

*“...when the word of the prophet comes to pass, then that prophet will be known as one whom the Lord has truly sent.” Jeremiah 28:9*

Worship Live online with Communion at APC’s Facebook page at [www.Facebook.com/AbseconPresby](http://www.Facebook.com/AbseconPresby) Sunday at 10:30a with a prelude by Rick DeKarski beginning prior to the service. Pastor’s sermon is titled *“If Only—Separating God’s Truth from What We Want”* from Jeremiah 28:1-9 (NASB) and Matthew 10:40-42 (NASB) printed for you in the attached bulletin along with the hymns. You are welcome to print and follow along with the online worship gathering. Also attached are your communion guidelines. Please read prior to worship.

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 this pandemic, healing for the sick, protection for those at risk, and comfort for those grieving.
- For all those states and communities where the number of COVID-19 cases continues to rise.
- For us in states and communities where the numbers are going down, give us your wisdom, guidance and safety, as we continue to open up in an effort to resume life as it was.
  
- For those in healthcare facilities, apart from visitors, and the healthcare providers, putting their lives on the line.
- For those who put their lives on the line to serve our needs.
- For all who are returning to work or are starting new jobs.
- For those who remain unemployed.
- For a cure, treatments to save lives, and for our government leaders to unite in addressing this crisis.
- For the homeless, the hungry, and the poor, struggling more now in this economic recession to meet basic needs.
- For the food supply in every nation, rich and poor.
- For discernment, wisdom, mental health and peace of mind.
- For an end to racism, elitism and hate.
- For the humility to listen, especially to the marginalized and those most in need of a voice and opportunity.
- For all who gather in digital church.
  
- For these the individuals and families connected to the church community in Absecon:  
The family of Tom Brown, Family and Friends of Perry White, Diane Ford, Betsy Cunius, Louise Speitel, Jean Delesantro, Michael Jenoriki, Patti Morris, Bob & Linda Gillis, Irene Smith, Joanne O’Conner, Laura Puglise, Dan Hughes, Jim Price, Lisa Mazza, Marjorie McGuigan, Aiden & Wendy Licolli, Doris Steele, Joyce Pfeiffer, Emilia Carboy, Sharon & Jack Sisko, Rich & Rob, Lucy & Don Croneberger, Fred (cancer), Marie Cronauer & Carmen DeVece, JoAnne Morgan, Frances Weir & Kathy Boyte, Rob Perry and Family, Jerry Hoenes, Marge Loeb, Carol Thomas, Jim Mong, Devon Morris, Edith Budd, Carol DeLaurentis, Dorie Keener, Ellen Plum, Russ Adkisson, Mildred Felsberg, Robin McBrearty, Virginia Loeb, Darryl, Kristen and Quentin, & many more.

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## A Grief Full of Hope . . .

By Lisa Whitaker

“But we do not want you to be uninformed about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus” - I Thess. 4:13,14

We do not grieve as those who do not have hope! What a statement and so very real and true for me in this season. As most of you are aware, although due to the current state of everything, I have realized not everyone IS aware, my Mom, Doris Whitaker, passed away in April. Am I grieving? You bet. Do I miss her? Everyday. Am I full of hope? You bet! Hope that Mom is at peace and not hurting anymore, her knees aren't cracking, she isn't short of breath, all her physical pains are gone. Hope that is fueled by the fact that she lived life well. Hope that the goodbye in April, was only temporary. We will be reunited one day. Grief is a healthy, natural response to loss. Yet, I am so very grateful that the grief I am experiencing, is surrounded with hope, faith and joy in knowing the separation is temporary. Because Jesus lives, we too will live again.

I want to thank you all for your prayers and love that have been poured out over me, Jeff and the family during this time. I look forward to celebrating Mom's life with many of you at a future date. We will do our best to communicate when this can and will take place.

Many people have asked me . . . now what? What are your plans? Well, I have to say, due to many travel restrictions, I will be Stateside for the summer. Like many of you, I have been “zooming” around the world, meeting, teaching and training these last few months right from my dining room table. I will be teaching in Kentucky, visiting friends and ministry supporters in Tennessee and spending quite a bit of time thinning out some of the 50 years of life that is contained within the walls of this childhood home. I hope as things continue to open up, that I will have time to visit and catch up with many of you - remember, the Turquoise Table is open this summer for visitors.

My fall plans right now are in limbo until we know for sure what travel will be made available and what will be required to travel abroad. I am planning on hosting a group of 22 Master's staff and students in Ocean City this fall. We had all planned on going to South Africa, but now we will be meeting here in beautiful New Jersey! There are several other teaching opportunities and staff training hanging in the balance until we get closer to the time. For now, I am grateful for technology and for the ability to travel within the States - that alone is enough to keep me busy until the end of the year.

I'd appreciate your continued prayers as I will be making many decisions in the coming months.

Thank you again for all your love and support, especially in this life-changing season.

Much Love,  
Lisa

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Deacons would like to thank our church family for their past donations and would like you to continue to remember us during these times as you make your weekly or monthly donations to our church. We solely depend on your loving donations and it is through you that we are able to help our church families in need.

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**Upper Room Devotionals** for July/August are now available from the office. If you would like a copy, please call the office and we will arrange delivery by mail or pick-up!

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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](mailto:PrayerAPC@gmail.com) or contact Naida, Lorretta or Claire.

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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](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.

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](http://www.abseconpresby.org) and mailed to the office with payment.

#### **Giving received June 13-19:**

##### **General**

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$382.80
Envelopes Designated	\$336.50
Per Capita	
Energy	
Initial Offering	
Easter Flowers	
Christian Education	
Queen Esther	
<b>General Total</b>	<hr/> <b>\$719.30</b>

##### **Benevolence**

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$44.00
Envelopes Designated	\$21.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	
Mission Bouquet	
Sister Jean's	
<b>Benevolence Total</b>	<hr/> <b>\$65.00</b>

##### **Capital Expenditures**

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$13.20

Envelopes Designated	\$232.50
Winter Fund Raiser	\$100.00
<b>Capital Total</b>	<b>\$345.70</b>
<b>Combined Total</b>	<b>\$1,130.00</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 Keep Washing Your Hands!