

34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?"

Mark 8:34-36



Abington Presbyterian Church

September 15, 2024

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

17th 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*

O still, small voice, speak to us this hour

that we might become makers of your peace

in our homes, in our communities, in our world.

We pray all this in the name of the One who calmed the raging sea. Amen.

PRELUDE

Prelude in G

Felix Mendelssohn

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Be still, says the Lord.

Be still and know that I am God.

**God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.**

Though the earth should change
or the mountains shake, we will not fear.

**God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.**

The God of our ancestors is with us.

The Lord Almighty is our stronghold.

**Let us worship the One who shelters and sustains us,
the Lord who is our help and our hope.**

*HYMN 819

Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA

(* - Indicates all who are able may stand)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of all, we confess
that when we are overwhelmed
we do not reach out to you
but sink into our fears
and drown in our distrust.**

Reach out your hand to save us.
Breathe your holy breath into our lungs again.
Rescue us and set us above the waves.
We know you can.
Amen.

*SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE HYMN 492 You Belong to Christ YOU BELONG TO CHRIST
 You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.
 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.**

ANTHEM Dona Nobis Pacem (*Grant Us Peace*) anon.
 The Chapel Choir shares a traditional liturgical Latin text in a round from the 18th-19th Century.

WORD

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children are dismissed to Sunday School.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 46 OT p. 517
 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 4:35-41 NT p. 39
 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE HYMN 184 Calm to the Waves CALM SEAS

SERMON *The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson*

*HYMN 753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

***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

Grant Peace, We Pray

Felix Mendelssohn (arr. C. Schalk)

Grant peace, we pray, in mercy, Lord,
In our time peace, oh, send us!
For there is none on earth but Thee,
None other to defend us.
Thou only, Lord, can fight for us.

***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 757**

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

***BENEDICTION**

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson
Liturgist & Intercessor: Karen Hoyle
Children's Message: Ruth Sall
Chapel Choir: Ruth Sall & John Sall, co-directors
Chancel Choir: John Sall, director
Guest Substitute Organist: Thomas Faracco

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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, Valerie Steigerwalt (niece of Marlyn Whyte), John Connelly (friend of Joanne and Jeff Bates), Mary Ann Wherry, 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, Marlyn Whyte, Sharon Robson (friend of Kimberly Browne), Ernie Arnold, Carol Boles (mother of Christine Sacco), Ruta DeLong, Louis Ogren (great nephew of Sandy Hostetter), Marilyn Ming (sister of Carolyn Ming), Eugenia Velazquez (Iris Long's mother), The Weir Family.

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.

Our member, Betty Seibert, celebrated another birthday over 100 this past week. Please lift her up with praise and prayer. Please reach out with cards and calls as you feel inspired.

A beloved custom of this congregation is to celebrate the birth of a new baby by placing a rose on the chancel during worship. Many children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren joined our families and our church family between March 2020 and March 2024 – the period during which our congregation paused this custom due to the limitations of pandemic gatherings. Today, we celebrate the children of our church born during the pandemic and share names submitted over the past two weeks. If you'd like to send in other names of children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren, we'd love to acknowledge others we've missed later this fall. Families of the children born during the pandemic are invited to take a rose following worship.

Memphis Kyle-Lijon Alexander, son of Amanda Boutcher Alexander & Christopher L. Alexander. Born 04/14/2023.

Penelope Khiani Bates ("Penny"), daughter of Tina Khiani & Malcolm Bates, granddaughter of Jeff & Joanne Bates. Born 04/12/2023.

Maeve Beck, daughter of John J and Cara Beck, granddaughter of Amy and Ian Beck and great-granddaughter of Amy E Gould. Born on 7/15/2022.

Cooper Joshua Buck, son of Nyssa Buck (nee Weber-Reikow), grandson of Suzin Weber, great-grandson of Barbara Weber. Born 01/28/21.

Maverick Caeden Buck, son of Nyssa Buck (nee Weber-Reikow), grandson of Suzin Weber, great-grandson of Barbara Weber. Born 06/22/22.

Ariel Buck, daughter of Nyssa Buck (nee Weber-Reikow), granddaughter of Suzin Weber, great-granddaughter of Barbara Weber. Born 12/01/23.

Ellie Costello, daughter of Elizabeth & Kevin Costello, granddaughter of Valerie & Charles Pendley. Born 03/31/2020.

Nora Costello, daughter of Elizabeth & Kevin Costello, granddaughter of Valerie & Charles Pendley. Born 12/11/2022.

Sloane Vivian Dykstra, daughter of Sam & Oliva Dykstra, granddaughter of Peter & Donna Dykstra. Born 08/12/21.

Cosette Romeo Dykstra, daughter of Sam & Oliva Dykstra, granddaughter of Peter & Donna Dykstra. Born 04/16/2023.

Miles Ellis Friedman, son of Kelsey Friedman (nee Graham) & Zach Friedman, great grandson of Mary Anne McMillian. Born 09/13/21.

Isaiah Javaid Gill, son of Aized & Farah Gill. Born 08/12/2020.

