

- 1 The LORD is king, he is robed in  
majesty;  
the LORD is robed, he is girded  
with strength.  
He has established the world; it  
shall never be moved.
- 2 your throne is established  
from of old;  
you are from everlasting.

*Psalm 93:1-2*



*"Jesus Christ Conquers"*

*(wood carving on the Communion table and over the North and South vestibule doors)*

## Abington Presbyterian Church

November 24, 2024

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

Christ the King ∞ Reign of Christ

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
Christ the King Sunday  
ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
November 24, 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*

*"More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,  
more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the LORD!  
Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore." Psalm 93:4-5*

**PRELUDE**

Helmsley - II. Trio: Alleluia

*Setting by Karl Osterland*

**LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (inspired by Psalm 132:8-9)

Let's gather together in the presence of our God.  
Let's bring our songs of praise and our prayers of thanksgiving.  
Let us bow down in worship before the Lord our Maker.

**Arise, O God, and enter Your sanctuary,  
You, and the ark of Your strength.  
Clothe us in justice and faithfulness,  
and put new songs of joy and praise in our mouths.**

**Let's worship God together!**

\*HYMN 264

At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

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

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Sovereign God,  
we confess we have given idols power over us,  
the idols of power and wealth, fame and security.  
We confess we have fallen into the ways of this world  
and have forgotten our kindred in Christ.  
We have lost sight of the reign of God here on earth,  
and instead have allowed the idols of the world to rule over us.**

Forgive us.  
Call us into Your reign,  
to declare You the One who has power over us  
because Your power is love.  
Call us to love our neighbors as ourselves,  
and to work for justice, show mercy, and love one another  
in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

\*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.**

### WORD

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children are dismissed to their classes.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING                      Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14  
    The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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SCRIPTURE READING                      John 18:33-37  
    The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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SERMON

*The Rev. Megan LeCluyse*

\*HYMN 348                      Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY

**\*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**

**Hail To the Lord's Anointed**

*Timothy Shaw*

Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, to set the captives free,  
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He shall pour down his blessings upon the barren earth;  
faith, hope, and love together before him spring to birth.  
Upon the mountains with him shall peace and gladness go;  
and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

He comes with consolation to those who suffer wrong;  
and for the poor and needy, the courage to be strong;  
he offers songs for singing, turns darkness into light, for souls,  
condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.

Kings shall fall down before him, their royal tribute bring;  
all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing.

Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!  
Hail the anointed One!

**\*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 363**

Rejoice, the Lord is King

DARWALL'S 148TH

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** Helmsley I. Fanfare: With clouds descending . . . *Setting by Karl Osterland*

**Worship Leaders:**

**Preacher:** The Rev. Megan LeCluyse

**Liturgist:** Kathy Messina

**Children's Message:** Tia McCoun

**Chancel Choir:** John Sall, 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), 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, Amanda Hebert (friend of Amanda Pompilli), Katie Link (APNS parent), Holland Lutzow (APNS student), Clinton Mench (APNS parent).

**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**

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

# ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN LIFE

November 24, 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	221
	K—5th Grades	Youth Lounge	Suzanne Madden	Abraham and Sarah—Drama	Parish Hall

*Children ages 30 months through 5<sup>th</sup> grade attend Sunday School during the 10am service. Preschool classes start at 10am and are listed in the grid. Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> 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).

**Adult Bible Study—November 24th at 8:45 a.m. in the Parlor.** 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.

**Adult Forum—December 1st at 8:45 a.m. in the Parlor:** The future is scary: we simply don’t know, and it flies toward us anyway.” Where does God fit into the changes in the seasons of our lives? Join us on December 1 at 8:45 am in the Parlor for the discussion of the Christian Century article, *Stretched Between Life’s Verses*.  
<https://tinyurl.com/4cnwd7ac>



The Church Office will be closed November 28th & 29th for Thanksgiving.



Thank you to Ed & Kathy Messina for providing and preparing the harvest table in the sanctuary in memory of Kathy’s mom and dad and Ed’s dad. Thank you to Georgene and Chad Pilling for delivering the produce to Face to Face ministry in Germantown.

