

“He said, ‘Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.’ Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.”

1 Kings 19:11-12

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 *“In the Storms and in the Silence, I AM is with you”* from 1 Kings 19:9-12 (NRSV) and Matthew 14:22-33 (Pastor’s Translation) available for you in the attached bulletin along with the hymns. 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.

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Friends, our friend and brother in Christ, past elder and deacon Russ Adkisson completed his baptism and went to be with the Lord on Wednesday. Please keep Linda in your prayers.

These are difficult times, to have unexpectedly lost two of our very active members, in both Russ and Isaac Umoren, whose funeral will be tomorrow in the cemetery. Here is the information for both services: Visitation for Isaac Umoren will be this **Saturday, Aug. 8**, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the church. **All visitors will be asked to wear face masks, use hand sanitizer, and keep 6 feet of distance as you walk through the sanctuary only and back out to the cemetery.** The church's capacity will be limited to just 25 people at any given time. **The funeral and burial will follow at 11 a.m. in the cemetery.** *If you are at all feeling under the weather, even if you think it is allergies and if you are at high risk or someone in your home is, please consider sending a message of condolences to Georgina and Family.*

Visitation for Russ Adkisson will be this **Tuesday, Aug. 11**, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the church. **All visitors will be asked to wear face masks, use hand sanitizer, and keep 6 feet of distance as you walk through the sanctuary only and back out to the cemetery.** The church's capacity will be limited to 25 people at any given time. **The funeral and burial will follow at 11:30 a.m. in the cemetery.** *If you are at all feeling under the weather, even if you think it is allergies and if you are at high risk or someone in your home is, please consider sending a message of condolences to Lynn and Family.*

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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 these the individuals and families in acute need right now who are connected to your church in Absecon:

Lynn Adkisson, The Family of Russ Adkisson, The Family of Isaac Umoren, Elaine Risley, Diane Ford, Louise Speitel, Bob & Linda Gillis, Aiden & Wendy Licolli, Gail, Maria Cuttitta, Rev. Jamie Fiorino, Christopher Green, Irene Smith, Phil Abelson, Joanne O'Connor, The Sisko Family, Jim Price, Emilia Carboy, Rich & Rob, Phil Abelson, Tony Campolo,

Continued prayers always for:

Lisa Mazza, Kathy Boyte, Minerva Stadlmeir, Jean Delesantro, Jerry Hoenes, Betsy Cunius, Patti & Devin Morris, Marjorie McGuigan, Dan Hughes, Rob Perry & Family, Doris Steele, Joyce Pfeiffer, Don & Lucy Croneberger, Marie C. & Carmen DeVece, JoAnne Morgan, Marge Loeb, Carol Thomas, Jim Mong, Edith Budd, Carol DeLaurentis, Dorie Keener, Ellen Plum, Mildred Felsberg, Robin McBrearty, Virginia Loeb, Frances Weir, Darryl, Khristen and Quentin

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A Special Thank You –

To all my church friends,

I want you to know how much you all have meant to me these past 31 years. I loved working with you setting up programs for the kids, and involving everyone I could...always looking for God's gifts in the members of our church family.

I will miss you and remember each of you fondly. I'm sure I will think of you often. I will remember all the events we worked on together for such a long time. It is hard to leave you. We have such a strong bond. I look forward to return visits whenever possible.

I wish to thank you for your incredible generosity and show of support. I was stunned when Pastor Drew handed me the envelope that included the collection of your gifts. Wow! I can't thank you enough! I wish I could bring you all with me, but then what would become of our church?

Let us all stay strong in our faith in the ways God calls each of us! Thank you for supporting me, and I pray that you will continue to support each other and that we will continue to support each other even from a distance. We really have an amazing church family. May God continue to bless everyone always.

Thank you for being my friends.

Love,

Priscilla Schultheis

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Haleiwa, HI 96712

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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 July/August 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 July 25-31:

General

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$339.30
Envelopes Designated	\$619.00
On-line Undesignated	\$2,000.34
On-line Designated	
Per Capita	
Energy	
Initial Offering	
Easter Flowers	
Postage	
Queen Esther	
General Total	<hr/> \$2,958.64

Benevolence

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$39.00
Envelopes Designated	\$16.00
On-line Undesignated	\$229.92
On-line Designated (interest)	\$0.01
One Great Hour of Sharing	
Mission Bouquet	
Sister Jean's	
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Benevolence Total **\$284.93**

Capital Expenditures

Loose

Envelopes Undesignated \$11.70

Envelopes Designated \$150.00

On-line Undesignated \$68.98

On-line Designated

Winter Fund Raiser

Capital Total **\$230.68**

Combined Total **\$3,474.25**

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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!