~
9:45 a.m. Shot-Gun Start
Best Ball / Scramble Format
(Sign-In starting at 8:45 AM)

Donation: \$180.00 per player

Includes: Lunch

Greens Fees and Cart
Putting Contest
Hole Prizes, Door Prizes
Post-Tournament Reception
A fun day to benefit a Critical Urban Ministry

Support Opportunities: Sponsor a Hole - \$300
Sponsor or Donate a Prize - \$400 or prize value
Sponsor WKM logo Golf Balls - \$900
Sponsor or Co-Sponsor Lunch - \$1500
Sponsor or Co-Sponsor Reception - \$2500
Sponsor or Co-Sponsor Beverage Cart - \$1000
Sponsor or Co-Sponsor the Golf Outing - \$5000
Silent Auction - Bid or Donate an Auction Item
Purchase Mulligans, 50/50 Raffle

To Register: go to www.westkensingtonministry.com

Click on the GREEN "Golfer Registration" icon
It's near the bottom of the home page



More info? Contact: Chad Pilling – pillingcb@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 – lwikoff@comcast.net - 215-808-9683
Sheila Jackson – djiski@gmail.com - 610-806-3313



**American
Red Cross**

APC Spring Blood Drive – March 23rd

Every two seconds, someone in the US needs blood, yet only 3% of the US population donates. Our Spring Blood Drive will be held on **March 23, 2024**.

For an appointment, please visit www.redcrossblood.org,
Click on Donate Blood and Schedule an Appointment and enter sponsor code:
Abington Presbyterian Church



The *Older Adult Committee*
invites you to join us on
Tuesday, March 12th at 10:00 in
Parish Hall.

A class from our Nursery School will be singing and then we will be assisting them with a craft activity. Engaging one-on-one with these students is always an uplifting experience. We welcome your presence!

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

