As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Luke 19:36-38

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Sunday Worship
at 10:30 a.m.
In Person
OR
Online on APC's Facebook page at
www.Facebook.com/AbseconPresby

Rev. John Nurnberger

Service of the Palms and Passion

Luke19:28-40

Luke 22:66-23:56

Lay Assistant: Rita Abelson Ushers: Barbara & Bob Hudak

> Attendance Last Week: Worship: 36 Sunday School: 9

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<u>Please Keep These Requests In Prayer</u>

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:

Eric Lajeunesse, Jerry Falivene, Jean Delesantro, Julie Dougherty, Walt Koteles, Margie Carroll, The Hall Family, Pete & Joann Elco, John Harvey, 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, Khristen 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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Session Spotlight

Deacons: continue to visit with our shut-ins and leave them a gift of homemade soup and bread. Please remember them with your contributions (envelopes available in our church pews or mail your gift to the church with a note it is for the Deacons) and your favorite creations of soup and/or bread.

Fellowship: plans are being developed for a *Strawberry Festival* and also a Sunday *BBQ* following worship. The committee has not decided on dates for these two events so please

check the Presby Post, Bits and Pieces, and our hall television for additional information.

Stewardship: Session reviewed the first quarter giving for this year compared with the same period last year. Unfortunately, our giving is less than in 2021. Thank you for all you do give to the Church. If you are worshipping in the sanctuary, please continue to leave your envelopes in the offering plates located by the various sanctuary entrances. And if you are attending Church on Facebook, you may either mail your gifts to the Church office or donate online

www.AbseconPresby.org/give

All gifts made Online are safe and secure through the Presbyterian Foundation.

Nominating: the committee will meet on Sunday, April 10, following the service, to fill four openings (2 Elders and 2 Deacons). If you would be willing to serve, please contact a member of the committee (Bill Keener, Mary Bew, Tina Brown, Betty Price, Deb Wong) before Sunday morning's service.

Worship: On May 1, we will welcome Rev. John Nurnberger as our Temporary Pulpit Supply Pastor. He will be with us through October with the option to extend to the end of 2022. Please join us for the May communion service and to welcome Rev. Nurnberger.

Sister Jean's: Rev. Scotland shared good news with us during our last Session meeting; Sister Jean's received approval from Atlantic City to begin restoring the former St. Monica's church, which is Sister Jean's new home. A lot of work will be required before the site will be fully up and running. Many of us who volunteered when the kitchen was at the Victory First Presbyterian Deliverance Church patiently await the news "lunch is again being served and volunteers are needed."

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Thank You from Wellacrest Farms

Thank you so much for the generous donation to help us rebuild. Words cannot express our gratitude for your support during our time of need.

Love, the Eachus Family

The offering from the Community Thanksgiving Worship held November 23 at the Methodist Church was directed to the owners of Wellacrest Farms, Inc. in Mullica Hill. This dairy farm, the largest in New Jersey, took a tremendous hit by the tornados during Hurricane Ida last September.

Rebuilding is slow but continues with the help and support of people like you!

For an update on the progress of rebuilding the farm <u>click here!</u>

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United Methodist Church at Absecon Invites you to attend Holy Thursday Service

April 14 - 7 PM

Communion in the Great Hall followed by a Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary.

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Sight & Sound's Video Performance of "Jesus"

Palm Sunday, April 10 at 4p in Madden Hall Light Refreshments

Sign up in the vestibule on Sunday!

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It's time for Easter flower orders and Mission Bouquet donations!

Orders must be in by Sunday.

A variety of plants have been ordered in advance and you can take your pick on Easter Sunday.

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Senior Citizen Appreciation Dinner

Absecon Community Affairs is bringing back the annual Senior Citizen Appreciation Dinner!

This event will be held in the Great Hall at Absecon United Methodist Church on Sunday, May 1, at 4 PM. All Absecon Senior Citizens are welcome!

Reservations are a must. Please contact Shirley Hipple at 609-576-8412.

RSVP by April 20.

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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 1, 2022 and March Online Giving

General	
Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$321.90
Envelopes Designated	\$530.00
Per Capita	
Initial Offering	
Energy Needs	
Sunday Altar Flowers	
Memorial Money	
On-line Undesignated	\$2,575.71
On-line Designated	
On-line Fuel	\$99.96
On-line Initial Offering	
General Total	\$3,527.57
Benevolence	

Loose

Envelopes Undesignated \$37.00

Envelopes Designated One Great Hour of Sharing Mission Bouquet	\$100.00 \$225.00
On-line Undesignated On-line Designated	\$296.06
On -line One Great Hour of Sharing	\$99.96
On-line Sister Jean's	\$99.96
Benevolence Total	\$857.98
Capital Expenditures	
Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$11.10
Envelopes Designated	\$180.00
Fund Raiser	
On-line Undesignated	\$88.82
On-line Designated	
On-line Fund Raiser	
Capital Total	\$279.92
Combined Total	\$4,665.47

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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. <u>Using the COVID-19 Test Site Finder</u> to find a test nearby

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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!