

“See the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

Revelation 21:3b-4



Abington Presbyterian Church

November 3, 2024

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

All Saints' Sunday

ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 3, 2024

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*

*God of the generations,
on this day,
we remember the ancestors of our faith
and of our own families and communities.
May the roots of their love and wisdom continue to
nurture us as we grow,
that the branches of this community
might provide shade for generations to come.
Surround those for whom grief still feels fresh
and those who live with grief as part of daily life.
May we remember the promise of the resurrection
and look to the future with hope. Amen.*

PRELUDE

Hyfrydol

Setting by Mark Sedio

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

"I am the resurrection and the life," Jesus says.
"Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die."
This is God's promise. This is our hope.
The one who called Lazarus from the tomb calls us to new life.
With faith in Christ, let us lift our hearts to God.

*HYMN 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

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

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, Source of Life,
you call us out of the shadowed depths
and into the joy of abundant life.**

But there is much that binds us:

the anger that festers and refuses resolution,
the resentments that eat away at our relationships,
the fear that prevents us from stepping out in faith,
the doubt that our efforts can make a difference,
the despair that seeps in and crowds out hope.

Call to us again, we pray.

Renew our hope
and release us from the things that bind us,
that we might love fully, forgive freely,
and follow you faithfully.

*SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE HYMN 385 Heaven is Singing for Joy

ALEGRIA

Chapel Choir will lead the verses, and all are invited to sing together the Refrain.

Heaven is singing for joy, alleluia,
for in your life and in mine
is shining the glory of God.

Refrain / Estribillo

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Refrain of the hymn 'Heaven is Singing for Joy'. The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The first staff contains the first two measures of the refrain, with lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' and '¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!'. The second staff contains the next two measures, with lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' and '¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!'. Chord symbols are provided above the notes: (G7) Bb7, (C) Eb, (G7) Bb7, (C) Eb, (G7) Bb7, (C) Eb, (F) Ab, (Em7) Gm7, and (Am) Cm.

Heaven is singing for joy, alleluia,
for your life and mine
unite in the love of our God. (*Refrain*)

Heaven is singing for joy, alleluia,
for your life and mine
will always bear witness to God. (*Refrain*)

*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

Preschool is dismissed to their class. All Grades remain in Worship.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 21:1-6a NT p. 259
The Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING John 11:32-44 NT p. 105
The Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompsom*

*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 As This Broken Bread *Wayne Wold*
As this broken bread was scattered upon the hills
and was gathered together and made one,
so let Church, your Holy Church be gathered together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, your glorious kingdom.
For your is the glory, power, through Jesus Christ forever. Amen

*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 (Isaiah 25:6-9)

On the day of the Lord,
God will make for all people
a feast of rich foods and well-aged wines.
The Lord will destroy the shroud that is cast over us;
God will swallow up death forever
and wipe away every tear.

On that day, the people of God will say:

**This is the Lord, for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in God's saving love.**

*HYMN 506

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!

COPELAND

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & NECROLOGY

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.