Timothy Francis McCaffrey, son of Beth & Tim McCaffrey, grandson of Lois Peiffer. Born 07/24/2022.

Camille Chandler Price, daughter of Dan & Sallie Price, granddaughter of Bill & Alice Price. Born 07/08/2022.

Peter David Richardson, son of David & Jennifer Richardson, grandson of Howard Maisenhelder. Born 07/26/2022.

Chloe SeHee Son, daughter of Logan Son (nee Graham) and Julian Son, great granddaughter of Mary Anne McMillian. Born 11/15/2022.

Elizabeth Skye Thompson, daughter of Sudie Niesen Thompson & Brenton Thompson. Born 04/15/2020.

Claire Anne Waite, daughter of Julia Hostetter Waite and Ian Waite, granddaughter of Glenn & Sandy Hostetter. Born 01/28/21.

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
Ashley Rossi, M.Div., & Justin Feil, Youth Fellowship Coordinators

ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN LIFE

September 15, 2024

10:00 AM				
AGE/GRADE	ROOM	TEACHER	TOPIC	Pick Up
Birth– 2 year olds	110-112	Childcare	Childcare	110-112
Preschool	221	Christine Sacco	Creation-plants & hills & valleys	221
K–5th Grades	Youth Lounge	Ruth Sall	Hannah & Samuel—Drama	Parish Hall

Children ages 30 months through 5th grade attend Sunday School during the 10am service. Preschool classes start at 10am and are listed in the grid. Kindergarten through 5th graders start the worship service with their families and proceed to their classrooms after the Children’s Moment. All children are welcome to attend Sunday School. If you are a visitor today, please feel free to accompany your child to his or her classroom.



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

Nursery

Adult Bible Study—Beginning TODAY at 8:45 a.m. in the Parlor.

We sing out, “Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!” So, is the gospel the promise of dessert at the end of our earthly life? Or is it the menu for satisfying the hunger of God’s people in other ways? Join us for a discussion of the *Christian Century* article, *The Dessert of Life?* on **September 22 at 8:45 in the Parlor.** Scan the QR code for the article and related questions.



Youth News

TODAY—September 15

First youth group and parent meeting from 4:00-5:30 p.m. If you are a parent/guardian new to APC or youth group/chapel choir, you can get all the information you need at this meeting and ask all your burning questions as you navigate this new frontier!

IMPORTANT CONFIRMATION INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES WITH RISING 8TH & 9TH GRADERS:
This year we will be combining the 8th and 9th grades for Confirmation. If your youth are going to be in either 8th or 9th grades this year, please reach out to Bill Stock, Confirmation coordinator, to confirm your family’s participation. You can email Bill at stockwm@hotmail.com with any questions.

The next Women's Gathering will be held on Thursday, September 19th at 5:30 p.m. at Longhorn Steakhouse located at 817 Old York Road, Jenkintown.

To RSVP or answer any questions, please contact Sheila Jackson at dlskj@gmail.com.



Our next book is ***West with the Night*** by Beryl Markham and will be discussed on Sept. 19th in the Parlor at 7 p.m.



Whalerider Intergenerational Movie Night
Intergenerational Movie Night: *Whalerider*, PG-13
Friday, September 20th
6:30pm, Parish Hall

Sponsored by Congregational Life and the Unity Taskforce

A contemporary story of love, rejection and triumph as a young Maori girl fights to fulfill a destiny her grandfather refuses to recognize. Set in beautiful New Zealand, *Whalerider* explores the life of 12-year old Pai who feels called to lead her tribe and how she faces and challenges traditional expectations. Rated PG-13

Family Communion Class

A class for all children in K-7th grades and their families to experience and explore the meaning and welcome of the Lord's Table. We will bake bread, make wine, find symbols of Communion in the Sanctuary, and much more.

Sunday, September 22

3:00 – 4:30pm

Parlor

Questions- contact Mrs. Sall at rsall@apcusa.org



Deacon's Blood Drive - Our next blood drive will be held on September 28th from 8a.m. - 1p.m. in Parish Hall.

Here is the link to sign up: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Abington%20Presbyterian%20Church>

Also, folks who come to donate will receive a \$15 e-gift card: rcblood.org/fall.



Participation in Music Ministries at APC

There are ways for almost anyone and everyone to participate in music ministry at APC. If you have questions about any of these opportunities please contact listed leaders or John Sall, Director of Music Ministries:

jsall@apcusa.org

Choirs for All Ages

Cherub Choir (grade K-2) Wednesdays 4:15 - 4:55. Sing monthly. Director Ruth Sall (rsall@apcusa.org)

Carol Choir (grade 3-5) Wednesdays 5:00 - 6:00. Sing monthly plus some special Christmas program and musical. Director Ruth Sall (rsall@apcusa.org).

