

*But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves."*

Matthew 25:6-9

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**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 "*What Matters Most When We Are Waiting*" from Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 (NRSV), Amos 5:18-24 (NRSV) and Matthew 25:1-13 (NRSV) available for you in the attached bulletin along with the hymns. Many thanks to Harold Hawkes for filling in for Rick DeKarski.

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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, Kristen 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](mailto:pastorAPC@comcast.net) or the church office at [adminAPC@comcast.net](mailto: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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***The administrative assistant is on vacation November 9-13.  
Ann Wallace will be filling in to help as she is able.  
Please be kind.***

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Session has set a **goal of 40 Shoeboxes** built by November 7. **Thirty boxes have been built as of today with one day left to meet goal!** 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.

Visit <http://bit.ly/APCShoeBoxes> and click your way through to bring joy to a child!

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It's time for our **Christmas Angel Tree** project through the Salvation Army! As with the Shoeboxes, this year's collection will be a little different. See the flyer attached to this email for a list of the children we are sponsoring. Then call Ann Wallace with your selection and she will give you the child's wish list. As in the past gifts are not to be gift wrapped. Gifts can be dropped off by calling the office between 11a-2p weekdays OR at the open drop off on Wednesday, December 2.

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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](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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### **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/>

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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 Oct. 24-30 with Online Giving for October:**

**General**

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| Loose                  |                   |
| Envelopes Undesignated | \$1,409.40        |
| Envelopes Designated   | \$320.00          |
| On-line Undesignated   | \$1,879.68        |
| On-line Designated     | \$49.00           |
| Per Capita             |                   |
| Initial                |                   |
| Energy                 |                   |
| <b>General Total</b>   | <b>\$3,658.08</b> |

**Benevolence**

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| Loose                    |                 |
| Envelopes Undesignated   | \$162.00        |
| Envelopes Designated     | \$5.00          |
| On-line Undesignated     | \$216.05        |
| On-line Designated       | \$98.00         |
| Mission Bouquet          |                 |
| Sister Jean's            |                 |
| <b>Benevolence Total</b> | <b>\$481.05</b> |

**Capital Expenditures**

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| Loose                  |                 |
| Envelopes Undesignated | \$48.60         |
| Envelopes Designated   |                 |
| On-line Undesignated   | \$64.82         |
| On-line Designated     |                 |
| Winter Fund Raiser     |                 |
| Cemetery               |                 |
| <b>Capital Total</b>   | <b>\$113.42</b> |

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| <b>Combined Total</b> | <b>\$4,252.55</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!