During the holidays, some of us struggle. We remember loved ones who have passed away, miss loved ones who are unable to gather at our tables and in our homes; feel regret related to others from whom we are estranged. If you are feeling any kind of holiday “blues” for any reason, please reach out to Chaplain Tia by calling the church office 215 887 4530. Chaplain Tia is available most Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays.



# *Interfaith*

## **THANKSGIVING SERVICE**



*Together with Jewish, Christian & Muslim neighbors*

An evening of interfaith prayer,  
thanksgiving and community

Date	Time
<b>Tuesday, Nov. 26</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>

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

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





**December 1st from 4:00-5:30 p.m. – Advent Fair and Hanging of the Greens Event followed by the Crockpot Potluck!**



Bring a crockpot dish to plug in while you help decorate the church and create Advent Crafts. There is something for every age.

We will also continue our tradition of making a fresh greens Advent Wreath. For more information, please contact Ruth Sall.

**COME TO A CHRISTMAS PARTY!** - The Committee for Older Adults and APC Staff invites all APC seniors and a friend to a Christmas Party at Rydal Park. Please join us for caroling, fellowship and refreshments as we gather together to celebrate the Christmas Season.

**WHEN :** Wednesday, December 4 @ 2:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Rydal Park Auditorium

**THEME :** Christmas memories

**R.S.V.P.:** Church office - 215- 887-4530 by Monday, November 25.



*Christmas Cookie Walk*

*Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>*

*following morning worship*

The Deacons fundraiser to support the Youth Programs at APC is off to a great start with many signing up to bake cookies or provide candy. They are still in need of 6 more bakers. Will you please consider giving of your time, cooking expertise and ingredients to provide 5-6 dozen cookies for the event? Details are available on the Sign-up-Genius below or the QR code. Questions?? Contact Pam Callantine 215-460-4342.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4AACA928AAFFC52-52256446-apccookie>



*Christmas Cookie Walk Shoppers*

APC's Cookie Walk will be supplying **ONE STOP SHOPPING** for all your cookie needs. Simply visit Parish Hall after worship on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, get one or more containers, and then take **"THE COOKIE WALK"**. You will be able to collect an amazing array of home-made cookies for folks that are hard to find a gift for, friends, neighbors, teachers, and your family.

Cookies are \$15 a pound paid for by cash or check, please.

**WOW! A WIN, WIN. WIN...**

- Homemade cookies!
- Gifts for anyone and everyone! (We will even add a bow)
- Support for the youth at APC – the future of our church!
- Help with the grocery bill with butter \$3.99 a pound and eggs \$3.79 a dozen!!!

**CHRISTMAS DONATIONS 2024**

We are so very blessed at APC to enjoy beautiful and inspiring music in a lovely and worshipful sanctuary. At our most holy times of year we are even more fortunate to be able to witness even more of those gifts in a sanctuary that has been lovingly decorated. Thanks to those who have given their time, talents and treasure we are able to make this happen each year.

This Christmas, consider making a gift to enrich the season and enhance our music with added musicians as well as beautifying the sanctuary with flowers and special decorations in memory/honor of a loved one. We ask that you mark your check as *"Christmas Gift"* and include this form with your donation.

Yes, I/We would like to remember/honor a loved one with a gift:

Your Name: .....

Your Name (s) as printed in the Bulletin: .....

In Memory of: .....

In Honor of: .....

Enclosed please find \$ ..... ( ) Check ( ) Cash

APC envelope # (if available) .....

Please make checks payable to Abington Presbyterian Church.

**Mission Council Offers Alternative Gifts for Christmas Giving Opportunities.** Locally you can support **Gemma Services** whose vision and mission illustrates the deep belief in the importance of every individual. The new tagline, "Because You Matter," has the power to transform hope into action for children, youth and families facing emotional and behavioral challenges often caused by loss or serious traumas such as abuse, neglect and addiction. Your donations will help children and families experience joy and hope during the Christmas season.

**Alternative Gifts purchased from the Presbyterian Giving Catalogue** are tangible ways that we can share our faith by supporting people at home and around the world who are in need of hope and relief from the traumas of poverty and upheaval.

