

⁸ Our help is in the name of the LORD
who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8



Abington Presbyterian Church

September 29, 2024

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

19th 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*

*Holy God of limitless surprises,
meet us here
in this place
as we touch that which we cannot see
that which we have not dared to hope.*

From a prayer by Katherine Hawker

PRELUDE

Invocation

Richard Ross

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Like Moses in the wilderness, prophets in the town square,
and disciples along the lakeshore, God calls us.

**We join together as a family of faith
in prayer and praise, worship and work.**

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
we lay aside all that would weigh us down and hold us back

**to run the race that is set before us –
our eyes fixed on Jesus, our souls sustained by his grace.**

*HYMN 4

Holy God, We Praise Your Name GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

(* - Indicates all who are able may stand)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

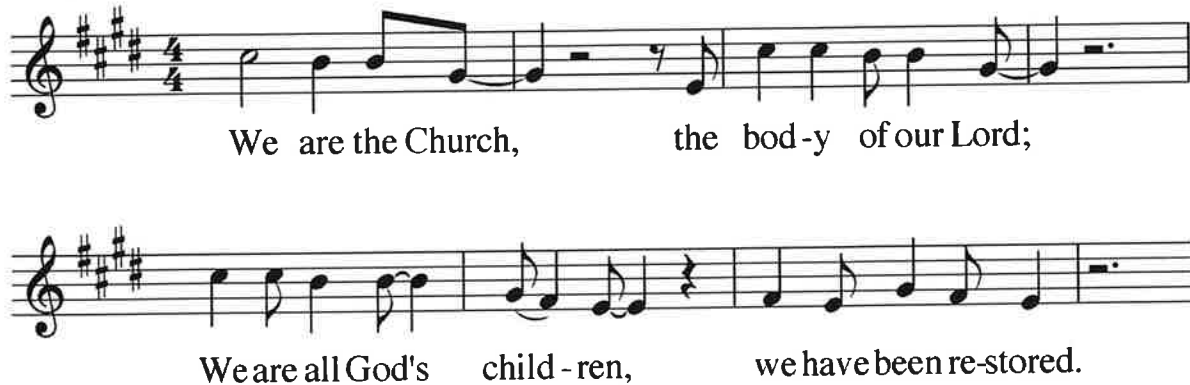
**God of the ages,
God of the old, old story,
we hear of our ancestors
and are astounded by their faith.
They trusted you, but we waver.**

They believed your promise,
but we cling to our own ideas.
Forgive us and free us from our fear,
that we may follow with joy wherever you may lead.

*SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE The Church Song (We Are the Church) Jay Beech



We are the Church, the bod-y of our Lord;

We are all God's child - ren, we have been re-stored.

*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 dismissed to Sunday School.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 NT p. 225
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 325 v.1 By All Your Saints Still Striving KING'S LYNN

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 11:29-12:2 NT p. 226
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson*

*HYMN 691 Lord, When I Came into This Life LAND OF REST

***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

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

Robert Hobby

Holy Spirit, every dwelling in the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding o'er a world of gloom and night'
Holy Spirit, ever raising those of earth to thrones on high;
living, life-imparting Spirit, you we praise and magnify.

Holy Spirit, every living as the church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, every forming in the church the mind of Christ;
you we praise with endless worship for your gifts and fruits unpriced.

Holy Spirit, ever working through the church's ministry;
quickenng, strengthening, and absolving, setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age and soul to soul
in communion never ending, you we worship and extol.

***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 741**

Guide My Feet

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

God of Grace

Paul Manz

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson

Liturgist: Sandy Bishop

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

Chancel Choir: John Sall, director

Violin: Joan Paltenstein

Guest Substitute Organist: Thomas Faracco

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are from Dorothy Graham's Memorial Service.

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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), 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.

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 29, 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	Creation– animals	221
	K–5th Grades	Youth Lounge	Maryum Gill	Hannah & Samuel—Science	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—Sunday October 6th

The study of Hebrews is for anyone who has ever felt their faith challenged to its very core. Join us for an engaging and dynamic dive into the New Testament book of Hebrews, one that has often been avoided by Christians because of its complex themes, including whether believers can lose their salvation. With a solid and convincing grounding in the Old Testament, the author of Hebrews presents the most comprehensive argument in Scripture for who Christ is and what he accomplished for our salvation and eternal security. In the Parlor at 8:45 am.

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
TODAY
at 3:00 p.m.

Reception to Follow

Steps in faith have new meaning when you walk with others!
Join us for **our next labyrinth walk on Wednesday, October 2 at 6:00 p.m.**

Bring a friend. Bring your own prayers for our community. Bring hope knowing that peace is every step. You can just show up but we hope you can let us know in advance so we can set up a chair or provide you with some light, healthy fare.





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!

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)




Music
at Abington presents

ELEVATION

ELEVATE VOCAL ARTS

Sunday, October 6, 2024, at 4:00 P.M.



Abington Presbyterian Church, 1082 Old York Road, Abington PA
livestream option available at www.apcusa.org/MusicAtAbington
free childcare • fully accessible • free will donations received

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! Below is the link with bread recipes:

<https://apcusa.org/2024/09/18/world-communion-sunday-breads-and-more/>



A Service of Witness to the Resurrection celebrating the life of Linda Cutting will be held on Saturday, October 12th at 12:00 p.m. at Abington Presbyterian Church.



APC QUIZZO!

Your APC Deacons cordially invite you to QUIZZO - a TRIVIA game for young and old

FRIDAY OCTOBER 18TH at 7:00PM

entry requirement – desire to have FUN!!!
Eight players per team - \$15 per person

BYO snacks & beverages

Please email kevin3kelly@gmail.com
to reserve a table for your team
OR if you're coming solo (we will pair you up!)



All proceeds will benefit Deacons' programs and outreach.

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)

Fall Cleanup - Sunday October 20th from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Fall Cleanup will be predominately EXTERIOR leaf/branches cleanup around the property and in the cemetery. Please come with rakes and gloves (if you have extra rakes and gloves, please bring them in case others may need them.)



APC is again hosting the Presbytery-wide Fall Fest on Saturday, October 26! This year's equipping event is entitled "Hope-filled Leadership for a Disruptive Season". As the entire APC campus will be utilized on this day, we are asking for volunteers to help welcome visitors from dozens of churches in the Presbytery of Philadelphia. Please sign up to help as you are able using the Signup Genius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B44AEA82EA31-51473106-fall>

Also we encourage you to register for the event as well. As a volunteer, you will certainly have time to attend a few breakout sessions (and you will get an awesome t-shirt).

<https://presbyphl.org/fall-fest-2024-hope-filled-leadership-for-a-disruptive-season/>

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to email 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!



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

