

¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned over
the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as
king forever.
¹¹ May the LORD give strength to
his people!
May the LORD bless his people
with peace!

Psalm 29:10–11

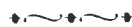


*Christ in Glory
(north transept vestibule)*

Abington Presbyterian Church

May 26, 2024

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship



Trinity Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Trinity Sunday
ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
May 26, 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*

*I bind unto myself today
the strong name of the Trinity
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One and One in Three.
~ From a prayer attributed to St. Patrick*

PRELUDE

Festival Capriccio

Barbara Kinyon

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mighty Wind, who danced over the deep
and surveyed the shapeless void,
**dance over us now
and ready us for your creative purpose.**
Divine Word, who commanded unruly chaos
and called forth light and life,
**call to us now
and open us to new expressions of grace.**
Eternal Artist, who formed us in your likeness
and claimed us as kin,
**Re-form and refine us
to be bearers of your blessing.**
Holy Trinity—Creator, Christ, Spirit—
who gathered the primeval waters,
**gather us in, then send us out,
our voices echoing the angels' song:
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts!**

*HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

(* - Indicates all who are able may stand)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of grace, love, and communion,
we confess that we have failed to love you
with heart, soul, and mind;
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.
Like rebellious children,
we ignore your commandments
and wander from your way.
Have mercy on us, O God.
Embrace us with your love,
wrap us in your grace,
and set us on right paths
that we might follow you faithfully.**

***SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***RESPONSE HYMN 10, v.4 Sing Glory to the Name of God**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**May God forever be our peace;
may hymns of glory never cease:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Let all the faithful people come;
sing praise to God, the Three-in-One:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, 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 children remain in worship.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

OT p. 635

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

ANTHEM

Holy is the Lord

F. Schubert, arr. Fred Bock

Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord.
Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord.
Holy is the Father, holy is the Son
holy is the Spirit; Blessed Three in One.
In your hearts enthrone Him, there let Him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true.
He is God, our Savior, he is Christ the Lord;
ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:1-17

NT p. 93

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

SERMON

The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson

*HYMN 3

Womb of Life and Source of Being

RAQUEL

*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.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

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

Jubilance

Arnold Sherman

*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 618

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

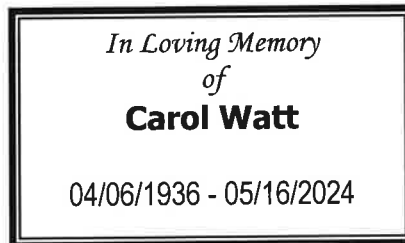
DEO GRACIAS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Te Deum

Max Reger



Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson

Liturgist: Karen Hoyle

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

Celebration Ringers: Risë Kagan-Erickson, director

Chancel Choir: John Sall, director

Organ: Erik Meyer

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The Prayer before Worship comes from "I Bind unto Myself Today" (Hymn no. 6 in *Glory to God*). The text is a translation of "St. Patrick's Breastplate" by Cecil Frances Alexander (1889). The Prayer of Confession is adapted from the Prayer of Confession for Trinity Sunday published in the *Book of Common Worship* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2018).

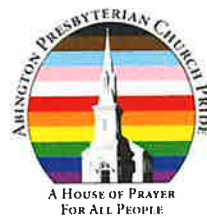
Hearing assistant devices are available in the Narthex, please see an usher for assistance.

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, 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), Amy Gould, Lucille Paris, Marlyn Whyte, Jennifer Johnson.

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.

We share prayers of joy and thanksgiving with Kathryn & Ian Donnelly on the birth of their son, **James Edward Donnelly**, great grandchild of Judy Meissner.

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 26, 2024

10:00 AM				
AGE/GRADE	ROOM	TEACHER	TOPIC	Pick Up
Birth– 2 year olds	110-112	Childcare	Childcare	110-112
Preschool	All	Kids	in Worship	
K—2nd Grades	All	Kids	in Worship	
3rd—5th Grades	All	Kids	In Worship	



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

\$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

5/26 *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)



Starting on May 28th and continuing through Labor Day (September 2nd), the church office will be open as follows:

Monday—Thursday - 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. and

CLOSED on Fridays

Simple Gifts 8:00am Service is moving outdoors for the summer beginning Sunday, June 2nd.












The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 27th
in observance of Memorial Day.

APC Game Night - Who says church isn't all fun and games?

On Friday, 5/31 from 7-9pm, join us for the first APC Game Night! Bring your favorite game and a snack or dessert to share and bring your family and friends too! We'll gather in the Parish Hall Basement (note updated location) to play board/card games. Hope to see you then for some fun and games!



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:

- 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

Music
at Abington presents

Sunday, June 2, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Don't Explain **Experience Billie**

with Demetria Joyce Bailey
and her trio



Abington Presbyterian Church, 1082 Old York Road, Abington PA
free childcare • fully accessible • free will donations received

Adult Forum—Note change in Date!

We are heirs of the infamous Protestant work ethic and believe that God desires our tireless toil, but are we mistaking our culture's toxic workaholism for Christian virtue? Must our worth as human beings rest in our frenzied productivity? If not, then what are our options? Join us Sunday June 9 at 8:45 in the Parlor for a discussion of The Christian Century article, *A Deeper Legacy Than Hard Work*. <https://tinyurl.com/m7nzzwcd>





Ready for some food, friends and fun?

On Sunday, 6/9, APC will host the annual church picnic!

Get ready for good food, fun and games! We'll gather after the 10am service on the lawn outside of the education building. Last Names A-M bring a dessert, N-Z bring a side dish.

Mark your calendars and we look forward to seeing you there!

Pride Events Coming in June:



Monday, June 17th 6:40PM (Game Time) - Pride Night at the Phillies

Celebrate Pride and cheer on our Fightin' Phils! We have purchased a block of 40 tickets. Price \$21 per ticket. **RSVP to Michelle Feil** to confirm and arrange payment for tickets. **Email:** michellefeil74@gmail.com **Cell:** 215-512-1246. Payment can be made to the church through check, cash, or using the online portal. Please check the last box, 'Programs', and enter Phillies Pride Game on the next page.

Sunday, June 30th - APC will have a table at the Bucks-Mont Pridefest . Join friends, family, allies, and advocates to support our local LGBTQ+ community. We will hand out bottles of cold water, fun stickers, and Presbyterian Hugs. The event is free. For more information visit

<https://www.bucksmontpride.com/>



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>



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.



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!



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.

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.

APC GIVING

	YTD 4/30/24	YTD 4/30/23	Annual 2024 Budget
Revenue	\$253,307	\$251,024	\$657,000
Disbursements	\$250,628	\$229,997	\$762,500
(Deficit)/Surplus	\$2,679	\$21,028	(\$105,500)

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