Please review the **Alternative Gift Form** included with the worship materials to place your order by **December 18**. Checks are payable to Abington Presbyterian Church, marked Gemma Services or Alternative Gifts. Please include your member number.



## Mission Council Offers Christmas Giving Opportunities



Purchasing alternative gifts for family and friends are tangible ways that we can share our faith by supporting people at home and around the world who are in need of hope and relief from the traumas of poverty and upheaval. A small gift has a big impact and adds joy to families celebrating Christmas.

### Gifts for Gemma Services

Gemma Services changes lives by transforming hope into action for children, youth and families facing emotional and behavioral challenges often caused by loss or serious traumas such as abuse, neglect and addiction. The holidays are a magical time at Gemma. "Wow! It looks like a fairy tale!" exclaimed a child in residence as they arrived at the Harrison gym for the annual holiday celebration last year, which had been transformed into a winter wonderland. "This is the best night of my life!" exclaimed another child upon receiving a stack of donated gifts. You can help Gemma show hundreds of children and families who participate in our programs how much they matter this holiday season!

### Presbyterian Giving Catalogue

Gifts purchased from the Presbyterian Giving Catalogue are tangible ways that you can provide help and relief to people, families and communities around the world.

**Farming Tools, \$10.** Growing and harvesting crops is possible only with the proper tools, such as shovels and machetes. This necessary equipment can help bring a fruitful yield from the land.

**Family of Chickens, \$25.** Eggs for food, feathers for pillows and fertilizer for crops. By giving a family of chickens, you can help improve the food security and livelihoods of farmers and families around the world.

**Jerry Cans, \$25.** UNICEF estimates that women and girls around the world collectively spend 200 million hours every day fetching water. Your gift provides up to 10 jerry cans to transport water more efficiently, freeing women and girls to spend more time on enriching activities, like attending school and contributing to their family's income.

**Supplies for Displaced Students, \$30.** Provide the opportunity of education to students who have lost everything. With a gift of school supplies, three students living in a refugee camp can be empowered through learning.

**Hygiene Kit, \$30.** Help support international relief efforts that provide supplies critical in controlling the spread of infection and disease. Hygiene kits can include emergency food items, mosquito nets, blankets, soap products and more.

**Sewing Machine, \$50.** New sewing equipment can launch a business that mends, alters and sells clothing and linens. Your gift can help provide a stable source of income for a family in a developing part of the world.

**Water Filter, \$50.** In many places, residents must cope with contaminated local water systems. A water filter provides a family with safe water for drinking, bathing and cooking and keeps 300 empty water bottles out of local landfills.

**Family Nutrition Starter Pack, \$150.** Help provide nutritious, filling meals for ten women-headed households through packs filled with seeds for kale, tomatoes, onions, cabbage and okra.

### GEMMA SERVICES and Alternative Gift donations should be made by December 18, 2024.

Please fill out this form with your check for GEMMA donation and/or ALTERNATIVE GIFTS from the Presbyterian Gift Catalogue and mail to the church. *Please make checks payable to Abington Presbyterian Church and add your member number.* We will mail you a card(s) with the project(s) you purchased for your honoree.



\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL: GEMMA Gift Donation.** \$25 suggested per gift donation.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL: Presbyterian Gift Catalogue**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Your address: \_\_\_\_\_

**COME TOGETHER TO CREATE CHANGE. Small Gifts. Big Impact.**

Abington Presbyterian Church: 1082 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001  
Questions: Please contact Georgene Pilling at gapilling25@gmail.com.



Christmas by Candlelight—Sunday, December 15th at 4:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Gather in candlelight to hear and sing carols and anthems reflecting the joy and peace of Christmas. Children and Youth Choirs join the Oratorio Choir together with organ and the Abington Symphony Orchestra in this beloved annual program.

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](mailto:shostetter@comcast.net) if you would like to share your time and talents as part of this vital ministry.

### 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](mailto:sschied@apcusa.org).

### APC GIVING

	YTD 10/31/24	YTD 10/31/23	Annual 2024 Budget
Revenue	\$582,690	\$534,240	\$657,000
Disbursements	\$602,855	\$574,515	\$762,500
(Deficit)/Surplus	\$ (20,165)	(\$40,275)	(\$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