Chapel Choir (grade 6-12) Sundays 6:00 - 7:15. Sing 3x per month plus special programs and spring tour. Co-directors John Sall (jsall@apcusa.org) and Ruth Sall (rsall@apcusa.org)

Chancel Choir (adults) Thursdays 7:30 – 8:30. Weekly worship plus special concerts. Director John Sall (jsall@apcusa.org)

Oratorio Choir (community choir) Thursdays 8:30-9:30. Sing 2-3 special concerts and programs each year. Director John Sall (jsall@apcusa.org)

Handbell Choirs for All Ages

Joyful Bells (grade 3-5) Wednesdays 4:15 - 4:55 intro to ringing. Ring 2-3x in year. Interim Director John Sall (jsall@apcusa.org)

Festive Ringers (grade 6-12) Sundays 11:15 - 12:15. Ring 5-6x plus spring tour. Director Shirley Keiter (skeiter@apcusa.org)

Celebration Ringers (adults) Wednesdays 6:30-7:30. Ring 5-6x per year. Interim Directors Shirley Keiter (skeiter@apcusa.org) and John Sall (jsall@apcusa.org)

Instrumental Music

Abington Symphony Orchestra (high school youth and adults) Mondays 7:30-9:30. 4-5 concerts per year. Director John Sall (jsall@apcusa.org)

Worship accompanists and soloists (all ages and instruments) Anytime as coordinated together for worship in collaboration with Music Director John Sall (jsall@apcusa.org)

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection celebrating the life of Dorothy Graham will be held at Abington Presbyterian Church on **Friday, September 27 at 11:00 a.m.**

Relatives and friends may greet the family beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary or at a lunch reception following the service in Parish Hall.





Scan the QR code for summer camp and 2023-2024 pictures on our troop website.



Are you interested in adventure, opportunities in leadership, camaraderie, and service to your community?

Come join Troop 1! We are a goals-oriented, accomplishment-focused Boys BSA Troop that meets in the APC Rec Room, located by the children's playground, on Mondays from 7:15-8:30pm (Boys must be 10 years old in 5th grade to join).

You want to enjoy the outdoors, but you're not sure how? Don't worry! No camping experience necessary. Troop leaders and fellow scouts will help you prepare for and support you during our camping trips! Our 2024-2025 opening events include Outdoor Rock Climbing and Intro to Whitewater Rafting! (must be a registered boy scout to participate)

All troop leaders have completed Youth Protection Training and attained all required clearances to work with youth per BSA policy.

Interested in learning more? Come find me (Mariam Freeman-Scoutmaster) or Allen Tsung and Jesse Freeman after service, or send your questions to email trooponeabington@gmail.com!

Refreshing Mountain Camp Fall Youth Retreat Sept. 27-29, 2024



Who: 6th—12th grade youth
When: Friday 9/27 meet @ 6:00 p.m. @ APC
Sunday 9/29 return to APC @ 12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$100 per youth (Scholarships available)

What: High Ropes Course & Zip Line
Teambuilding Adventure
Movie, Campfire w S'mores, Worship, and Games!!!

Check out the website: www.refreshingmountain.com

Questions? Contact....
Justin Feil 215-512-4946 or justinfeil4@gmail.com
Or Ashley Rossi 215-870-7170
pastorash80@gmail.com



To register:
Fill out **APC Parental Consent Form** and
Refreshing Mountain Release Form
(available on the weekly email)

Return forms and \$100 payable to APC or online,
to the Church office or Justin Feil by
SUNDAY 9/22

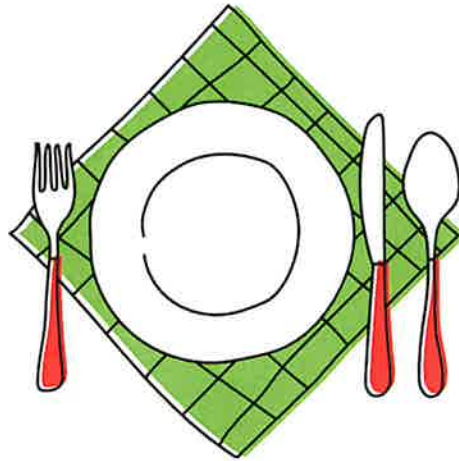
**Calling all
chefs & servers!**

Saturday September 28th

**Where: Face to Face Mission,
123 East Price Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19144**

**When: Cooking from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
or Serving from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM**

Contact Don Brooks at dmkabrooks@comcast.net



The Presbytery of Philadelphia and the
Session of Abington Presbyterian Church
invite you to celebrate the installation of

The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson

as Designated Pastor
Sunday, September 29, 2024
at 3:00 p.m.

Reception to Follow



Calling All Bread Bakers On Sunday, October 6th we will observe World Communion Sunday and would love to offer loaves from all over the world during the service symbolizing our connectedness with Christians everywhere. And then we will break bread together, sharing our gifts with one another! Please text or call Kathy Messina (215-850-0994) to let her know if you can bake or bring a loaf or two to share representing a particular place in the world. This is a fun and interesting time of fellowship for all!



APC GIVING

	YTD 8/31/24	YTD 8/31/23	Annual 2024 Budget
Revenue	\$469,568	\$431,784	\$657,000
Disbursements	\$491,384	\$456,964	\$762,500
(Deficit)/Surplus	\$ (21,816)	(\$25,180)	(\$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

