

¹¹ And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

1 John 5:11-12



Abington Presbyterian Church

May 12, 2024

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

Seventh Sunday of Easter

ORDER OF WORSHIP
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ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
May 12, 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*

You, loving God, are the ground of our being and the river of life;
you both steady our roots and draw them to seek the living waters.
You are like the sunlight enticing us taller
and like the breeze rustling our leaves.
You are with us through hard seasons of summer heat,
and in the nights when winter's frost ices the landscape
your love warms and sustains us.
You are everything to us.
O let our gratitude be great,
let our praise be plentiful,
let our worship be wonder-full!
Through Christ Jesus your ever-living Son. Amen!

Written by Bruce Prewer, inspired by Psalm 1

PRELUDE

Improvisation on Truro

Erik Meyer

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked.
We delight in God's Word, we meditate on God day and night.
Our worship grounds us in God, like trees planted by streams of water.
God helps us yield good fruit. We do not wither when we spend time in God's presence.

*HYMN 246

Christ is Alive!

TRURO

(* - Indicates all who are able may stand)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Savior God, we invite you into our lives for a season,
only to forget and neglect you once again.
You beckon us, calling for our attention,
but we are distracted and busy taking care of other priorities.**

**Remind us, Holy God, that you are the source of our flourishing.
You are the living water by which we have been planted.
Forgive our neglect. Forgive our unfaithfulness.
Focus us on you, your Word, and all that your Spirit provides. Amen.**

*SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE HYMN 243 Be Not Afraid BE NOT AFRAID
**Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!**

*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 Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 NT p.118
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM Antiphon (Let All the World) *Ralph Vaughan Williams*
*Setting a George Herbert poem, the anthem borrows the structure of that Psalm-like hymn of praise with
a refrain inviting the whole world to acclaim God's power and glory.*

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,
My God and King.
 The heav'ns are not too high,
 His praise may thither fly:
 The earth is not too low,
 His praises there may grow.
Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,
My God and King.
 The church with psalms must shout,
 No door can keep them out:
 But above all, the heart
 Must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,
My God and King.

(-George Herbert)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Reverend Megan LeCluyse

*HYMN 734

Hope of the World

DONNE SECOURS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.**

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

**In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.**

**Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.**

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

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

Wake the Jubilation

Rollo Dilworth

Wake the jubilation! Join the celebration! Christ the Lord is risen today!

Shout in exultation for we have salvation! Christ the Lord is risen today!

One day when I was lost, God gave the Son who died for us on the cross.

And because of Calvary. I've been saved and now I'm free, so I can claim the victory!

Wake the jubilation! Join the celebration! Christ the Lord is risen today!

Shout in exultation for we have salvation! Christ the Lord is risen today!

When I was lost in sin, the Lord took hold of me and changed me within.

And because of Calvary. I've been saved and now I'm free, so I can claim the victory!

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

All creation join to say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heav'ns and earth reply: Alleluia!

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn 232, v.4 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!

Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYFRYDOL

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hyfrydol

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: Rev. Megan LeCluyse

Liturgist: Sandy Bishop

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

Chancel Choir: John Sall, director

Chapel Choir: Ruth Sall and John Sall, co-directors

Organ: Erik Meyer

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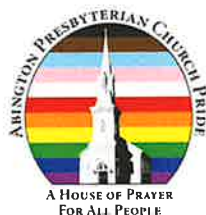
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Hearing assistant devices are available in the Narthex, please see an usher for assistance.

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, 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, John Caldwell (father of Sarah Caldwell-Berry), Kathy Thygeson, Amy Gould, Larry Sfinas (friend of Diane & David Faust).

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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ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN LIFE

May 12, 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 & Sue Parsons	Mother's Day	221
K—2nd Grades	Parish Hall	Mike Palumbo	Mother's Day Games	Parish Hall
3rd—5th Grades	Parish Hall	Mike Palumbo	Mother's Day Games	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).

Adult Forum in the Parlor at 8:45 a.m.

