

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."
God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

– Genesis 1: 27-28, 31

**Worship Live online Sunday at 10:30 a.m. on APC's Facebook page at
www.Facebook.com/AbseconPresby**

Pastor Drew's sermon is titled "*Made in the Image: Return to God what is God's*" from Genesis 1:26-31 (NRSV) and Matthew 22:15-22 (Pastor's Translation) available for you in the attached bulletin along with the hymns.

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If you or someone you know from church is sick or hospitalized, please notify the office at 609/641-3759 so Pastor Drew can reach out to you.

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Please Keep These Requests in Prayer

For each of us in this divided nation to humbly repent and love others as Jesus loves us, regardless of political party.

For all who are suffering the effects of natural disasters.

For an end to this pandemic, healing for the sick, protection for those at risk, and comfort for those grieving or alone.

For a cure, treatment and preventative options to save lives.

For our government leaders to unite in addressing this crisis.

For the homeless and the poor who struggle even more now in this economic recession to meet basic needs.

For wisdom, guidance and protection when we gather again.

For an end to institutions of racism and our personal bigotry, that we humble ourselves for one another and set aside hate.

For all who are grieving personal loss and the changes to our church, our society, the economy and the culture this year.

For all who are struggling with anger and fear, especially those battling mental illness.

For these the individuals and families in acute need right now who are connected to your church in Absecon: Stan Weir, JoAnne Morgan, Loretta Metz, Bill Tilley, Bob Gillis, Rita Abelson, Rob Perry, Robin McBrearty, Christopher Green, Diane Ford, Dorie Keener, the Morris Family, John King, Jim Price, Dirk Williamson

Continued prayers always for:

Elaine Risley, Frances Weir, Mike Speirs, Louise Speitel, Dan Hughes, Gail, Emilia Carboy, Irene Smith, Aiden & Wendy Licolli, Kathy Boyte, Minerva Stadlmeir, Jean Delesantro, Jerry Hoenes, Betsy Cunius, Marjorie McGuigan, Rich & Rob, Doris Steele, Joyce Pfeiffer, Don & Lucy Croneberger, Marie C. & Carmen DeVece, Marge Loeb, Carol Thomas, Jim Mong, Edith Budd, Carol DeLaurentis, Ellen Plum, Mildred Felsberg, Virginia Loeb, Lisa Mazza, Darryl, Kristen and Quentin

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*Session has approved a third **"Together in Christ: A Special Night of Outdoor Worship"** for **October 25, 2020 @ 3 p.m.** in the church cemetery.*

To attend **YOU MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE**. You can do so by going to bit.ly/apcoutside or by calling the office and agreeing to the conditions below.

PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE DOCUMENT.

These conditions have been developed to provide for a safe worship experience for you and for others in this pandemic. Remember that these conditions are about loving your neighbor and regarding others as greater than yourself. If you demonstrate a willingness to comply out of love for others, it will help us clear the way for future events and even a return to our building. In the event of inclement weather, it will be canceled, so pray for clear skies and sunshine.

By registering you are agreeing to and understand the following:

1.) I will wear a mask the entire time I am at the event from the time I exit my car until I re-enter my car. (Especially while speaking to one another, responding softly in the service, and

singing softly or humming the hymns)

2.) I will social distance 6 ft. from all other family groups.

3.) I will do my best to not touch anyone or anything other than my personal belongings.

4.) I am responsible to provide and carry my own chair or blanket for sitting.

5.) I will follow the directions of those leading the service.

6.) The church building will remain closed

7.) Restrooms will NOT be available.

Please DO NOT register or attend if you are not feeling well, even if you think it is just allergies.

Please DO NOT register or attend if you have symptoms-sore throat, headache, fever, stomach issues, swollen toes, diarrhea, or have recently tested positive for COVID-19.

Please DO NOT register or attend if you have recently visited another state.

Please DO NOT register or attend if you are in an official quarantine, such as because you have been notified of contact with someone who has COVID-19, or you have been exposed to someone who is sick but has not been tested, or you have traveled.

We have done our best to provide a safe environment and have gone to extreme lengths to ensure your continued good health and the good health of your fellow churchgoers.

Please be advised that even with these precautions, there is a risk to attending. It is therefore also strongly advised that you use extreme caution or even stay home if you are High Risk or in a vulnerable medical status including but not limited to: Age, Cancer, Chronic Kidney Disease, Emphysema, COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease), Immunocompromised State, Serious Heart Conditions (such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies), Sickle Cell Disease, Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus.

