

*Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow
and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”*

Luke 9:62

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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

“No Looking Back”

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Luke 9:51-62

Lay Assistant: Bill Keener

Ushers: Betty Price & Ann Wallace

Attendance Last Week:

Worship - 32

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 victims of gun violence and their families

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:

Theresa McElwee, Annie Richardson, Laticia & Tony, Gary Price, Minerva Stadlmeir,
Cathy Follansbee, Carol Johnson, Betty Lloyd, Jerry Falivene, Julie Dougherty,
Margie Carroll, Alex Hall, Pete & Joann Elco, Michael Guerrieri & Family,
Dennis Friedrich, 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:

Jean Delesantro, Eric Lajeunesse, Ethel Washington, James Beatty,
Marilyn Rosado, Luca Leech, Rita Abelson, 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, Doris Steele, Essie Newell, Joyce Pfeiffer, Lucy Croneberger,
Marie C. & Carmen DeVece, Olga Davies, Edith Budd, Carol DeLaurentis

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Manse Yard Cleanup
Saturday, June 25, 9:00AM-Noon

The yard at the manse did not any attention last fall so it is due for some TLC.
Our PNC is working diligently and looks forward to interviewing candidates,
so we want to keep the manse yard looking neat.

All help is greatly appreciated!
Hope to see you there.

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Sunday, June 26
Following Worship

BBQ!

At the picnic area by the manse

Admission: A Covered Dish or Dessert

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and Beverages will be provided

See Tina Harvey for further details.

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Please join us each Sunday 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.

Helpers are also needed for set up and clean up.

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Crossing the Thresholds of Life by Lisa Whitaker

Greetings from England and by the time you read this it will be Greetings from Poland.

We just finished 3 weeks here in England helping to facilitate the Master's program I have been working with over the last few years. We had a packed and wonderful time together studying about vocation and the kingdom of God. The participants had to identify their final project they will do next year in order to complete the degree. It is amazing to hear what projects will be taking place from Nepal to Sweden to England to all across the US to Hawaii. I'll share more about that in future notes.

A small team (myself, Ian and Wanda - two friends on one of the teams I facilitate) is preparing to head to Poland to come alongside our long term workers there as they minister to both the Polish people as well as many Ukrainians that have landed there during this war. Our team will

take part in two types of ministry. The first week, we have been asked to spend our days with 6 families of Ukrainian refugees. Some have recently fled from Kharkiv, one of the cities in the east of Ukraine that has been destroyed. The person who is providing refuge for them asked us to just spend the days with them, listening, taking them on outings and playing with the children. Their greatest need right now is to have people present with them as they adjust to a new normal.

The second week we will travel outside of the city and help to staff a family camp that is for both Polish and Ukrainian families. I have been asked to help lead the 7-11 year old children's group. We will tell Bible stories, do crafts and play games with these children as their parents attend various seminars. Some of the children in our group are orphans from Ukraine. I know they will need lots of love and attention.

Please pray for us as we interact with all of these people - the families who have recently fled a very traumatic war torn area and the children we will spend time with at camp.

Recently I read this quote and feel like it applies in a very small way to what we will be doing in the next few weeks:

“When someone encourages you, that person helps you over a threshold you might otherwise never have crossed on your own. There are times of great uncertainty in every life. Left alone at such a time, you feel dishevelment and confusion like gravity. When a friend comes with words of encouragement, a light and lightness visit you and you begin to find the stairs and the door out of the dark.” (John O’Donohue - Eternal Echoes)

My prayer as we spend time with these precious people who have been displaced and are trying to find their way is to help them take a few steps forward in **crossing this threshold** in their life. Not only do we want to be present with them in these few weeks, we also want them to know the faithful presence of Jesus, who promised He would never leave them or forsake them.

I’m certain this time will be packed with emotions as we hear their stories. Please pray we have grace to bring light and life to this corner of the world that is hurting so deeply.

Thank you for your prayers and support,

Lisa

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Thank You!

Deposit made on June 17, 2022

General

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$726.45
Envelopes Designated	\$730.00
Per Capita	\$38.00
Initial Offering	
Energy Needs	
Memorials - Betsy Cunius	\$25.00
Postage	

On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
On-line Fuel	
On-line Initial Offering	
General Total	<hr/> \$1,519.45

Benevolence

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$83.50
Envelopes Designated	
One Great Hour of Sharing	
Mission Bouquet	
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
On -line One Great Hour of Sharing	
On-line Sister Jean's	

Benevolence Total	<hr/> \$83.50
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Capital Expenditures

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$25.05
Envelopes Designated	\$300.00
Bricks (Memorial)	\$195.00
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
On-line Fund Raiser	

Capital Total	<hr/> \$520.05
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Combined Total	<hr/> <hr/> \$2,123.00
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Covid19 Protocol Update

Relaxation of the Covid19 Guidelines has been approved 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.

- *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.*

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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!