

“Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.”

Mark 10:13-16

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Sunday Worship

at 10:30 a.m.

In Person

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

Rev. Dr Richard Herman

“Like a Child”

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Mark 10:13-16

Lay Assistant: Tina Harvey

Ushers: Tina Brown & Mary Bew

Attendance Last Week:

Worship: 62

Sunday School: 4

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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 the situation in Ukraine and World Leaders

For the refugees and children of Ukraine and for the Ukrainian Church

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

Carol Johnson, Betty Lloyd, Eric Lajeunesse, Jerry Falivene, Jean Delesantro, Julie Dougherty, Walt Koteles, Margie Carroll, The Hall Family, Pete & Joann Elco, Dennis Friedrich, Michael Guerrieri & Family, Carol McDowell, Robin Deaver, Marjorie McGuigan, Don Croneberger, Lisa Nagle, Jim, Patti & Devon Morris, Christopher Green, Jim McManus, Olive Brown, Dan Hughes, Stan Weir

Continued prayers always for:

The Seltzer Family, Ethel Washington, Cathy Follansbee, James Beatty, 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, Kristen and Quentin, Dirk Williamson, 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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Please join us for

Coffee Mingle

All are welcome to gather in Madden Hall
following Sunday worship.

Brought to you by your Church Family
and Fellowship Committee.

If you are able to provide baked goods, cookies, etc.
(homemade or from the store)

and juice please sign up on the clipboard in the vestibule.

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Dear Absecon Presbyterian Deacons,

Thank you so very much for the delicious Easter dinners. We thoroughly enjoyed them. It was so kind and thoughtful of you to think of us.

Carmen and I are so blessed to be part of such a wonderful, caring Church Family. We truly appreciate all of you.

May God's blessings always shine upon you.

Sincerely,

Marie C. & Carmen DeVece

Our deacons faithfully check in on our shut-ins,
regularly taking gifts of homemade soups and breads.
If you can help replenish their supply, please see one of the deacons.
Please label your donations with what type of soup or bread.
(Please do not use nuts in your recipes due to possible allergic reactions.)

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A Note from Lisa Whitaker

He REALLY DOES care about a few . . .

in a small village, tucked away in a valley, on an island, off the coast of Croatia in the Adriatic Sea. I stood in the kitchen of an historic home in the village of Velo Grablje, Hvar, Croatia.

Population

19

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3 of the 19 are children, a 3 year old girl, a 3 year old boy and an 11 year old boy. As we prayed for the people of this village, I was struck with the far-reaching love of our God. We often say, "God cares about the one lost sheep. He leaves the 99 to go seek the ONE". Saying it in theory and then seeing in person how God led us to bring a team of 5 to live in this tiny village during Easter was amazing to me. We raised the total population by more than 25%. We ate Palm Sunday dinner at the one restaurant in the village. There is no store, no bakery, no little convenience kiosk. There is a church and a restaurant that is open on weekends and run by one of the families.

We attended church there twice during Holy Week. The people were so receptive. Following one of the services they invited us into a back room where there was Easter cake and snacks. When we entered the room, they smiled, wished us a Happy Easter and handed us some freshly made pastries. As we stood crammed into this room (more than 19 people came to Holy Week services), we joined in as they sang a song of worship - the chorus was "Alleluia", so we were able to jump right in and be part of the choir.

What a blessing it was for us to be part of this tiny community. What a lesson it was for me, that God truly does see and know every nook and cranny of this amazing world - and He cares. The other half of the team I had invited to come to Hvar lived in a slightly larger village about 3 miles away. We worshipped with them at that village's church as well. We were all struck by the Spirit we felt in both these villages, the acceptance and the openness to us "foreigners" being there. One of our friends heard a few of the villagers talking. "Is this group tourists?" one person asked. "Oh, no, they are missionaries from America" (Half of our group were not Americans, but rather Europeans.) It was nice to know they were aware we were not tourists!

Along with teaching about the Life of Jesus that week, we also participated in a 500 year old tradition called the Walk of the Cross. Six villages join together on Maundy Thursday evening and walk a total of 13 miles (in a large circle, from village to village). Someone from each village carries a cross. They begin at 10:00pm and end around 7am Good Friday morning. Each cross has people from the village that follows them. We walked one leg of the journey with one village and there were close to 100 people following that cross.

It was a very meaningful experience. I found myself pondering how many events like this take place that we are unaware of all over the world, honoring Jesus in their own way, remembering His death in their own special tradition?

Both of these incidences, the village of 19 and the walk of the cross were great reminders to me that God sees and that God is very much alive and at work in the lives of people in many nooks and crannies of this earth.

I'm so grateful to be able to be a part of what God is doing in this world - aren't you ?

I'd love to share more about this trip, feel free to contact me and get together.

Thank you for being an important part of my sending team,
Lisa

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Life Line Screening
May 10 in Madden Hall

5 Preventative health screenings for
Carotid Artery Disease
Peripheral Arterial Disease
Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm
Atrial Fibrillation
Osteoporosis Risk

See the attached flyer for further information.

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***The next Red Cross Blood Drive at APC will be Wednesday, April 29
in Madden Hall from 2p - 7P.***

(sponsor code Lolla Chiro)

To schedule an appointment sign up online use
<https://tinyurl.com/ScheduleYourDonationHere>

OR call 1-800-REDCROSS
(1-800-733-2767)
for an appointment which fits your schedule.

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Thank You!

Deposit made on April 15, 2022

General

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$245.32
Envelopes Designated	\$520.00
Per Capita	
Initial Offering	
Energy Needs	
Sunday Altar Flowers	
Memorial Money	

On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
On-line Fuel	
On-line Initial Offering	
General Total	\$765.32
Benevolence	
Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$28.20
Envelopes Designated	\$60.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$15.00
Mission Bouquet	
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
On -line One Great Hour of Sharing	
On-line Sister Jean's	
Benevolence Total	\$103.20
Capital Expenditures	
Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$8.46
Envelopes Designated	\$225.00
Fund Raiser	
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
On-line Fund Raiser	
Capital Total	\$233.46
Combined Total	\$1,101.98

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Covid19 Protocol Update

The Regathering Committee (David and Naida Burgess, Nancy Conover, Bill Keener, Laura Puglise, and Don Wong) met on Wednesday evening (April 13) at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom and unanimously approved the following Covid19 Guidelines:

- *Wearing of masks will be optional*
- *Social distancing will be lifted except for several pews at the back of the sanctuary for*

those individuals who wish to remain 6 feet apart.

- *The congregation will stand to say and/or sing the responses and hymns*
- *Plans for serving communion, ushers collecting the offerings, and the choir singing will be put into place.*
- *The post-service Coffee Mingle in Madden Hall as well as other fellowship events will be reinstated.*

The relaxation of the Covid19 Guidelines has been approved by session, and with Presbytery's knowledge, with the understanding that should the CDC, State of New Jersey, Atlantic County, and Absecon rules change due to an outbreak of a Covid strain, we will reinstate our pandemic guidelines.

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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!