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Matthew 3:11

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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](http://www.Facebook.com/AbseconPresby)**

Rev. Jim Shanley  
"And There It Is"

Matthew 3:1-17

Lay Assistant: Nancy Sooy  
Ushers: Bob and Barbara Hudak

Attendance Last Week:  
Worship – 29  
Sunday School - 8

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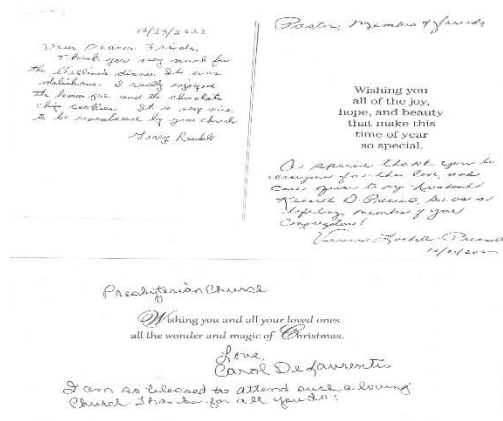
For those of you who did not receive your

**TITHE ENVELOPES** for 2023,

you can find them in the Chapel on the 2nd floor.

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**THANK YOU NOTES**



Presbyterian Church

Wishing you and all your loved ones  
all the wonder and magic of Christmas.

Love,  
Carol DeFavente

I am so blessed to attend such a loving  
Church. It has been for all seasons.

## ***Upcoming January Events***

### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

Two groups are meeting in Cobb Lounge and studying "The Chosen".

Wednesday morning at 10:30 am with Rita Abelson

Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm with Tina Harvey.

### **SESSION MEETING ON ZOOM**

Tuesday, January 11, 2023

### **TAKING DOWN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

Saturday, January 14, 2023

Please join us to help pack away or decorations. We will begin at 9am and am sure we can convince someone to make coffee for us. Many hands make light work so please come for some coffee, packing up the decorations and time for fellowship.

### **2022 ANNUAL MEETINGS**

#### **OF THE CONGREGATION AND THE CORPORATION**

#### **OF THE ABSECON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, January 29, 2023 After the Service

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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 individuals and families in acute need right now who  
are connected to your church in Absecon:
- † For those on our standing prayer list and for the needs of your church not listed here,  
including those intentions held in our hearts and those shared in the comments on  
Facebook.

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

The Family of Katie Beem, Olive Brown, Don Croneberger, Robin Deaver, Kathy Dondanora, Julie Dougherty, Jerry Falivene, Cathy Follansbee, Christopher Green, Carol and Dave Guenther, Michael Guerrieri and Family, Hackney-Will Family, Alex Hall, John Harvey, The Hughes Family, Carol Johnson, Carol McDowell, Marjorie McGuigan, Jim McManus, The Morris Family, Lisa Nagle, Gary Price, Minerva Stadlmeir, Stan Weir.

**Continued prayers always for:**

Rita Abelson, Kathy Boyte, Edith Budd, Emilia Carboy, Lucy Cronberger, Darryl, Kristen and Quentin, Olga Davies, Carol DeLaurentis, Jean Delesantro, Marie C. and Carmen Devece, Gail Driscoll, Kavonna and Essence, Dorie Keener, Eric Lajeuness, Aiden and Wendy Licolli, Marge Loeb, Robin McBrearty, JoAnn Morgan, Essie Newell, Rob Perry, Joyce Pfeiffer, Marilyn Rosado, Irene Smith, Judy Stebbins, Doris Steele, Georgina Umoren, Mary Umoren and Family, Ethel Washington, Frances Weir, Dirk Williamson

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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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# Word Search Puzzle

From WhenWeWordSearch.com

Words in a straight line left to right or top to bottom

January 8, 2023

MATTHEW 3:11



Words in the puzzle are printed in ***bold italics***

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## Deposits made December 24 and 30, 2022

