

⁹ We ponder your steadfast love,
O God,
in the midst of your temple.
¹⁰ Your name, O God, like your
praise,
reaches to the ends of the
earth.

Psalm 48:9-10a



Abington Presbyterian Church

July 7, 2024

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

7th 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

*Living God,
gather us into your house
to sing your praise today.
Jesus Christ,
teach us to follow you
and feed us at your table.
Holy Spirit,
send us from this place
with good news for everyone. Amen.*

PRELUDE

Andante un poco Adagio from Sonata in F minor, op. 120

Johannes Brahms

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord, all nations;
extol our Creator, all peoples!
**For God's kindness overwhelms us;
God's steadfast love endures forever.**
Come, let us lift our voices in prayer and praise.
Let us worship the Lord!

*HYMN 327

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, just as you called the disciples of old,
so you call each one of us to be your witnesses in our world today.
Forgive us when we are hesitant to follow:
when we question your call or make excuses for our abilities;
when we complain about our lack of time or hoard our resources.**

**Give us courage to step out in faith –
to go where you send us,
trusting that your presence goes with us
and that you will provide all that we need. Amen.**

***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 6:1-13** **OT p. 770**
The Word of the Lord ... Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING **Mark 6:1-13** **NT p. 40**
The Word of the Lord ... Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson

***HYMN 726** **Will You Come and Follow Me** **KELVINGROVE**

***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.**

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 Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Peter Hilliard

This new setting for clarinet of a traditional hymn is dedicated by the composer to John Frazier.

***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.**

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.

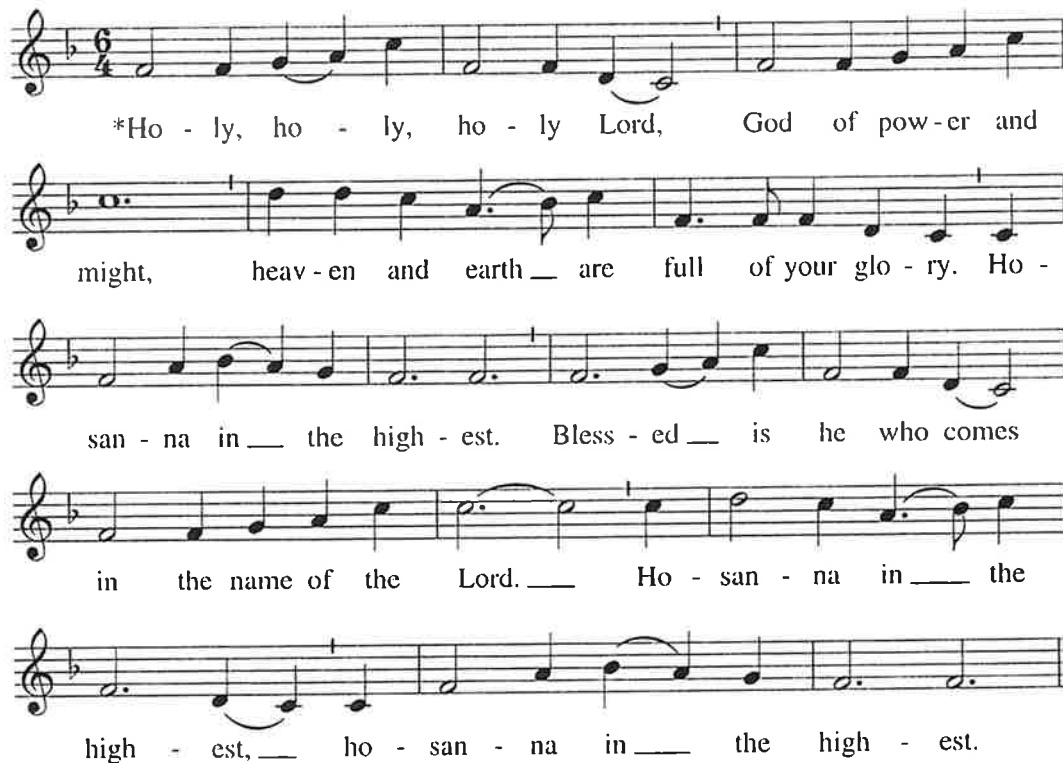
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly 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 ...

... Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
 rising you restored our life.
 Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us ...

... This we pray in the name of your Son, our Lord, who gave us words 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.

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY Take My Life and Let it Be

Peter Hilliard

This new setting for clarinet of Hymn #697 is dedicated by the composer to John Frazier.

