

<sup>8</sup> Many people spread their cloaks on the road,  
and others spread leafy branches that they had  
cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup> Then those who went ahead  
and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes  
in the name of the Lord!

<sup>10</sup> Blessed is the coming kingdom  
of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

*Mark 11:8–10*



## Abington Presbyterian Church

March 24, 2024

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

Palm Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
Palm Sunday  
ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
March 24, 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*

*Holy God,  
we gather to begin a week of contrasts –  
from hope to despair to hope again.  
As we wave our palms and shout "Hosanna,"  
open our eyes to see what is at stake.  
As our week's journey unfolds,  
open our hearts to the hope and the pain.  
In this time of praise and prayer,  
prepare us to celebrate, to weep, and to wait.  
We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ –  
who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.*  
*Adapted from a prayer by the Rev. Gord Waldie*

**PRELUDE**

Phoenix Processional

Dan Locklair

**LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Look! Your king is coming—humble and riding on a donkey.  
**Hosanna to the Son of David!**  
Lay your cloaks before him; spread palms to honor him.  
**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!**  
Raise your voices. Lift your hearts. Rejoice—our Savior comes!  
**Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

\*PROCESSION HYMN 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

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

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Suffering God,  
the way of the cross is a hard road.

**It is draining.**

**It is demanding.**

**It is fraught with danger.**

You ask us to stay by your side  
as you walk toward Calvary.

But weariness and fear overtake us.

Like the first disciples, we are quick

**to betray you,**

**to deny you,**

**to abandon you.**

Forgive us, God, and strengthen us for the journey ahead.

Give us courage to face the pain and suffering  
of this world and to respond with compassion.

As the darkness gathers,

**renew our faith,**

**fill us with hope,**

**and startle us with your grace.**

**\*SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The One we greet with shouts of "Hosanna,"  
does, indeed, come to save us from sin and death—  
not with military might,  
but with the power of love.

**O give thanks to the Lord, who is good!**

**God's steadfast love endures forever!**

**RESPONSE**

**Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

*Vicki Hancock Wright*

*The combined choirs sing an anthem based on Hymn 197.*

*All are invited to join in singing the final stanza:*

**3. "Hosanna in the highest!"**

**That ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer;  
the Lord of heaven, our King.  
O may we ever praise him  
with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence  
eternally rejoice.**

**\*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      Presentation of Bibles  
*All Grades are dismissed to Sunday School.*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING                      Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29                      OT p. 565  
The Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 11:1-11 NT p. 47  
The Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson

\*HYMN 198 Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! ST. DROSTANE

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *From a Brief Statement of Faith*

**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.  
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.**

## 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

At the Name of Jesus

*Ralph Vaughan Williams*

*The Chancel Choir offers an anthem based on Hymn 264.*

### \*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 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

O Gott, du frommer Gott

*Ethel Smyth*

### Worship Leaders:

**Preacher:** The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson

**Liturgist:** Kevin Kelly

**Children's Message:** Ruth Sall

**Cherub, Carol, and Chapel Choirs:** Ruth Sall, director

**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.

**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, 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.

Thanks for the memories... We are very happy to announce that we are moving to Florida! We have been at APC for over thirty years and will miss the friendships and the love that has been shown to us from the beginning. We are excited about the future and confident that God's love and grace, along with your prayers will sustain us on life's new journey. Please keep in touch.

Our new address: Libby and Tom Boggs  
21 Royal Palm Way  
Boca Raton, FL. 33432  
[boggshome5@gmail.com](mailto:boggshome5@gmail.com)

**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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**Tia McCoun, M.Div., Congregational Care Associate, M. Div**

**Ruth Ideen-Sall, B.M., Director of Christian Education**

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

**Eric Meyer, M.M., Organist**

# ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN LIFE

March 24, 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	Palm Sunday	221
K—2nd Grades	Richard Treat Room (71)	Val Pendley	Art / Lenten Stoles	Parish Hall
3rd—5th Grades	Kitchen	Connie Allgyer	Cooking	Parish Hall

*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.*



**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 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:rsall@apcusa.org).



## Adult Forum

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

**Coming Soon:** The future is now. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is here. But how do *you* feel about it? Pick one response: Not on your life; Yes, please; or Yes, but. This month's article, *Faith, Hope, Love, and AI* looks at these responses and how they relate to different stories and different Christian virtues. Join us for a lively discussion on April 7th at 8:45 am in the Parlor. Use this link or QR code to access the article and questions. Printed copies will be available in the Parlor.

<https://tinyurl.com/4p8pkr9n>



TODAY we will gather in the Parish Hall from 11:15-12:15 for a welcome reception for Pastor Sudie Niesen Thompson.