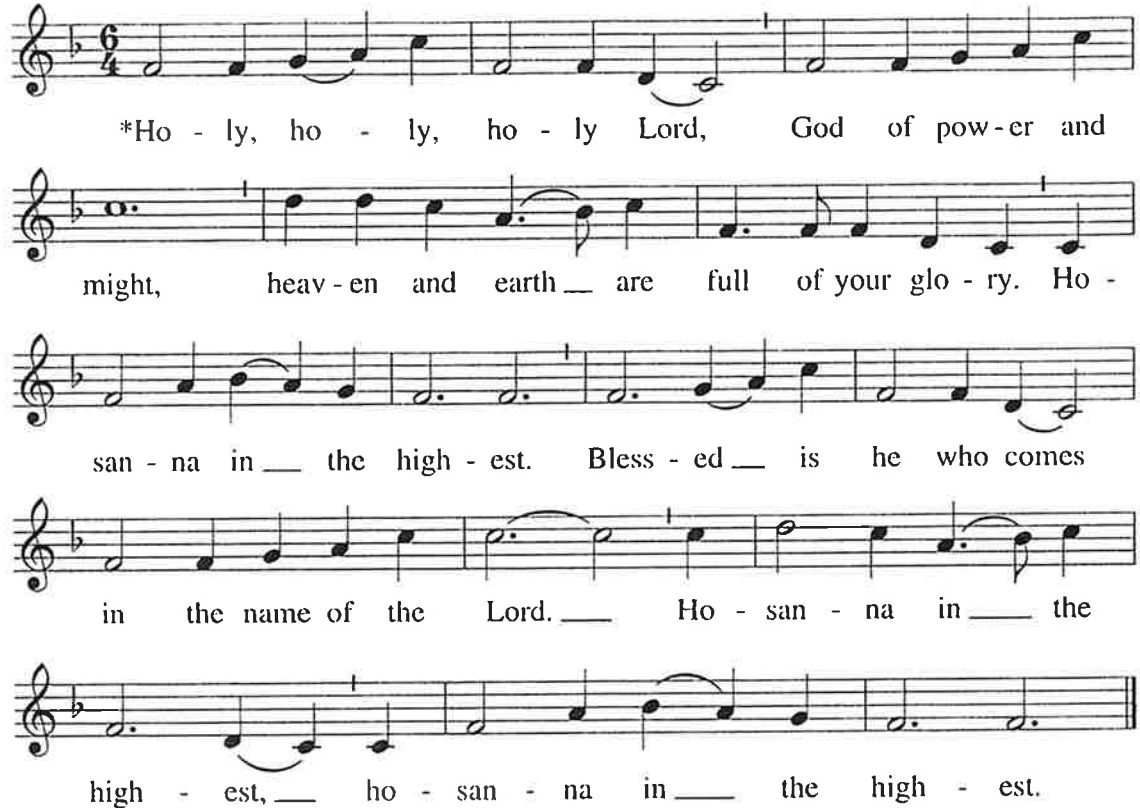
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God ...

... we join our voices with all the saints whom you have called,
from all time and all places,
who forever 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.

Eternal God ...

... Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

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

On this All Saints' Sunday ...

... we name them before you now:

Eleanor Barwis
Dorothy Graham
Gary Koch
Robert C. Lotz
Linda A. Maisenhelder
John B. Neff
Gwen Punchard

Peggy A. Savage
Nelsie Schraishuhn
Carol Watt
John C. Watt, Jr.
Miriam Whitten
William J. Young, Jr.

The prayer continues.

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

This is not a Presbyterian table; it is the table of our Lord. All who trust in Christ are invited to partake of this Sacrament. Please come forward to one of the communion stations at the front of the center aisle. Pre-packaged elements will be available at the center station. Gluten free communion bread will be available at the station closest to the lectern ("house left").

After you have received the elements, you are invited to light a candle in memory of the saints you hold in your heart this day. You may use one of the taper candles available on the tables, or the acolyte's lighter. An acolyte will be available to assist you if needed.

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

**God of glory,
in this holy feast you have made us one with Christ
and with that great multitude of the faithful—
those who hunger and thirst no more
and worship night and day in your temple.
Lead us in the paths of righteousness
and guide us to the springs of the water of life,
until we join the choir of the saints
who forever sing your praise. Amen.**

*HYMN 326

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sine Nomine

Setting by Robert Hobby

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson

Liturgist: Tia McCoun

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

Chapel Choir: Ruth Sall and John Sall,
co-directors

Chancel Choir: John Sall

Guitar: Peter Dykstra

Interim Organist: Shirley Keiter

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

ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN LIFE

November 3, 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	Giving Thanks—Grace	221
K—5th Grades	All	Grades Remain	In Worship	

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).

Election Day Opportunities for Prayer

Seeking sanctuary amidst the stress? Whether you’re feeling unsettled about the election or simply seeking a quiet place to pray, we hope you’ll find respite in our sacred space. The outdoor labyrinth (in the lower lot along Church Street) will be open all day on Tuesday, November 5. In addition, the Abington Presbyterian Church chapel and sanctuary will be open on Election Day from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (please use the North Transept entrance, Door #13.) There will be prayer stations available for those who’d like to engage in guided prayer practices, or you’re welcome to use this time for silent reflection and prayer.

