

¹⁷ The LORD is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his doings.
¹⁸ The Lord is near to all who call
on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

Psalm 145:17-18



Abington Presbyterian Church

July 28, 2024

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

10th Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP
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ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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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*

*Dear God,
Remind me to share
whatever is in my basket today.
You will do the rest.
Amen.*

~ Rev. Karla Miller

PRELUDE

Azure

Bill Douglas

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

*I am the bread of life, Jesus says.
Come to me and never be hungry;
believe in me and thirst no more.*

Our souls hunger for the living God.

All who hunger, gather gladly!
Seek the One who satisfies our longings;
call upon the One who sustains our souls.

Let us worship the living God!

*HYMN 42

Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure

WINCHESTER NEW

(* - Indicates all who are able may stand)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Christ, when the crowds surrounded you,
hungry for bread and for your word,
you took an offering — five loaves, two fish —
and made for them a feast.
Still, O Lord, we doubt the abundance of your grace.**

Still, O Lord, we are hesitant to share the gifts we have.
Still, O Lord, we wonder whether there is enough for all.
Forgive us, O God, and make of us a more generous people.
Empower us to share the gift of our lives
and enlighten us to see the miracles around us.
For you are the giver of grace upon grace,
the one who turns want into plenty.

*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 Psalm 145:10-18 OT p. 581
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING John 6:1-21 NT p. 97
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson

*HYMN 460

Break Thou the Bread of Life

BREAD OF LIFE

*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 Farewell to Stromness (from The Yellow Cake Revue)

*P. Maxwell Davies
arr. Fraser Jackson*

*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 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Dancing in the Wind

Bill Douglas

Worship Leaders:**Preacher:** The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson**Liturgist:** Marie Barnhurst**Children's Message:** Ruth Sall**Bassoon Quartet:** Benjamin Hoyle, Karen Hoyle, Timora Thurston, Nolan Wenik**Organ:** Erik Meyer**Permissions:**

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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 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 Brown), Ernie Arnold, Carol Boles (mother of Christine Sacco), Carolyn Koch.

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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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

Adult Education in July

July 28:

Soccer fields, swing sets, playgrounds - the backdrop for happy childhood days, but for some Palestinian children, the setting includes dodging tear gas canisters manufactured in Pennsylvania and printed "Made in the USA". Yet the children continue to play. How does it feel to picture that scene? What does that tell us about the role and power of play in the face of adversity? Join us at Adult Forum for an informal discussion of the article *Tear gas over the soccer field* at 8:45 in the Parlor. All are welcome!



Lemonade on the Lawn - August 4th

Looking for a way to stay cool and chat with your APC friends? Join us for fellowship and refreshment on the upper lawn on Sunday, 8/4 immediately following the 10 a.m. Worship Service!

In the event of excessive heat, we will be in the Parish Hall.
We look forward to seeing you then!



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.

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:

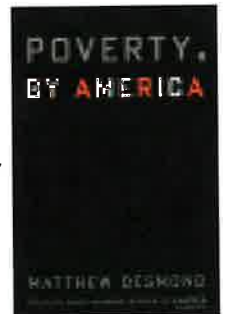
- 3 Composition or Spiral Notebooks
- 4 Pocket Folders
- Box of Pencils
- Large Eraser
- Box of 24 Crayons
- Colored Pencils or Markers
- 2 Glue Sticks

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. For the first session on **August 1**, we'll be discussing the prologue and first two chapters (up to page 41) of *Poverty, by America*.

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.



WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER!

Are you a notary? We need to talk!

Got a green thumb? Could you care for plants while someone is recovering after surgery? Do you LIKE to argue? GOOD! We may need your help advocating for members, visitors and neighbors.

Too many zucchinis, reach out to a deacon!

Have a second home that you might be willing to share for off season mini retreats or to offer at reduced vacation rental for someone in our APC family?

Let's help each other out! Let us know what you need and what you have to offer!

Thanks for being you!

Call Tia at 215 887 4530 or email tmccoun@apcusa.org.



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 6/30/24	YTD 6/30/23	Annual 2024 Budget
Revenue	\$348,738	\$327,849	\$657,000
Disbursements	\$369,032	\$337,702	\$762,500
(Deficit)/Surplus	(\$20,294)	(\$9,853)	(\$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

