

"For, it is from out of the heart comes discussions of evil - murder, infidelity, promiscuity, theft, false testimony, and mischaracterizations (blasphemy). These are the things that make a person worldly. But unwashed hands to eat, is not what makes a person worldly."
Matthew 15: 19-20 (Pastor's Translation)

Worship Live online Sunday at 10:30am at APC's Facebook page at
www.Facebook.com/AbseconPresby.

As usual there will be a prelude by Rick DeKarski beginning prior to the service. Pastor Drew's sermon is titled "Being Holy Starts With What We Don't Say" from James 3:5a-6 and Matthew 15:1-20 available for you in the attached bulletin along with the hymns. You are welcome to print and follow along with the online worship gathering.

Pastor Drew will be on vacation August 17 to 23.

The administrative assistant will be working from home on Tuesday, and the office will be closed on Wednesday. Please call before stopping. Phone messages and email will be checked if you need to leave a message.

The worship service on August 23 will again be a joint online gathering with the First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen, NJ.

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 an end to this pandemic, healing for the sick, protection for those at risk, and comfort for those grieving,

For all who are alone, unable to receive the comfort of one another because of the risks of this virus.

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 your wisdom, guidance and protection as we discern how to gather again, especially schools and churches.

For an end to institutions of racism and our personal bigotry, that we humble ourselves for one another and set aside hate.

For the humility to listen, especially to those on the margins of society, most in need of a voice and opportunity.

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 all on our standing prayer list, those with chronic health conditions and those with long-standing concerns.

For those 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:

The Family of Russ Adkisson, The Family of Isaac Umoren, Elaine Risley, Diane Ford, Patti, Jim & Devin Morris, Louise Speitel, Rob Perry & Family, Dorie Keener, Bob & Linda Gillis, Gail, The Family of Maria Cuttitta, Christopher Green, Irene Smith, Phil Abelson, John King, Joanne O'Connor, Jim Price, Emilia Carboy, Rich & Rob

Continued prayers always for:

Aiden & Wendy Licolli, Phil Abelson, Kathy Boyte, Minerva Stadlmeir, Jean Delesantro, Jerry Hoenes, Betsy Cunius, Marjorie McGuigan, Dan Hughes, Doris Steele, Joyce Pfeiffer, Don & Lucy Croneberger, Marie C. & Carmen DeVece, JoAnne Morgan, Marge Loeb, Carol Thomas, Jim Mong, Edith Budd, Carol DeLaurentis, Ellen Plum, Mildred Felsberg, Robin McBrearty, Virginia Loeb, Frances Weir, Tony Campolo, Lisa Mazza, Darryl, Kristen and Quentin

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Session Spotlight

1. In Person Worship – We will hold an in-person Special Sunday Service at 5 p.m. on August 30th outdoors in the shade of the trees in the church cemetery with Pastor Drew and Rick DeKarski leading. This will be a great way to recharge by seeing each other safely before the summer ends. Bring your own chair if you can, though some chairs will be available, and all comers will be asked to wear a mask and maintain social distance as much as possible. (If you are sick, have any symptoms, or are uneasy about the risk, stay home and watch it on Facebook Live.)
2. Video Upgrades – The church is investing in a two-camera video and audio set up to provide better video and sound for Sunday Online Worship, at a cost of about \$2,200 which will be covered by a grant from the West Jersey Presbytery and by September it should replace Pastor Drew's phone.
3. Vacation Approved – August 17 to 23, for Pastor Drew and Rick DeKarski. Our church will join our sister church, First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen, at 11 a.m. on August 23 on Facebook.
4. New Committee Chair – Naida Burgess has been selected to chair the Worship Committee for the remainder of 2020, when a new slate of Elders, Trustees and Deacons will be nominated.
5. Church garden – 280 pounds of produce were donated to the Food Bank. Lee Wolff spearheaded the garden project, built by Jacob Sabo, who has reached Eagle Scout status. Congratulations, Jacob.
6. Youth Clean Up – Thank you to members of our high school youth for their help in cleaning the church and cemetery grounds on Monday, August 10. Your work was hugely appreciated.

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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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Upper Room Devotional for September/October is available. 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 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. 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.

Giving received August 1-7:

General

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$906.54
Envelopes Designated	\$144.00
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
Per Capita	
Energy	
Initial Offering	
Easter Flowers	
Postage	
Queen Esther	
General Total	<hr/> \$1,050.54

Benevolence

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$104.20
Envelopes Designated	\$41.00
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
One Great Hour of Sharing	
Mission Bouquet	
Sister Jean's	
Benevolence Total	<hr/> \$145.20

Capital Expenditures

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$31.26
Envelopes Designated	
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	

Winter Fund Raiser

Capital Total

\$31.26

Combined Total

\$1,227.00

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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!