

30 He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

Mark 4:30–32



Abington Presbyterian Church

June 16, 2024

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

4th Sunday after Pentecost

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*

*It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High,
to declare your steadfast love in the morning
and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.
For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands, I sing for joy.*

Psalm 92:1-4

PRELUDE

Sonata in F

Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

A tiny seed that grows into the greatest of all shrubs,
with branches that offer shelter and shade —

this is what the kingdom of God is like.

We gather 'round Jesus — our teacher and Lord —
seeking wisdom and understanding,

longing for a foretaste of the kingdom of God.

*HYMN 5

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

JENNINGS-HOUSTON

(* - Indicates all who are able may stand)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, your kingdom confounds us.
You challenge our assumptions about right living
and stretch our understanding of what holds worth.**

You reverse our expectations
and reorder our priorities
until they reflect your vision of well-being for all.
Your kingdom surprises us with grace upon grace.
But we cling to the values of this world,
which privilege
 products over people,
 success over service,
 and competition for resources over the common good.
Open us to new ways of living
that embody your desire for creation
and contribute to a commonwealth
marked by justice and joy.

*SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE HYMN 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. 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.**

WORD

God's Word is read and its message is proclaimed in scripture, music and interpretation.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

All Children are welcome to attend Summer Sunday School in the Children's Choir Room.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Ezekiel 17:22-24
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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SCRIPTURE READING Mark 4:26-34
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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SERMON

The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson

*HYMN 771

What Is the World Like

NEW WORLD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and
buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again
from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall
come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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

I'm' Going on a Journey

Edward Bonnemère

I'm going on a journey, and I'm starting today.
My head is wet, and I'm on my way.
Christ's mark is on me; it's on you, too;
it says he loves me, and he loves you, too!

I'm becoming this day a saint of God.
It really doesn't matter what roads I trod.
Wherever I go, God's been there, too.
God's love has touched me and will carry me through.

There are other saints who have said amen.
They'll keep me faithful to my journey's end.
Along the way I want to be
the kind of person that God set free.

*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 36

For the Fruit of All Creation

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue in F

Dietrich Buxtehude

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson

Liturgist: Mary DeVan

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

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, Carmina Gagliardi (friend of Joanne and Jeff Bates), David Cardwell (brother of Bob Cardwell), Thubi Kolobe (friend of Thembeka Mason), Barbara Burke (friend of Jeff Bates), Donald Wolf, Linda Doyle, Amy Gould, Lucille Paris, Marlyn Whyte, Jennifer Johnson, Virginia Castor, Sharon Robson (friend of Kimberly Browna), Ernie Arnold.

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.

Congratulations to Dan Boggs who recently graduated with a DPT from Newman University.

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

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.



Preschoolers go directly to class at 10:00 a.m. and older children can join after the Children's Moment in Worship. For more information, please see Mrs. Sall.



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

June Adult Education at 8:45 a.m. on Sundays

Just Conversations: Exploring how to put Faith into Words and Action with Tia McCoun

- Week 1 (6/16) – Housing Insecurity and Affordable Housing in Montgomery County.
- Week 2 (6/23) – Climate Change and the Impact on Our Community
- Week 3 (6/30) – Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: A demographic reality which impacts us all.



Outdoor Worship Service

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



Final Montreat payment or payment assistance is due TODAY. Packing list and instructions will be sent to families separately soon.

VBS youth volunteers should reach out to Ruth Sall. And any youth currently in 5th-12th grade, please contact justinfeil4@gmail.com about joining the free, fun youth activities that follow each VBS day from noon-3 p.m. All current 5-12th graders are welcome.

Beach Day is scheduled for Saturday, August 24. Meet at the church at 8 a.m. with an expected return of 11 p.m. Transportation provided.

If you need volunteer hours, the APC Summer Soaker 5k is Saturday, July 20. You can help at a water stop or registration. Contact Justin Feil if interested.



Throughout the summer (Memorial Day—Labor Day), the church office will be open as follows:

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

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.
We look forward to seeing you for fellowship and refreshment!



Pride Events Coming in June:



Sunday, June 30th from 12:00—5:00 p.m. - 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/>

The Unity Task Force (formerly the Anti-Racism Team) is restructuring and wants your input! There will be an open meeting on Sunday, June 30th right after 10AM worship in the church parlor to discuss plans and the path forward.

Please consider coming and adding your voice and ideas to this important work.

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!!

APC Summer Soaker 5k

When: 8:30 a.m. Saturday, July 20, 2024

Where: Registration on lower parking lot.
5k begins on Adams Ave.

Fees: \$35/adult & \$25/child up to 18

Register at runtheday.com

Proceeds go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Volunteers needed for race marshaling and registration area.

Contact justinfeil4@gmail.com to volunteer.



History Book Club's next meeting is July 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

Our next book is **The River of Doubt** by Candice Millard



Abington Presbyterian Nursery School (APNS) is looking for a state certified Pre-school teacher 2 mornings a week starting in September.



If you are interested in applying, please contact Barb Foy, APNS director at apns@apcusa.org.

Lights, Camera, Action! All ages are needed to join the Live Stream Team.

Sit in our APC media center and bring our worship service into the homes of those who cannot come in person.

Training will be provided.

Contact Glenn Hostetter (ghostetter3@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!



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



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)

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