

For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him. - Matthew 21:32 (NRSV)

Worship Live online Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on 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 10:30am is titled "*What Do You Think? Looking Good vs. Doing Good*" from Matthew 21:23-32 (NRSV) available for you in the attached bulletin along with the hymns.

The second will be at 4 p.m. in the cemetery for outdoor worship with Pastor's message titled '*In Humility, God Put You First*' from Philippians 2:5-11. **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.

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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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 those affected by wildfires and hurricanes, that lives would be saved and recovery swift.

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

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: Family of Jaynie Perry, Rob Perry, Christopher Green, Bob & Linda Gillis, Diane Ford, Elaine Risley, Dorie Keener, Patti, Jim & Devin Morris, JoAnne Morgan, Rita Abelson, John King, Jim Price, Mike Speirs

Continued prayers always for:

Louise Speitel, Dan Hughes, Gail, Emilia Carboy, Irene Smith, Aiden & Wendy Licolli, Kathy Boyte, Minerva Stadlmeir, Jean Delesantro, Jerry Hoenes, Betsy Cunius, Marjorie McGuigan, Rich & Rob, Doris Steele, Joyce Pfeiffer, Don & Lucy Croneberger, Marie C. & Carmen DeVece, Marge Loeb, Carol Thomas, Jim Mong, Edith Budd, Carol DeLaurentis, Ellen Plum, Mildred Felsberg, Robin McBrearty, Virginia Loeb, Frances Weir, Lisa Mazza, Darryl, Kristen and Quentin

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Stepping out little by little . . .

Lisa Whitaker

Just wanted to give you all a brief overview of my fall. Similar to many of you - it is a bit off kilter and different than originally planned. However, it seems God has opened some doors for me to continue to teach and stay connected within the mission I serve (YWAM).

Here is my fall schedule. I would appreciate your prayers for wisdom, protection and a sensitive spirit as I interact within these different contexts in light of the ever-changing canvas of life these days.

Sept. 29th - teaching in South Asia workshop via zoom - please pray I am awake and coherent - I need to get up at 4am to coordinate with their time zone!

Sept. 30- Oct. 10th - teaching in Salem, Oregon - in person, I will be in Oregon

Oct. 14th- Nov. 1st - Leading a portion of our Master's co-hort that I staff. We were supposed to meet in South Africa, but because of travel restrictions we are now meeting according to continents. Our North American group, about 18 of us, will gather in Wisconsin. We located a retreat center in one of their counties where there have been no Covid cases. We will be the only group on the grounds so we are praying this provides a safe place to gather.

Nov. 16-20 - teaching Biblical Worldview via zoom to Germany - from here in the States

Nov. 21st - speaking at a women's luncheon in Georgia. It is the Methodist church where Molly and Bob Boyd attend. They were members of our church and moved to Georgia 5 years ago.

Dec 1-5 - teaching Biblical Worldview in a DTS and the topic of Personal Formation in a leadership school both in Louisville Ky.

So, as you can see - my schedule is quite full. I will be taking every precaution necessary to adhere to the various guidelines. I'm looking forward to being together with others even if we are separated and masked - it will be special just to be together.

In between those times I will be in Absecon. Thank you for your prayers and love as I continue to adjust to this new season of my life.

Much love,
Lisa

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On Friday night, Oct. 2, the Christian Education Committee is hosting an Outdoor Movie Night that is open to all ages. Seating begins at 6:15p and the movie at 6:45p. We will be showing a classic and hilarious film that we cannot name now, but which will be **monstrous** and **incorporated** into a great time. Light refreshments will be provided. Please agree to the guidelines and register by filling out the form here: bit.ly/apcmovienight.

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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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Now Wednesday Morning Prayer

Throughout the shelter in place order, the Tuesday Morning Prayer Ministry has changed their meeting day but continue to meet via Zoom to lift up the names of all who are affiliated with the church and the specific prayer requests that you send in. Now it is moving to **Wednesdays!**

If you have a particular request for prayer or would like someone who you love to be included in prayer, please call the church or send an email to PrayerAPC@gmail.com.

If you would like to join the prayer group go to <https://bit.ly/PrayerAPC> at 8:30 a.m. on **Wednesday** mornings.

Wednesday Zoom

Every week Pastor Drew checks in with the congregation through Zoom, a free program for your smart phone, tablet or computer. Usually, around 10 to 15 individuals stop in to chat with each other about what's going on in our lives and in the church. If you would like to join in, please call the office for the link, which is protected with a password to ensure that you are safe.

Pastors of the Absecon-Galloway Ecumenical Community offer a weekly Facebook prayer group Thursdays 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 Sept. 12-18:

General

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$635.10
Envelopes Designated	\$409.00
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
Christian Education	\$15.00
Energy	
General Total	\$1,059.10

Benevolence

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$73.00
Envelopes Designated	\$206.00
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
Mission Bouquet	
Sister Jean's	
Benevolence Total	\$279.00

Capital Expenditures

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$21.90
Envelopes Designated	\$20.00
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	

Winter Fund Raiser
Cemetery

Capital Total

\$41.90

Combined Total

\$1,380.00

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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!