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



**3/24 Palm Sunday**

8:00am Simple Gifts Worship Service

10:00am Celebration Worship Service

**3/28 Maundy Thursday**

7:30pm Communion Service

**3/29 Good Friday**

1:00pm Good Friday Worship Service

**3/31 Easter Day / The Resurrection of the Lord**

7:30am Sunrise Service in the Memorial Garden

9:00am Celebration Worship Service

10:00am Easter Egg Hunt for grades Pre School-6th &amp; Fellowship

11:00am Celebration Worship Service

**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.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ APC Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name as printed in the bulletin: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_ In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR YOUTH FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 24**

In place of youth group, we will be going to Gemma Services to play with kids there.

The schedule following the 10 a.m. service will be:

Chapel Choir /Bells - 11:30-12:45 p.m.

Lunch 12:45-1:15 p.m.

Youth Group service to Gemma Services 1:15-3:30 p.m.



First \$100 payments are overdue for Massanetta and Montreat. Please pay by check or cash to Justin Feil or Ruth Sall, or pay through the online giving portal.



## CELEBRATE OLDER ADULT SUNDAY WITH US

April 7 is Older Adult Sunday. During the 10 a. m. service, the Committee for Older Adult Ministry will honor all members of the church who have been with us for 50 years or more.

A luncheon following the worship service will be held in the Parish Hall. All 50 year members as well as those who are 65 or older will be our guests.



After the luncheon, APC's Ruth Sall will perform a collection of Songs of Spring. Husband, John Sall, will accompany her on the piano.

Please RSVP to the church office - 215-887-4530 - by Tuesday, April 2, if you plan on attending. This will be a special day of worship and celebration. Save the date! Hope to see you April 7.



The Muslim holy month of Ramadan is upon us, and it is my distinct honor and privilege to invite our interfaith partners and local officials from the Willow Grove and Abington area for our annual **Neighbors and Interfaith Iftar**.

We would love for you to join us on the evening of **Thursday, 4th April 2024 at 6:30 PM** to come together, break bread and celebrate the blessed month as a community. Islamic Cultural Center of Willow Grove, 502 Easton Road, Willow Grove, PA.

## Troop 1 thanks APC for supporting the Pancake Breakfast that was held on Feb. 4.

Boy Scouts thrive on service. Your smiles, encouragement, and compliments that day help the scouts feel a sense of purpose and strengthen their drive to contribute to their community.

Troop 1 also thanks you for your generous donations! Because of your donations, scouts can look forward to participating more frequently on camping trips and having the resources to advance their ranks and earn merit badges.

*A special shout out to John Dean for donning an apron and helping us flip those pancakes!*

Troop 1 is inclusive and always welcomes kids (10+yrs old) who are interested and would like to check out the troop. If you'd like to learn more :

**Troop 1 meets on Mondays, 7:15-8:30pm in the Rec Room by the children's playground.**

Contact or speak with Allen Tsung, Jesse Freeman, and Mariam Freeman.  
Email [mariambirouti@gmail.com](mailto:mariambirouti@gmail.com) for more information.



**Hi, Neighbor!**

Hello, APC! Let's get to know our neighbors at church! Scan the QR code here to complete a brief form to get a name tag printed! We are encouraging everyone to wear name tags so we can greet and welcome one another!



Thank you!





# 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](http://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](mailto:pillingcb@gmail.com)





## APC GIVING

	YTD 2/29/24	YTD 2/29/23	Annual 2024 Budget
Revenue	\$151,519	\$143,789	\$657,000
Disbursements	\$111,974	\$100,758	\$762,500
(Deficit)/Surplus	\$39,545	\$43,031	(\$105,500)



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 14<sup>th</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>. There are offering envelopes in the pews for your consideration.

### *Theology on Tap*

#### **When:**

**7:30pm on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>** **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. ALL persons are welcome, and drinks are OPTIONAL. This month we will be evaluating three new podcasts series. Please listen to the following podcasts and be prepared to share your thoughts on which series we should choose moving forward.

**Podcast: Faith for Normal People (by Pete Enns & Jared Byas)**

Episode 1 (2/9/23) – What is Faith for Normal People? (32 min)

**Podcast: New Way – The Podcast of 1001 New Worshipping Communities Movement**

Episode 5 (1/18/19) – Angela Boyd Wyatt (31 min)

**Podcast: Learning How to See with Brian McLaren**

Season 3 Episode 1 – Christianity is Many Things (57 min)

### A Message from the Facilities Manager

Join us for Spring Clean-up Day on Saturday, May 11th from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Looking for volunteers to help clean up/organize church areas. Lunch will be provided

Also Fred is still looking for a couple more volunteers to join the Emergency response / risk management team. If interested, please email Fred at

[fcipriano@apcusa.org](mailto:fcipriano@apcusa.org).

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

