

*Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." - Matthew 21:42-44 (NRSV)*

**World Communion Worship Live online Sunday at 10:30 a.m. on APC's Facebook page at [www.Facebook.com/AbseconPresby](http://www.Facebook.com/AbseconPresby)**

Pastor Drew's sermon at 10:30am is titled "*Christ before Christianity*" from Philippians 3:2-16 (NRSV) and Matthew 21:33-46 (NRSV) available for you in the attached bulletin along with the hymns.

Your participation in the communion does not require the communion wafers and grape juice. Use what you have at home that you think best represents in your context the bread and wine used by Jesus.

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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.

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 as we discern when to 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:** Robin McBrearty, Rob Perry, Christopher Green, Bob & Linda Gillis, Diane Ford, Elaine Risley, Dorie Keener, Patti, Jim & Devin Morris, JoAnne Morgan, Rita Abelson, John King, Jim Price, Mike Speirs

**Continued prayers always for:**

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, Robin McBrearty, Virginia Loeb, Frances Weir, Lisa Mazza, Darryl, Kristen and Quentin

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***A Very Special Thank You –***

*This week Deb Wong received this letter and wanted to be sure it was shared with you all.*

To Absecon Presbyterian Church  
Attn: Debra Wong

On Sunday, September 20, Debora Wong arranged with me that some of the church members wanted to drive by my house and wave me a happy 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. I thought this was a nice idea, so I said ok for 2:15 pm.

At the appointed time I was standing at my front door with the screen door open when to my complete dismay a long line of cars came around the corner with their horns blowing and waving out their side windows as they drove by my house and circled the small park across street. The horns kept blowing until the cars lined up in front of my house. I thought this was an exceptional tribute that so many people would come out on a Sunday afternoon to wish me a happy birthday.

It wasn't over yet, the church members got out of their cars and lined up on my front lawn. I had no idea that so many people were in the cars. Then they sang happy birthday and handed me a bag full of birthday cards.

This was such an overwhelming experience. I hope you can convey my utmost appreciation to all the church members for such a wonderful experience. Thank you all so much.

Roy Birkbeck

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**Tonight**, Oct. 2, the Christian Education Committee is hosting an Outdoor Movie Night that is open to all ages. Seating begins at 6:15p and the movie at 6:45p. We will be showing a classic and hilarious film that we cannot name now, but which will be **monstrous** and **incorporated** into a great time. Light refreshments will be provided. Please agree to the guidelines and register by filling out the form here: [bit.ly/apcmovienight](http://bit.ly/apcmovienight).

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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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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 Sept. 19-25 and Online Giving for September:**

**General**

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$2,483.85
Envelopes Designated	\$220.00
On-line Undesignated	\$2,405.25
On-line Designated	\$49.00
Christian Education	\$15.00
Energy	
<b>General Total</b>	<b>\$5,173.10</b>

**Benevolence**

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$285.50
Envelopes Designated	\$255.00
On-line Undesignated	\$276.47
On-line Designated	\$98.01
Mission Bouquet	
Sister Jean's	\$99.96
<b>Benevolence Total</b>	<b>\$1,014.94</b>

**Capital Expenditures**

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$85.65
Envelopes Designated	
On-line Undesignated	\$82.94
On-line Designated	
Winter Fund Raiser	
Cemetery	
<b>Capital Total</b>	<b>\$168.59</b>

<b>Combined Total</b>	<b>\$6,356.63</b>
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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!