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

**O God, send us out from our Lord's table
to answer his summons into new life
and to follow him with joy and gladness.
Set our feet in his holy way,
that our lives may be signs of his life
and all we do may show forth his love. Amen.**

*HYMN 340

This Is My Song

FINLANDIA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Vivace from Sonata in F minor, op. 120

Johannes Brahms

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson

Liturgist: Shirley Keiter

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

Clarinet: John Frazier

Organ: Erik Meyer

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.

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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, Amy Gould, Lucille Paris, Marlyn Whyte, Jennifer Johnson, Virginia Castor, Sharon Robson (friend of Kimberly Browna), Ernie Arnold, Carol Boles (mother of Christine Sacco).

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

July 07, 2024

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 will 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).



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

From the Personnel Council

On Monday our Pastor, Director of Music Ministries, and Session received a letter of resignation from Erik Meyer, who has served as APC's Organist since January 2021. Erik has accepted a new position, which will be announced later today. While we are saddened to lose a musician of this caliber, we are excited for Erik as he takes this next step in his professional journey, and we send him with best wishes for a fulfilling and fruitful ministry in a new place. We are grateful for Erik's service to this congregation, and for the tremendous gifts he has offered to help us glorify God through music.

Erik will conclude his ministry at Abington Presbyterian Church on August 31, and we will acknowledge our appreciation and celebrate his ministry here in August.

Adult Education in July

In the Christian Century article *What's special about a church building?* Brian Bantum asks, *How many buildings do we pass by in our daily lives where anyone can simply walk in, sit down, be welcomed, and invited to simply be?* And we wonder, is the church at Susquehanna and Old York Road such a building?

Join us July 14 at 8:45 in the Parlor for an informal discussion of church buildings as unique public spaces.





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.

Meatloaf Madness!

Who: Everyone!
 What: Turkey Meat Loaf
 When: July 14th after the 10:00 AM Service
 Where: APC Kitchen
 Why: To serve our friends at Face-to-Face



Mission Council will supply the ingredients, the recipe and the how-to. You provide the experience!

Tues, 7/16 (6-9pm) - Ghosts, Games & Grub!

Looking for some evening summer fun?

Join us for "Ghosts, Games & Grub", an intergenerational event on Tuesday, 7/16 from 6-9pm. Highlights will include a tour of the cemetery, outdoor games, service projects and pizza for dinner! Scan the QR code to sign up to bring snacks which will be assembled into snack bags during the event and delivered to Face to Face.



Scan me!

We're looking forward to a fun night for all ages. See you then!



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

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.



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. Registration closes July 15.

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!!

GEMMA SERVICES — 2024 Backpack and School Supply Collection—Sunday, August 4th

Help Prepare Children and Teens for a successful School Year! Backpacks filled with school supplies will be given to the children in the residential program and to children in foster care and community settings. Gemma Services changes lives by transforming hope into action. Gemma's tagline is, "*Because you matter.*"

Backpacks should be gender neutral. Please include only the items listed below.

Fill a New Backpack with:

- 3 Composition or Spiral Notebooks
- 4 Pocket Folders
- Box of Pencils
- Large Eraser
- Box of 24 Crayons
- Colored Pencils or Markers
- 2 Glue Sticks

Please put your filled backpack in the box outside the church office by Sunday, August 4. Thank you!

You Are Invited! The Unity Task Force Book Discussion of *Poverty, by America*—August 1, 8, 15 & 22.

Why do we have poverty in the richest country in the world? What does our faith have to say about poverty? What can be done to help people who are living in poverty? The Unity Task Force will host a discussion of *Poverty, by America* by Matthew Desmond (2023) on four Thursday nights in August-- August 1, 8, 15, & 22--in the church parlor at 7 pm. All are invited. Together we will explore the challenges poverty poses and we'll share ideas for addressing this longstanding problem.

Come to any or all sessions, come if you've read the book or not. Trying to get rid of books rather than buy more? Montgomery County Public Libraries have 26 copies and Philadelphia libraries have 44 copies of this important book. Questions? Contact Bonnie H. Zetick at bhzetick@aol.com.





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.

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



APC GIVING

	YTD 5/31/24	YTD 5/31/23	Annual 2024 Budget
Revenue	\$309,975	\$282,082	\$657,000
Disbursements	\$312,258	\$285,232	\$762,500
(Deficit)/Surplus	(\$2,283)	(\$3,151)	(\$105,500)

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!

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