Suzin Weber will continue her class on the book of Hebrews

The Deacons are pleased to invite everyone to a combination "Parish Meet and Greet" and "Fancy Fellowship" in Parish Hall after the 10 am worship service today.

Parish-specific tables will be set up so that you can sit and chat with your Parish members and Parish Deacons. And what is a Fancy Fellowship? It's just coffee and donuts. And what makes it "Fancy"? You!!

\$200 is due for Montreat. Please pay by check or cash to Justin Feil or Ruth Sall, or pay through the online giving portal.

Upcoming Youth Calendar

5/12 REGULAR SUNDAY morning SCHEDULE

Chapel Choir - 9:40 am warm up, 10 am worship

No other Youth Programming - *Mother's Day*

5/19 REGULAR SUNDAY morning SCHEDULE

5/26 *Memorial Day Weekend*

No youth programming

6/2 REGULAR SUNDAY morning SCHEDULE

Chapel Choir - 9:40 am warm up, 10 am worship

LAST FELLOWSHIP (Year-end party)



APC GIVING

	YTD 3/31/24	YTD 3/31/23	Annual 2024 Budget
Revenue	\$200,126	\$200,080	\$657,000
Disbursements	\$180,287	\$159,677	\$762,500
(Deficit)/Surplus	\$19,839	\$40,403	(\$105,500)

**6th Annual West Kensington Ministry (WKM) Golf Outing at Five Ponds Golf Club, Warminster
Monday, May 13, 9:45 a.m. Shot Gun Start
Donation: \$180 per player**

Everyday life at WKM involves faith and faith in action. Some of that activity includes Sunday worship, Bible study, baptisms, town hall meetings, voter registration, workshops on gun violence, community safety, and programs on health and nutrition. WKM actively partners with the Police District, Gov. Josh Shapiro's office, and DA Larry Krasner's office to offer panel discussions on topics of social justice and violence prevention. WKM continues to offer food distribution to those in need, a ceramics studio for youth and adults, and electrician classes. WKM meets its neighbors right where they are in life and responds in real time to the constant cycle of change.

Your participation in or donations to the golf outing provides critical financial support to our ministry and its programs. For more information, please contact Chad Pilling at pllingcb@gmail.com.



The next book is **Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine and the**

Murder of a President by Candice Millard. This book is readily available within the Montgomery County Libraries.

Our next meeting is Thursday, May 16th at 7pm in the Parlor.

Women's Gathering

Our next Women's Gathering will be held on Thursday, May 16th at 5:30 p.m. at the Vintage Restaurant, located at 1116 Old York Road, Abington.

To RSVP or answer any questions, please contact Sheila Jackson at dljskj@gmail.com.



Pentecost Birthday Party

Sunday, May 19th

following worship

MEET old and MAKE new friends!

Discover some interesting APC history!

Feel the meaning of PENTECOST!



Sing some FUN SONGS!

Eat BIRTHDAY CAKE!



There will be a birthday table for every month of the year! Volunteers are needed to donate a cake or decorate a table for the birthday month they select.

Visit Sign-Up Genius to help!

Questions?? Contact Jeanne Mueller at jeannemueller@comcast.net or 215-277-1522



Crafts & Laughs—Calling ALL makers! Do you have an easily portable craft? Have you binged all of your favorite series and are casting about for something new? Are your friends and family tired of listening to you talk about your latest craft project? Have we got the group for you! If your craft can be done at a table, come and join us in the Parish hall on the **4th Thursday of the month from 4:30-6pm** for “Crafts and Laughs”.

Beginning in May, we will be gathering with our crafts for a session of knitting, beading, crocheting, sewing, painting, drawing,...**MAKING**. If you have a skill you are rusty in, such as knitting or crochet, we can help or hook you up with someone who can. It is our plan to host this through out the summer! We hope to see you at our first event on **Thursday, 5/23 at 4:30pm!**

Music
at Abington presents

Friday, May 17, 2024, at 7:30 P.M.

