

We wish you a Happy and Safe New Year!

Out of our concern for the health and safety of the entire congregation, and due to the current spike in positive Covid cases and the spread of the Omicron variant, we want to remind you of our current guidelines which are still in effect. We strongly encourage masks be worn by those attending church services who are either unvaccinated or immune-compromised. For anyone vaccinated/boosted, we are still observing our Covid 19 Guidelines in place since May 2021, which are wearing a mask when singing, staying seated in the open pews, and observing six feet of distance between yourself and others.

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When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Matthew 2:10-12

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**Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
In Person
OR
Online on APC's Facebook page at**

Ruling Elder David R. Watts
Sermon: *"King of Jews or Gentiles?"*
The Epistle: Ephesians 3:1-12
The Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Lay Assistant: Naida Burgess
Ushers: Barbara & Bob Hudak

Attendance Last Week

Sunday Worship: 26
Sunday School: 5

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Please Keep These Requests In Prayer

The prayer book is on the table in the vestibule by the side entrance to the sanctuary.

Please write any requests/praise items you wish to be included in prayer during worship.

For all who are mourning the loss of loved ones, especially during this holiday season.

For God's guidance as we continue the process of calling a new pastor.

Members of our armed services.

For an end to this pandemic, protection for those most at risk.

For confidence to know that in the struggle, God is with us.

For renewed commitment to God's purpose in us all.

For us to come together in the bond of self-giving love.

For renewed energy in finding our place in God's church, as people who pray, share and volunteer.

For wisdom and discernment when facing the unknown.

For God's church to embrace the poor and marginalized, to see God's image and be God's

image in this broken world.

For a revival in our faith to live boldly for God's Kingdom.

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

Elaine Risley, Bill Young, Kathy Bordonaro, Don Croneberger, Debora Wong, Lisa Nagle,

Christopher Green, Jim, Patti & Devon Morris, Jim McManus, Ethel Washington, Jean Delesantro, Cathy Follansbee, James Beatty, Jun & Family, Olive Brown, Dan Hughes, Stan Weir

Continued prayers always for:

Marilyn Rosado, Luca Leech, Rita Abelson, Desiree DePasquale, Gail Driscoll, Mary Umoren & Family, Dorie Keener, Judy Stebbins, Rob Perry, Robin McBrearty, JoAnne Morgan, Marge Loeb, Kavonna & Essence, Darryl, Khristen and Quentin, Dirk Williamson, Jim Price, Frances Weir, Emilia Carboy, Irene Smith, Aiden & Wendy Licolli, Kathy Boyte, Betsy Cunius, Marjorie McGuigan, Doris Steele,

Essie Newell, Joyce Pfeiffer, Lucy Croneberger, Marie C. & Carmen DeVece, Olga Davies, Edith Budd, Carol DeLaurentis

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Special Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday!!

Sunday, January 9 there will be a **special meeting of the congregation** of APC following our 10:30 worship. This meeting has been called for the purpose of electing new elders, deacons and trustees for the Class of 2024. We will also be given an update from the Mission Study Team and an introduction to the Team's questionnaire which you will be asked to complete and return.

For those who are worshipping online, you can attend this meeting via Zoom using the link and information below.

<https://bit.ly/APCCongregation>

ID: 536 378 0517

Passcode: 949209

Those attending in person are welcome to come to Madden Hall for lunch and fellowship.

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The Season of Christmas has drawn to a close. Tomorrow will be our Undecorating Day beginning at 9:00 a.m. And with some extra hands we can get everything packed up and put away quickly. All help is greatly appreciated! We hope to see you there.

In the meantime, stay warm and safe!

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The **Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation** will take place on **Sunday, February 6.** More information will be coming in the next few weeks.

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Events are being planned for January and February. More information will be posted as it becomes available!

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Thank You!

**Deposit made on Christmas Eve, December 31,
2021 and December Online Giving**

General

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$702.09
Envelopes Designated	\$550.00
Initial Offering	
Christmas Eve	\$100.00
Sunday Altar Flowers	\$55.00
Memorial Money	
Christmas Flowers (Pointsettias)	\$35.00
On-line Undesignated	\$2,467.47
On-line Designated	\$98.00
On-line Christmas Eve	\$49.98

General Total

\$4,057.54**Benevolence**

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$80.70
Envelopes Designated	\$50.00
Magi Fund	
Mission Bouquet	\$40.00
On-line Undesignated	\$283.62
On-line Designated	\$98.00
On-line Sister Jean's	\$99.96
On-line Magi Gift	\$149.94

Benevolence Total

\$802.22**Capital Expenditures**

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$24.21
Envelopes Designated	\$200.00
Fund Raiser	
On-line Undesignated	\$85.09
On-line Designated	
On-line Fund Raiser	

Capital Total

\$309.30**Combined Total**

\$5,169.06

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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!

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Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. - I Corinthians 13:7