Suggestions for worship:

* Arrive early-seating may take a few minutes.

* Bring your own water-none will be available.

* Worship will last 45 minutes to an hour.

* Once you are seated, you will remain there the entire time until the conclusion of the service.

* No multiple trips to your car.

My submission of this registration form indicates I agree that I am attending this service voluntarily, knowingly and willingly on this date during the pandemic and I pledge to hold harmless the Presbyterian Church at Absecon, its pastor, staff, and members, and the Presbyterian Church (USA), should I contract an illness due to this attendance. *

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Build a Shoebox Online!

Session has set a goal of 40 Shoeboxes built by November 7. Five have been built as of today, and we thank you. You are encouraged to support this worthy cause providing a brighter Christmas for children in need around the world. For a \$25 donation you can choose from gift options in 4 categories and include a short note or you can choose to have your gift filled for you.

Use the [Shoebox](#) link above or use <http://bit.ly/APCShoeBoxes> and click your way through to bring joy to a child!

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Upper Room devotionals for November/December are available from the church office. Give us a call and we will make sure you get your copy!

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Other Ways to Join Worship

Do you or someone you know struggle with using Facebook for Sunday services? Facebook is ideal because we can interact with each other, but if you or someone you know does not have an account, you can still see the services live and throughout the week via our Web site: www.AbseconPresby.org

If you or someone you know is not connected to the Internet at all, we will mail the bulletin and sermon out midweek. Call the office to add a name and address for the mailing.

And every Monday, afternoon the previous Sunday's sermon will be available by phone to

listen day or night at your convenience by calling this number: (609) 212-0313.

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Now Wednesday Morning Prayer

Throughout the shelter in place order, the Tuesday Morning Prayer Ministry has changed their meeting day but continue to meet via Zoom to lift up the names of all who are affiliated with the church and the specific prayer requests that you send in. Now it is moving to **Wednesdays!**

If you have a particular request for prayer or would like someone who you love to be included in prayer, please call the church or send an email to PrayerAPC@gmail.com.

If you would like to join the prayer group go to <https://bit.ly/PrayerAPC> at 8:30 a.m. on **Wednesday** mornings.

Wednesday Zoom

Every week Pastor Drew checks in with the congregation through Zoom, a free program for your smart phone, tablet or computer. Usually, around 10 to 15 individuals stop in to chat with each other about what's going on in our lives and in the church. If you would like to join in, please call the office for the link, which is protected with a password to ensure that you are safe.

Pastors of the Absecon-Galloway Ecumenical Community offer a weekly Facebook prayer group Thursdays at Noon. All are welcome to sign into Facebook and use the link below to meet with our local pastors in prayer. This works the same as our online worship.

<https://www.facebook.com/YourChurchesTogether/>

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What can I give?

The church is one body with many parts. Each of us has something different to offer in terms of time, talent and treasure.

Please consider giving your time by calling and checking in on fellow church members, including friends, but also those you do not talk to regularly.

Please consider giving your talent, by considering ways your skills may help to alleviate the strain put on us all by this pandemic.

Please consider giving your treasure by mailing in your tithes and your offerings. Mail your checks to:

Absecon Presbyterian Church
208 New Jersey Avenue
Absecon, NJ 08201

You can also give your gift online at:

www.AbseconPresby.org/give

All gifts made Online are safe and secure through the Presbyterian Foundation. At this time, gifts to the General Fund and Benevolence are what is most needed.

Giving received Oct. 3-9:

General

Loose

Envelopes Undesignated \$804.75

Envelopes Designated \$215.00

On-line Undesignated

On-line Designated

Per Capita \$40.00

Initial \$5.00

Energy \$20.00

General Total \$1,084.75

Benevolence

Loose

Envelopes Undesignated \$92.50

Envelopes Designated \$35.00

On-line Undesignated

On-line Designated

Mission Bouquet

Sister Jean's

Benevolence Total \$127.50

Capital Expenditures

Loose

Envelopes Undesignated	\$27.75
Envelopes Designated	\$40.00
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
Winter Fund Raiser	
Cemetery	
Capital Total	<u>\$67.75</u>
Combined Total	<u><u>\$1,280.00</u></u>

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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!