We are the Church together! Thank you to all who have already turned in Commitment Cards for giving in 2025. 107 commitment cards have been received totaling \$502,570. If you still need to submit your Commitment Card, you can do so by filling out the Commitment Card in the pew or scanning the QR code on the card and following the directions on the website. Let’s join together in expressing our love and gratitude for APC with our financial support.

Potluck Meal – Sunday, November 10th after worship in Parish Hall.
Hosted by the Congregational Life Council

Bring a dish to share with 6-8 people. Enjoy food, fellowship and an opportunity to hear about some of the goings on here at APC. All are welcome!





Marine Corps Wreath Laying – Sunday, November 10th at 9:00 a.m.
The Marine Corps Honor Guard will be laying a wreath on the grave of Colonel Charles McCawley who is buried in our cemetery.

He was the 8th Commandant of the Marine Corps responsible for adapting the motto of Semper Fidelis. All are welcome to attend.



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

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

The background of the poster features a mural of four saints in a semi-circular archway, set against a dramatic, fiery orange and yellow sky. The bottom of the poster shows a reflection of a light source on a dark, rippling water surface.

Our Labyrinth is open!

Ready for your feet to walk the path designed centuries ago, and right here at APC. Come walk to breathe away the media sound bytes of fear, anger, and negativity. Come walk together with a group on Wednesday November 13th. We join for a light fare ahead of our walk at 6pm. Please RSVP to crmil-ler56@gmail.com. If you need to, you are welcome to walk at other times—ideally in the afternoons and before dusk.



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.

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.



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.



REVEALED



The Deacons are sponsoring a "Cookie Walk" fundraiser to support APC's Youth Group programs. Church members are being asked to bake 5-6 dozen of their favorite, tastiest cookies or stir up a batch of their favorite candy (fudge, peanut brittle, bark, etc.) to be offered for sale after worship on **December 8th**. All proceeds will benefit our youth programs.

Next week, a sign-up genius will be available for you to indicate your willingness to help by baking. Be thinking of your favorite and tastiest holiday treat! (Please no chocolate chip cookies.) On the sign-up genius, we will be asking you to list the kind of cookie/candy you are donating to assure variety or we will accept a TBD (to be determined).

After worship on December 8th, everyone will be invited to Parish Hall to survey the amazing array of goodies and purchase them as gifts or to enjoy themselves! Please think about ways you can be supportive of this endeavor.

Our youth are the future of APC!



Help Fight Hunger! Deacons Thanksgiving Food Baskets

With your contributions and our service, the Deacons are delivering Thanksgiving Meal Baskets to 50 families this year!

If you are able and wish to contribute, donations are needed for our local community outreach! Consider the options below:

- **Contribute funds towards the “food basket” expenses:** (anticipated cost per basket is \$70)
Please state “Deacons Food Basket” and your envelope # on your check, or use APC Website-Give Tab <https://apcusa.org/give/> or the Mobile App and put “Deacons Food Basket” in the “Notes” box.
- **Purchase food items for the baskets:** Some of the items needed for the baskets include:
 - **Boxed Items:** macaroni and cheese, spaghetti, stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, complete pancake mix, cereal, and packaged cookies
 - **Canned Items:** green beans, corn, baked beans, soup, & tuna fish
 - **Jar/Bottle Items:** peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, and pancake syrup.
- **Help with deliveries on Saturday November 23rd:** Contact Tim Waite – kathyaandtim.waite@comcast.net

We will be collecting items until Sunday, November 17, 2024
Food Donations may be placed in the “Food Pantry” bins outside of the church office.

Please contact the Deacons Coordinators with any questions!

Laurie Wikoff – elwikoff@comcast.net – 215-808-9683

Sheila Jackson – dljskj@gmail.com – 610-806-3313



Interfaith

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Together with Jewish, Christian & Muslim neighbors

An evening of interfaith prayer,
thanksgiving and community

Date	Time
Tuesday, Nov. 26	7:00pm

*Financial donations for local charities will be
accepted at the event.*

Our Lady Help of Christians
1500 Marian Road
Abington, PA 19001



Eleanor Barwis' Memorial Service was held yesterday at the Auditorium of Normandy Farms Estates (9000 Twin Silo Drive, Blue Bell, PA 19422).
 Memorial Contributions may be made to Abington Presbyterian Church or Normandy Farms Residents Hardship Fund (address above).

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.

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.



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

