

“Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.” – 1 Peter 5:7

Worship Live online at [APC's Facebook page](https://www.Facebook.com/AbseconPresby) at www.Facebook.com/AbseconPresby Sunday at 10:30a with a prelude by Rick DeKarski beginning prior to the service. Pastor's sermon is titled *“Be Strong: Even Though Jesus Has Ascended, He is with You”* from 1 Peter 4:12-5:11 (NRSV) and Acts:1-6-11 (NRSV) printed for you in the attached bulletin. Hymns are now included in the bulletin as well. You are welcome to print and follow along with the online worship gathering.

Current office hours are 11:00am to 2:00pm Monday through Friday. All doors are kept locked so if you must come in please call – 1) to be sure the office is staffed, and 2) so we can meet you at the door when you arrive.

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.

Please Keep These Requests in Prayer

For an end to the pandemic and healing for the sick.
For protection for those at risk.
For comfort for those grieving.
For those unable to gather to mourn loved ones lost.
For comfort to all in healthcare facilities, apart from visitors.
For the health of our healthcare providers.
For all essential workers, putting themselves in harm's way.
For a cure and treatments to save lives.
For our government leaders to unite in addressing this crisis.
For the homeless, the hungry, and the poor struggling more now to meet basic needs.
For all who feel overwhelmed by isolation.
For the food supply of every nation, rich and poor.
For discernment, wisdom, mental health and peace of mind.
For everyone gathered in this digital church.

For these the individuals and families connected to the church community in Absecon:

Michael Jenoriki, Donna Ljoka & Family, Tom & Anita Brown, Irene Smith, Joanne O'Conner, Virginia Konick, Laura Puglise, Betsy Cunius, Yady Maya-Sosa, Dan Hughes, Jim Price, Diane Ford, Lisa Massa, Karizma Walker, Christopher Miller, Brooke & Family, Joseph R. (cancer) Joe Picorale, Aiden & Wendy Licolli, Johnny Barber, Jean Delesantro, Emilia Carboy, Perry White, Sharon & Jack Sisko, Rich & Rob, Fred (cancer), Rich (COVID), Richard (COVID), Marsha Mainicini, Barbara Lee, Eric Hartz, Doris Steele, Louise Speitel, Joyce Pfeiffer, Christopher Green, Marie Cronauer, Carmen DeVece, JoAnne Morgan, Rob Perry and Family, Vic Abelson, Lucy & Don Croneberger, Frances Weir & Kathy Boyte, Jerry Hoenes, Marge Loeb, Carol Thomas, Jim Mong, Patti & Devon Morris, Edith Budd, Carol DeLaurentis, Dorie Keener, Ellen Plum, Bob & Linda Gillis, Russ Adkisson, Marjorie McGuigan, Nancy Shaw, Mildred Felsberg, Robin McBrearty, Virginia Loeb, Darryl, Khristen and Quentin, & many more.

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Go ye to the graves and decorate,
Place flags for boys who have died;
Kneel down and say prayers for your loved ones,
But know they're still by your side!

Gertrude Tooley Buckingham, "Memorial Day – 1945"

The church office will be closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day.

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Joyce Pfeiffer said that on Thursday an individual posed as her grandson asking for her to send money. She asked a personal question and they hung up. Please be advised to be very skeptical of calls like this and be sure to ask a question that only your loved one would be able to answer.

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A message from Claire Mangione: Are you interested in joining the Tuesday Morning Prayer Ministry at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday mornings. Loretta, Naida, and Claire meet each week on Zoom to pray together for our church as a whole and each individual member and regular attender of Absecon Presbyterian. You are invited to join using the link <https://bit.ly/PrayerAPC> which will also be posted in the church's Facebook group. If you aren't able to join but you have a specific prayer request concerning yourself, a family member, or an APC friend, please email the prayer team at PrayerAPC@gmail.com or contact Naida, Lorretta or Claire.

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Your Upper Room Devotional for May/June is available online using this link.

<https://www.upperroom.org/special-editions/?path=covidblog>

If you prefer a hard copy please call the office and we will arrange delivery!

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[Access information from our website 24/7/365!](#)

Ken Marshall has been extracting audio clips of Pastor Drew's sermons from the Live Worship feeds. These have been uploaded to the church website under the Media tab. If you would like to listen to any of Pastor Drew's sermons follow this link: <https://www.abseconpresby.org/sermons>

Each week links to the next Sunday's bulletin and hymns are posted on the front page of the website. You are able to download and print or use a split screen and follow along with the online worship.

Every Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. you can join the online check in using the ZOOM meeting link on the front page on your smart phone, tablet, or computer. This link takes you to the ZOOM sign in screen. There will be a download involved the first time you access. Pastor Drew sends out the sign in info prior to the meeting. Once connected to the meeting you can see other members of your church family. (Think Skype or FaceTime with the "Brady Bunch".) This is a great chance to get caught up with church friends, share how you and your family are getting along, and pray together.

Pastors of the Absecon-Galloway Ecumenical Community offer a weekly Facebook prayer group Thursday evenings at 8:30p.m. 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.

Flower orders and "Mission Bouquet" donations are still being received. We're not sure yet what types of flowers will be available but we WILL have flowers decorating the sanctuary for our "Easter" service. Or if you prefer, APC's response to the greater need in local communities the Benevolence Fund can sure use a boost from your "Mission Bouquet" donations. "Easter Flower Form" can be printed from the link at the bottom of www.abseconpresby.org and mailed to the office with payment.

Giving received May 9-15:

General

Loose

Envelopes Undesignated \$709.05

Envelopes Designated \$999.00

Per Capita

Energy

Initial Offering

Easter Flowers

Christian Education (books)

Queen Esther (6 Tickets)
General Total \$1,708.05

Benevolence
Loose
Envelopes Undesignated \$81.50
Envelopes Designated \$6.00
One Great Hour of Sharing
Mission Bouquet
Sister Jean's
Benevolence Total \$87.50

Capital Expenditures
Loose
Envelopes Undesignated \$24.45
Envelopes Designated \$70.00
Winter Fund Raiser
Capital Total \$94.45

Combined Total \$1,890.00

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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 Keep Washing Your Hands!