Abington Symphony Orchestra

John Sall, conductor
with Ajibola Rivers, cello

join us for an evening of
Dvorak, Brahms, Goltermann, Thompson



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featuring the world premiere of *Monarcha piano concerto No. 1*
by composer-pianist Rhyuhn Green, an Anderson Artist




this FREE Concert is presented as a fundraiser for Play On Philly

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




APC Deacons Family Summer
Support Food Drive

HUNGER DOESN'T TAKE A VACATION



In support of families in need during the summer, please drop off non-perishable items in the orange food pantry bins. High need items are:

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- Dishwasher tablets
 - Dish soap
 - Laundry detergent tablets
 - Cleaning supplies (glass or multi-purpose cleaner)
 - Tall kitchen garbage bags
 - Ziploc totes, size extra large or jumbo

**MAY 19
TO
JUNE 9**

All donations will be
dropped off to Family
Promise Montco PA



www.fpmontco.org/donate-items



EASY & MEANINGFUL Volunteer Opportunities!

Do you have a heart for people who are alone or need a visitor? Our members or regular attenders may need some companionship or attention. If you have never done this but feel God is nudging you to help in this very rewarding way, please reach out to Tia at tmccoun@apcusa.org.

Do you love chatting on the telephone while folding the laundry? Sometimes just a quick telephone call can make all the difference in the life of someone who feels lonely? We are looking for telephone buddies to connect with our members near and far! Please reach out to Tia at tmccoun@apcusa.org.

We need two volunteers to help with coordination and delivery of flowers at Christmas and Easter. If you want to help bring joy to member's doorsteps but need a time-specific ministry, raise your hand for this! Please contact Mary Devan or the church office 215-887-4530.



Abington Presbyterian Church Vacation Bible School- Compassion Camp

June 24 - 28, 2024 9:00am- Noon

Join us for **Compassion Camp VBS**. Open to children from 3 years old through 6th grade.

- Preschool classes for 3 and 4 year olds (children must be 3 years old by June 1, 2024)
- Traditional VBS for grades K-4 with games, movement, and crafts
- Middle School VBS focused on service to the community for 5th and 6th graders. Past projects have included making chocolates for nurses at the hospital, holding a lemonade stand to raise money for disaster relief, cleaning shelves at the Abington Library children's section, and more.

BE LOVED.
BE KIND.
BE YOU.

Snack provided every day for all students

Friday- special outside activity for the final day.

\$30 per student with a \$60 cap per family.

Register now at <https://forms.gle/ycFy6U4wniXBuGww8>



Have you experienced the death of a partner or spouse? Are you looking for extra support?

We are inviting people to let us know if there is interest in forming a group to gather. This is a quarterly commitment. We envision a **hybrid** social, service and sharing group. Getting together and sharing grief will be defined by those who express interest.

Please send an email tmccoun@apcusa.org if interested.

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!

2024 NOAH'S ARTS CAMP FOR KIDS (NACK)



Our annual musical theater and arts camp is coming this summer! Camp will be held **July 29-August 2** from 9 am to 4 pm daily at APC, with a performance presentation on **August 4** at 10 am Sunday worship. A family preview is scheduled for Friday, August 2 at 4 pm.

NACK is a fun all-day day camp for rising 2nd to rising 8th graders. Campers attend art, movement, music, handbell, and drama workshops while working toward a performance on Sunday with a Friday family preview. Campers bring

lunch and enjoy outdoor recreation every day.

Camp dates and times: July 29-August 2: 9 am to 4 pm

Family preview: August 2 at 4 pm (after camp)

Performance: August 4 during the 10 am worship service at APC

Ages: rising 2nd through 8th graders (fall '24)



ONLINE SIGNUP FORM at the QR code linked here:

Or contact Ruth Sall at rsall@apcusa.org. Hope to see you this summer!!

Interested in being a Sunday morning liturgist this summer?
Please sign up here ... or contact Bill Price at waprice59@gmail.com.



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

