

- ⁵ May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.
⁶ Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of
joy
carrying their sheaves.

Psalm 126:5-6



Abington Presbyterian Church

October 27, 2024
10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

Reformation Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Reformation Sunday
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, silence all voices within our minds but your own.

Help us to seek and be able to follow your will.

May our prayers be joined

with those of our sisters and brothers in the faith,

that together we may glorify your name and enjoy your fellowship forever.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace

Setting by David M. Cherwien

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless the Lord at all times.

Let everyone bless God.

Praise the Lord continually.

Let everyone praise Christ.

Our souls boast in the Lord.

We boast in the Spirit's greatness.

With one voice, we magnify and exalt the Lord,
for God has delivered us and made us whole.

Exalt our God, the Lord of life.

*HYMN 624

I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

(* - Indicates all who are able may stand)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mystical and transcendent God,

there is so much of life

we simply do not know.

In our arrogance,

we utter what we do not understand.

Rescue us, O Lord, from our afflictions.
Restore us, O God, from our self-inflicted wounds.
Have mercy on us, Son of David, Son of God,
and save us by your unending intercession.

*SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE HYMN 581 Glory Be To the Father
 **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
 and to the Holy Ghost;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
 world without end. Amen, 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.**

ANTHEM A Mighty Fortress is Our God arr. Mark Patterson
 *The Chapel Choir offers an anthem based on the early Reformation-era hymn (#275) which parallels
 Psalm 46.*

WORD

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

All Grades are dismissed to their classes.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 34:1-8 OT p. 508
 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM I Believe This is Jesus Undine Smith Moore
 I believe this is Jesus; come and see, come and see;
 I believe this is Jesus; come and see, come and see.

The light of God shines in his face; Oh, come and see, come and see.
He offers all his pardoning grace; come and see, come and see.

Oh I believe (yes!) this is Jesus (yes!); come and see (yes!), come and see (yes, Lord!);
I believe (yes!) this is Jesus (yes!); come and see, come and see,
come and see, oh, my Lord!
Oh, I believe this is Jesus; come and see, come and see!

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:46-52

NT p. 47

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Rev. Ashley Rossi

*HYMN 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

—from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1

**My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own,
but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the
tyranny of the devil.**

He also watches over me in such a way

**that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven:
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,**

assures me of eternal life

and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

*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 649

Amazing Grace

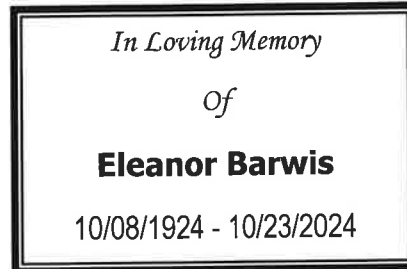
AMAZING GRACE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ein feste Burg

Setting by David M. Cherwien



Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Ashley Rossi
Liturgist: Suzin Weber
Children's Message: Ruth Sall
Chapel Choir: Ruth Sall and John Sall, co-directors
Chancel Choir: John Sall
Celebration Ringers: Shirley Keiter, interim director
Interim Organist: Shirley Keiter

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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, 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 Browna), Ernie Arnold, Carol Boles (mother of Christine Sacco), Marilyn Ming (sister of Carolyn Ming), Eugenia Velazquez (Iris Long's mother), The Weir Family, Judson Edwards (family member of Craig & Carole Jean Nicholson), Don Remmey (friend of Doug & Pam Callantine).

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

October 27, 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	Moses—10 Commandments	221
	K—5th Grades	Youth Lounge	Michele Feil	Abraham & Sarah—Games	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

Unity Task Force to Meet TODAY in the Parlor after the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

All are welcome to attend a meeting of the Unity Task Force. Thembeke Mason will be present as well as Ray Torres and Eileen Gilkenson who will speak about their experiences in accompanying Thembeke to her home country of South Africa. There will also be time to discuss future plans and projects for the Unity Task Force. Everyone is encouraged to attend and share ideas for how the Unity Task Force can celebrate the values of tolerance and unity for all. Light refreshments will be served.

Questions? You may contact Joanne Bates--jandjbates215886@gmail.com or Bonnie H. Zetick--bhzetick@aol.com.



all attendees are encouraged to wear costumes!

Music at Abington

Ruth Sall & Friends
Musical Story Time

a 50-minute program for children of all ages
Sunday, October 27, 2024, at 4:00 P.M.

APC Fun, Friends & Fellowship - Pumpkin Carving Tuesday October 29 at 7:00PM
This has been a beloved annual tradition for many of us who first met when we were in the MYKids group (Mothers of Young Kids) - but those "kids" aren't so young anymore, and our group has changed and grown in many ways. We invite all women of APC to join us at the home of Sherry Aikens, our pumpkin carving queen extraordinaire. Just bring your cleaned pumpkins. She will have tools and patterns to share. You are invited to bring a beverage or snack to share, and Sherry will be providing soup and cheese & crackers. Reach out for more information or to RSVP to Michelle Feil @ 215-512-1246 michellefeil74@gmail.com or Jennie Colt @ 267-237-4713 jennie.colt@gmail.com



Medicate Seminar—Tuesday, October 29 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm in the Parlor.

