Winter Storm Warnings

In the event of closure due to bad weather an announcement will be sent out through our robo messaging system using telephone and emails. If you are able to pass the word on to friends who may not receive these messages, please give them a call.

(If you have NOT registered for the robo system, please call the office!)

As always, if you have any uncertainty about traveling in bad weather, Please Stay Home!

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Covid Protocol Information

Breakthrough covid has hit pastors, sessions and congregations of our Presbytery now more than any other time during this pandemic. Out of our concern for the health and safety of the entire congregation, and due to the current spike in positive covid cases and the spread of the Omicron variant, we want to remind you of our current guidelines which are still in effect. We strongly encourage masks be worn by those attending church services who are either unvaccinated or immune-compromised. For anyone vaccinated/boosted, we are still observing our Covid 19 Guidelines in place since May 2021, which are wearing a mask when singing, staying seated in the open pews, and observing six feet of distance between yourself and others.

Individuals with COVID-19 symptoms, or those who have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19, should get tested to reduce the spread of the virus.

New Jerseyans can get tested by:

- 1. Ordering a free at-home saliva test, shipped directly to your home at no cost
- 2. Ordering four free at-home COVID-19 tests from COVIDtests.gov
- 3. <u>Visiting a free public testing location</u> in your county
- 4. Using the COVID-19 Test Site Finder to find a test nearby

A free federal testing site is now open at **421 Chris Gaupp Drive in Galloway**.

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Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.

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Sunday at 10:30 a.m. In Person OR

Online on APC's Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/AbseconPresby

Ruling Elder David R. Watts
Sermon: "Among the Exiled?"
First New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Gospel Reading: Luke 6:17-26

Lay Assistant: Tina Brown Ushers: Barbara & Bob Hudak

Attendance Last Week

Worship: 41 Sunday School: 6

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Please Keep These Requests In Prayer

The prayer book is on the table in the vestibule by the side entrance to the sanctuary. Please write any requests/praise items you wish to be included in prayer during worship.

Keep in mind that Facebook comments and requests read by the minister during worship are being recorded for broadcast and can be heard by the general public worldwide. For the privacy of those you are praying for, consider using just a first name or making your prayer requests general in nature.

For God's guidance as we continue the process of calling a new pastor.

Members of our armed services.

For an end to this pandemic, protection for those most at risk.

For confidence to know that in the struggle, God is with us.

For renewed commitment to God's purpose in us all.

For us to come together in the bond of self-giving love.

For renewed energy in finding our place in God's church, as people who pray, share and

volunteer.

For wisdom and discernment when facing the unknown.

For God's church to embrace the poor and marginalized, to see God's image and be God's image in this broken world.

For a revival in our faith to live boldly for God's Kingdom.

For those who donated 29 units of blood at Wednesday's Red Cross blood drive at our church, and for those who will receive these donations.

For these the individuals and families in acute need right now who are connected to your church in Absecon:

Michael & Mary Guerrieri & Family, Carol McDowell, Robin Deaver, Marjorie McGuigan, Jim Morris, The Seltzer Family, Lynn Derman, Bill Young, Kathy Bordonaro, Don Croneberger, Lisa Nagle, Christopher Green, Patti & Devon Morris, Jim McManus, Ethel Washington, Jean Delesantro, Cathy Follansbee, James Beatty, Jun & Family, Olive Brown, Dan Hughes, Stan Weir

Continued prayers always for:

Marilyn Rosado, Luca Leech, Rita Abelson, Desiree DePasquale, Gail Driscoll, Mary Umoren & Family, Dorie Keener, Judy Stebbins, Rob Perry, Robin McBrearty, JoAnne Morgan, Marge Loeb, Kavonna & Essence, Darryl, Khristen and Quentin, Dirk Williamson, Jim Price, Frances Weir, Emilia Carboy, Irene Smith, Aiden & Wendy Licolli, Kathy Boyte, Betsy Cunius, Doris Steele, Essie Newell, Joyce Pfeiffer, Lucy Croneberger, Marie C. & Carmen DeVece, Olga Davies, Edith Budd, Carol DeLaurentis

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Annual Meeting Recap

We thank everyone who attended the annual meeting last Sunday.

All reports were received. It was noted that a new projector, screen and speakers were installed in Madden Hall using a gift of memorial funds.

Elected to serve on the 2022 Nominating Committee were

Mary Bew, Tina Brown, Betty Price and Debbie Wong

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Your end of year giving letters have been mailed.

We thank you for your support throughout these difficult times.

Remember, it's not too late to return your 2022 Stewardship pledge card

and Talent Bank form!

Your pledge is an estimate of giving for the year and provides the Finance Committee with information on how your gifts compare to estimated expenses.

Thank you in advance!

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Watch This Space!

Due to the snow closure on January 30, no deposit was made last week.

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Please know that we love each and every one of you, and you continue to be in our prayers.

Stay safe – Follow Official Guidelines – and Know You Are Loved!