### General

Loose

Envelopes Undesignated \$843.90

Envelopes Designated

Per Capita

Initial Offering

Fellowship Y/E Donation \$250.00

Christmas Donation

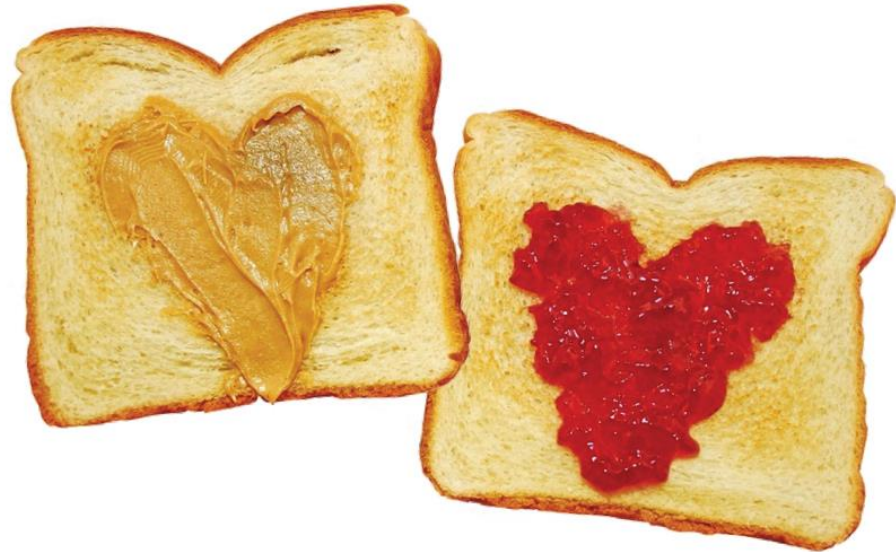
On-line Undesignated

On-line Designated

On-line Fuel	
<b>General Total</b>	<u><b>\$1,093.90</b></u>
<b>Benevolence</b>	
Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$97.00
Envelopes Designated	\$50.00
Mission Evangelism Y/E Donation	\$250.00
Christmas Eve Food Bank	\$750.00
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
On-line Sister Jean's	
<b>Benevolence Total</b>	<u><b>\$1,147.00</b></u>
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>	
Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$29.10
Envelopes Designated	
Bricks (Memorial)	
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
<b>Capital Total</b>	<u><b>\$29.10</b></u>
<b>Combined Total</b>	<u><u><b>\$2,270.00</b></u></u>

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!

# Peanut Butter and Jam Sandwiches Ministry



**Would you like to volunteer making the sandwiches?**

**Would you like to donate peanut butter and/or jam?**

*Just leave the jars in the kitchen with a note saying it's for PB&J Ministry!*

**Monetary donations will help with our purchases of fresh bread.**



Questions?

**Please see or call Betty Price at 609 457-5155.**

**Your gifts and/or time will be very much appreciated!**

*How fortunate the Church is to have John Harvey, Betty Price and Jo-ann Weller who meet every other Thursday at 8 a.m., in the Church kitchen and make peanut butter and jam sandwiches for the Rescue Mission in Atlantic City. Maybe you could give them a helping hand*

*Be assured, the Rescue Mission patrons appreciate everything that they receive.*

**American Red Cross**

*Give blood.* Help save lives.



**Blood Drive**  
**Lolla Chiropractic Center**  
**Absecon Presbyterian Church**

Hall  
208 New Jersey Ave.  
Absecon, NJ 08201

**Wednesday, February 8, 2023**  
**1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: Lolla Chiro to schedule an appointment.

**Warm hearts. Warm thoughts. Give in February for a \$10 Gift Card by email, thanks to Amazon. And, automatically be entered for a chance to win a trip for 2 to Clearwater Beach, FL. Includes travel, hotel, gift card and more! Terms: [rcblood.org/heart](https://rcblood.org/heart)**

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