Free Seminar! Confused about Medicare supplement plans and how to evaluate which plan is best for you? In this one-hour seminar, Brad Davis, an expert in Medicare supplement insurance, will help you make sense of it and will also explain the new options for 2025.

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION—Thursday, October 31 at 9:15 a.m.

Please join the Committee for Older Adult Ministries, APC members, non-members and friends for a Halloween event. Our Nursery school children will parade around the church parking lot and the church hallways dressed in their Halloween costumes. The parade begins at the nursery school entrance off the upper parking lot. After the parade, children and guests will assemble in the Parish Hall where the children will perform their Halloween songs. The 4-year-old class will remain in the Parish Hall. We will share a snack and make a craft together. The craft will be put in the Deacons Thanksgiving baskets. Treat yourself to a morning of Halloween fun!



God has given each of us the gifts needed to serve as Elders and Deacons.

Please contact Sandy Hostetter, chair of the Nominating Committee, at shostetter@comcast.net if you would like to share your time and talents as part of this vital ministry.

All Saints' Sunday—November 3rd, 2024.



All Saints' Sunday is a time when we remember the saints of our congregation who have died in the last year. We will read aloud the names of church members who have died since All Saints' Sunday in 2023. Everyone will have the opportunity to light a candle in memory of those they have lost either this year or in prior years.



Adult Forum— Sunday, November 3rd at 8:45 a.m. in the Parlor.

What is church culture? How is a congregation’s culture made visible? How can a congregation change its culture? *Should* a church change its culture? Come to discuss these and other questions raised by the Christian Century article *How can a congregation change its culture?* Find the article here: <https://tinyurl.com/pmu9tu7w> or use the QR code.

Don't get rid of your leftover Halloween candy. Donate it!

APC Youth Group will have a box outside the church office after Halloween to collect leftover candy that we'll make into care packages for college and college-aged students. All candy should be turned in by Nov. 17 please.

CARE PACKAGES: Do you have a college student or college aged child? If so, we will be sending them care packages. Please send their name and address to jennie.colt@gmail.com or justinfeil4@gmail.com by Nov. 17.



The next Women’s Gathering will be held on Thursday, November 14th at 11:30 A.M. at Break Time Diner located at 41 York Road, Warminster.

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



Our next book is *Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson, and the Opening of the American West* by Stephen E. Ambrose and will be discussed on Nov. 21st in the Parlor at 7P.M.



Shhh...a surprise is coming to APC following morning worship on December 8th. The Deacons are promising that it will be so many things...tasty, yummy, fun, and helpful. Deacons will need your help to make it happen. SO, stay tuned until next week when the Deacons will reveal the big, tasty surprise and share how you can help!

Potluck Meal – Sunday, November 10th after worship in Parish Hall.

Bring a dish to share and enjoy some fellowship.

2024 3rd Quarter Contribution Statements

The 3rd quarter contribution statements were mailed; look for them in your email or mailbox. Please review them carefully and contact Jackie with any comments.

Emailed statements will have the following message in the “From Line” and “Subject line” since they are sent through our vendor, CCIS:

From line: support@ccissoftware.com Subject line: Contribution Detail - Etc.

If you changed your email, please send an email to jthurlow@apcusa.org requesting your email to be updated including whether “individual name and/or family update”.

Thank you! Any questions, please contact Jackie Thurlow in the Church Office.



Music
at Abington presents

Abington Symphony Orchestra & Oratorio Choir

John Sall, director

Gwyneth Walker, *Symphony of Grace*

Elaine Hagenberg, *Illuminare*

7:30 P.M., Friday, November 8, 2024

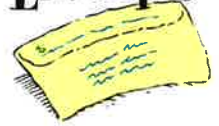
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If you make your offering electronically and do not need weekly offering envelopes mailed to you quarterly, please email Susan Schied at sschied@apcusa.org.

Offering Envelopes



Weekly Bible Study

Interested in digging a little deeper into the Bible texts used for worship? You're invited to join the Wednesday morning Bible Study group! The group meets on Wednesday mornings at 7:45-8:45 in the church parlor. Each week we read and discuss the passages planned for the following Sunday, led by different members of the group. No advance sign-up or preparation required. . If you'd like to get an email listing the week's passages a day or two before the study each week, just call the church office or email sschied@apcusa.org.

APC GIVING

	YTD 9/30/24	YTD 9/30/23	Annual 2024 Budget
Revenue	\$520,394	\$473,811	\$657,000
Disbursements	\$547,591	\$518,195	\$762,500
(Deficit)/Surplus	\$ (27,197)	(\$44,383)	(\$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

