

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

– Philippians 4:8-9

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 "What Does God Look Like?" from Philippians 4:4-9 (NRSV) and Exodus 32:1-14 (NRSV) 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 those who gave the 36 units of blood collected at APC on Thursday and all who give blood to save lives.

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

Continued prayers always for:

Elaine Risley, 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, Robin McBrearty, 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.
(Please see the attached flyer for details.)

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!

As a church, APC been supporting Samaritan’s Purse Christmas Child shoeboxes for many years – and this year is no exception! Samaritan’s Purse provided us with a special website to build our donation boxes because... well, 2020. For a \$25 donation you can choose from gift options in 4 categories and include a short note or you can have the box filled for you by their staff members.

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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Session Spotlight for October

1. **Outdoor Worship on Sunday, October 25 at 3:00 p.m.** – We will host a third outdoor service in the church cemetery with Pastor Drew and Rick DeKarski leading. You **MUST** register to attend online (bit.ly/apcoutside) or by calling the office M-F between 11 and 2 p.m. Bring your own chair if you can, though some chairs will be available, and all will be asked to wear a mask and maintain social distance. (If you are sick, have any symptoms, or are uneasy about the risk, stay home and watch it on Facebook Live.)
2. **Shoe Boxes and Angel Tree Programs** – We have set a goal of 40 shoe boxes as a church with Operation Christmas Child. Due to restrictions, the easiest way to do this is online

at bit.ly/APCShoeBoxes. Ann Wallace and Leo Ransone are working out a system for us to sponsor 20 children through the Angel Tree program. As more details are available, we will publish them in the Presby Post.

3. **Online Giving** – The new Online Giving platform is a success and a great way support and stay in fellowship with your church through your tithes and offerings. Go to AbseconPresby.org/give or go to the Web site and click “How to Give” or just scroll down to the bottom of any page and look for the pink button. These will take you to the page you complete to make your donation (once, weekly, monthly, annually). You may also add a comment if you wish to make Special Donation for Thanksgiving, Deacons, Winter Fundraiser or whatever you may wish.
4. **Blood Drive on Thursday, December 3** – The Blood Drive this past Thursday was a huge success with 36 units of blood collected. The Red Cross will do another Blood Drive in Madden Hall on December 3. Quarantine procedures are carefully followed by donors and all the Red Cross employees.
5. **Church Garden** – Lee Wolff reported that 460 lbs. of produce have been given to our local food bank. A big thank you to Lee and her volunteers for all their hard work for a very important need!

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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 Sept. 26-Oct. 2:

General

Loose

Envelopes Undesignated \$915.24

Envelopes Designated \$1,525.00

On-line Undesignated

On-line Designated

Per Capita \$38.00

Initial \$2.00

General Total \$2,480.24

Benevolence

Loose

Envelopes Undesignated \$105.20

Envelopes Designated \$20.00

On-line Undesignated

On-line Designated

Mission Bouquet

Sister Jean's

Benevolence Total \$125.20

Capital Expenditures

Loose

Envelopes Undesignated \$31.56

Envelopes Designated \$620.00

On-line Undesignated

On-line Designated

Winter Fund Raiser

Cemetery

Capital Total \$651.56

Combined Total \$3,257.00

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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!