

⁶ For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:6



Abington Presbyterian Church

June 2, 2024

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

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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

*God, scoop me up into life as it is.
Stop me from running ahead,
so I can be here,
in this space,
for the moment.
And breathe.
Amen.*

~ From a blessing by Kate Bowler

PRELUDE

Gather Us In

Jeffrey Honoré

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come from the fields of your daily labors,
return from the journeys that have taken you far from home —
come, here is rest and renewal.

**We gather, hearts ready
to receive God's life-giving Word.**

Come to this table, where all find welcome,
and this font, where grace overflows —
come into the presence of the Living Lord.

**We come to praise God,
the giver and renewer of life.**

*HYMN 401

Gather Us In

GATHER US IN

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

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God,
we fill our lives with comfort and convenience,
distractions that consume our energy and time.
We chase after wealth and power
as if they could satisfy the hunger in our souls.
But you beckon us toward new life,
a life made rich through Sabbath and service.
Free us from the yokes that bind us
and draw us near to you,
until we learn to walk with Christ.

***SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***RESPONSE HYMN 581**

Glory Be To the Father

GLORY PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

***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.**

ANTHEM

In My Father's House

Craig Courtney

In my Father's house, you will find a place
in the warm embrace of an open door,
In my Father's house, leave the past behind,
come inside and find what you're longing for.
In my Father's house, solace can be found,
comfort will surround the bruised and broken,
In my Father's house, children live in peace,
war and hatred cease and love is spoken.

In my Father's house, you will find a place
in the warm embrace of an open door,
In my Father's house, leave the past behind,
come inside and find what you're longing for,
In my Father's house, pardoned from all sin,
free from what has been, life can start again,
In my Father's house, prodigals come home,
no one walks alone, come and enter in, in my Father's house.

*DOXOLOGY

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

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.

It is holy right and our greatest joy to praise you, O God ...

... Therefore, with all creation we sing your 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.

Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son ...
... Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us ...
... As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.*

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

**Gracious God,
how can we thank you for such a gift?
For you have met us,
fed us,
drawn us to you,
and bound us to one another.
Now send us out to share your love
and proclaim our hope
until Christ comes again. Amen.**

*HYMN 515

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Dove of Peace

David M. Cherwien

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.

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson

Liturgist: Sarah Caldwell-Berry

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

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

Chancel Choir: John Sall, Director

Organ: Shirley Keiter

Trio: Janet Easlea, oboe; Cindy Raff, viola; Karen Hoyle, bassoon

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The Prayer before Worship comes from "for when you're running on fumes" in *The Lives We Actually Have: 100 Blessings for Imperfect Days* by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie (New York, Convergent, 2023).

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.

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

June 2, 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	End of Year Picnic	Church Lawn
	K—2nd Grades	Church Lawn	End Of Year	Party	Church Lawn
	3rd—5th Grades	Church Lawn	End of Year	Party	Church Lawn



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 conclude 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

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

The 8:00 a.m. Simple Gifts Service is moving outdoors for the summer beginning TODAY.



Outdoor Worship Service



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

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!

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

Summer Sunday School- June 16th—August 4th for children preschool through 2nd grades.

Come join a one-room-schoolhouse class every Sunday at 10am in the Children's Choir Room located under the sanctuary in the basement. Children will enjoy playing together, hearing a Bible story, doing a short craft, eating a snack, and conclude with time on the church playground. Older children are welcome to be helpers during the class, as well.

For more information, please see Mrs. Sall.



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/>

Lemonade on the Lawn - June 23

Summer is almost upon us!
Join us for Lemonade on the Lawn, located on the upper lawn on Sunday, 6/23 immediately following the 10am Worship Service for fellowship and refreshment! We look forward to seeing you then!



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

