



The Presby Post - November 13, 2020

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For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.
1 Thessalonians 5:9-11

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**Worship Live online Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
on APC's Facebook page [at](https://www.facebook.com/AbseconPresby_)
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Pastor Drew's sermon at 10:30 am is titled "Between the Now and Not Yet" from Matthew 25:14-30 (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 peace and integrity in our political process.

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, Bob Gillis, Rob Perry, JoAnne Morgan, Robin McBrearty, Christopher Green, Diane Ford, Dorie Keener, Patti, Jim & Devon Morris, Jim Price, Dirk Williamson, Wayne & Ruthann Grier, Paula Dowey, Darryl, Khristen and Quentin, John King, Rich Hardy

Continued prayers always for:

Rita Abelson, Bill Tilley, Elaine Risley, Frances Weir, 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, Essie Newell, 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

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Pastor Drew and the local pastors from the **Absecon Galloway Ecumenical Community** will be doing an **online ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship** service at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 24. It will be broadcast live on each church's Facebook page. Part of the service will include a litany of thanksgiving.

Please email Pastor Drew at pastorAPC@comcast.net or the church office at adminAPC@comcast.net with what you are thankful for in this strange year, so that your voices can help shape the service's liturgy.

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Thanks to everyone who called Ann and took **Christmas Angels**, a project which our church supports each year and organized by the Salvation Army. As in the past, presents are not to

be gift wrapped. The gift bags can be dropped off by calling the office between 11a-2p weekdays OR at the open drop off on Wednesday, December 2 from 11 a-2 p.

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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!

ANNOUNCEMENT OF 'PHASE 1' LIMITED REGATHERING

On Nov. 29th, 10 socially distant seats will be available, each for up to two members of a household, to attend services in person.

To attend, you MUST register in advance, between Monday at noon and Thursday at 1 pm each week. Registration will be online, but you may call, only if you have no Internet access. Full adherence to the official policy is critical to protect you and the church. There can be no exceptions.

Everyone will be required to wear a cloth or medical mask at all times, including from their car to the building. You will be checked in and have your temperature taken. A box will be there to receive your offering, if you choose to bring it with you.

Seats will be assigned at least 6 feet apart and everyone is required to maintain that distance at all times. **Attendees may respond softly to prayers under their masks but must refrain from singing.** There will be no fellowship, Sunday School or any after service gathering. (See attached letter from Pastor Drew for more information.)

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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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Wednesday Morning Prayer

Throughout these months of being socially distant, this Morning Prayer Ministry has continued 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.

If you have a 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/>

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:

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 November 6:

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Deposit made on November 6, 2020

General

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$957.00
Envelopes Designated	\$135.00
Energy	\$60.00
General Total	\$1,152.00

Benevolence

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$110.00
Envelopes Designated	\$960.00
Benevolence Total	\$1,070.00

Capital Expenditures

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$33.00
Envelopes Designated	\$15.00
Cemetery	
Capital Total	\$48.00

Combined Total	\$2,270.00
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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!

Sent by Ann Wallace, Clerk of Session, on behalf of Gay Channell.

Gay S. Channell, Administrative Assistant

The Presbyterian Church at Absecon