

***Coming to you early with a reminder to register for Sunday evening's Outside
Worship!***

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.

Matthew 16:24-27 (NRSV)

**Worship Live online Sunday at 10:30am and 5:00pm at APC's Facebook page at
www.Facebook.com/AbseconPresby.**

Sunday we will have two services - each one unique. Bulletins for both services are attached to this email.

Pastor Drew's sermon at 10:30 a.m. is titled "*Who are You in Christ? A Rock or a Stumbling Block*" from Philippians 2:3-5 (NRSV) and Matthew 16:12-27 (Pastor's Translation) available for you in the attached bulletin along with the hymns.

The second will be at 5 p.m. in the cemetery for outdoor worship with a message from Pastor Drew about sound judgement, our fears and right action as a people transformed by Christ (Romans 12:1-21). **To attend, you MUST register at <http://bit.ly/apcoutside> and agree to the social distancing rules**, including wearing a mask during the service. Please bring your own chair if you can, as well as your own bible and drink. Again, you MUST register. *If you cannot do so online, please call the office to register with Gay before noon on Friday.*

By registering you are agreeing to and understand the following:

- 1.) I will wear a mask the entire time I am at the event from the time I exit my car until I reenter my car. (Especially while speaking to one another, responding softly in the service, and singing softly or humming the hymns)
- 2.) I will social distance 6 ft. from all other family groups.
- 3.) I will do my best to NOT touch anyone or anything other than my personal belongings.
- 4.) I am responsible to provide and carry my own chair or blanket for sitting.
- 5.) I will follow the directions of those leading the service.
- 6.) The church building will remain closed
- 7.) Restrooms will NOT be available.

Please DO NOT register or attend if you are not feeling well, even if you think it is just allergies.

Please DO NOT register or attend if you have symptoms-sore throat, headache, fever, stomach

issues, swollen toes, diarrhea, or have recently tested positive for COVID-19.

Please DO NOT register or attend if you have recently visited another state.

Please DO NOT register or attend if you are in an official quarantine, such as because you have been notified of contact with someone who has COVID-19, or you have been exposed to someone who is sick but has not been tested, or you have traveled.

We have done our best to provide a safe environment and have gone to extreme lengths to ensure your continued good health and the good health of your fellow churchgoers.

Please be advised that even with these precautions, there is a risk to attending. It is therefore also strongly advised that you use extreme caution or even stay home if you are High Risk or in a vulnerable medical status including but not limited to: Age, Cancer, Chronic Kidney Disease, Emphysema, COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease), Immunocompromised State, Serious Heart Conditions (such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies), Sickle Cell Disease, Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus.

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Please Keep These Requests in Prayer

For us to regard others as better than ourselves, not for our own interests, but because this is the mind of Christ.

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 these the individuals and families in acute need right now who are connected to your church in Absecon: The Family of Russ Adkisson, Elaine Risley, Diane Ford, Patti, Jim & Devin Morris, Dorie Keener, Bob & Linda Gillis, Louise Speitel, Rob Perry & Family, Gail, Christopher Green, Irene Smith, 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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Lynn Adkisson extends to everyone her deepest gratitude for their expressions of love and support through this trying time. Your prayers, cards, gifts, phone calls, etc. are all greatly appreciated. May the Lord continue to hold Lynn and her family in the comfort of His arms.

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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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The 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 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

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 15-21:

General

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$717.75
Envelopes Designated	\$119.00
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
Per Capita	
Energy	
Initial Offering	
Christian Education	\$100.00
Postage	
Queen Esther	
General Total	<hr/> \$936.75

Benevolence

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$82.50
Envelopes Designated	\$206.00
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
One Great Hour of Sharing	
Mission Bouquet	
Sister Jean's	
Benevolence Total	<hr/> \$288.50

Capital Expenditures

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$24.75
Envelopes Designated	
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
Winter Fund Raiser	
Cemetery	
Capital Total	<hr/> \$24.75

Combined Total	<hr/> <hr/> \$1,250.00
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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!