

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

Luke 3:10-14

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Worship Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
In Person
OR
Online on APC's Facebook page at
www.Facebook.com/AbseconPresby

Ruling Elder David Watts returns to lead us in worship this Sunday. His sermon is titled *"Bear Fruits Worthy of Repentance"* from Philippians 4:4-7 and Luke 3:7-18 available in the attached bulletin.

Lay Assistant: Dan Hughes
Ushers: Betsy Eberhard & Debbie Wong

Attendance Last Sunday
Worship: 36
Sunday School 7

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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 God's guidance as we begin 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, you are with us.

For renewed commitment to your purpose in us all.

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

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

For wisdom and discernment when facing the unknown.

For your church to embrace the poor and marginalized, to see your image and be your image in this broken world.

For a revival in our faith to live boldly for your Kingdom.

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

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, Marilyn & Tito Rosado, Dan Hughes, Stan Weir

Continued prayers always for:

Luca Leech, Rita Abelson, Desiree DePasquale, Gail Driscoll, Mary Umoren & Family, Dorie Keener, Judy Stebbins, Rob Perry, Robin McBrearty, JoAnne Morgan, Minerva Stadlmeir, Marge Loeb, Kavonna & Essence, Darryl, Kristen and Quentin, Dirk Williamson, Jim Price, Elaine Risley, 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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Remember!

The Birthday Party for Jesus begins at Noon on Sunday in Madden Hall!

There will be Cookie Decorating, Ornament Making, Christmas Trivia, and Fun for All Ages!

Sandwiches and beverages will be provided.

Please bring a side dish to share.

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It's Time To Order Your Poinsettias!

Live poinsettias will again be decorating the sanctuary for Christmas Eve. If you would like to purchase one in honor or in memory of a loved one, and/or give an end of year gift to our Mission Committee with a "Mission Bouquet" donation, please use the form attached to this email or pick one up when you are in church on Sunday.

Forms for both are to be submitted to the office with payment by Dec. 19.

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Thinking of you with Warm Wishes
for a
Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In the Spirit of Christmas,
Betsy Cunius

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Stewardship Responses Needed

The annual Stewardship Campaign letters were sent out this week with a prayer pledge, a talent bank form, and a financial pledge card. Will you please commit to five more minutes of prayer each day for the future of this church? Will you share your talents and areas you would like to serve? Will you let us know what you hope to give in the coming year. **You are the church and your commitment is vital to our future as a church.**

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Annual Christmas Card Exchange

Share your Christmas joy with your church friends and family by dropping off cards for them during the church's office hours, weekdays from 11 am to 2 pm, or from 10 am to 12 pm on any Saturday before Christmas (Dec. 4th, 11th and 18th).

The cards will be sorted and packaged for everyone to pick up the week of Christmas, on Dec. 20-22 between 11 am and 2 pm, on Dec. 23 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Christmas Eve between 10 am and 12 pm, and weekdays after Dec. 27 between 11 am and 2 pm.

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Gift of the Magi Fund

If making out cards for some or all of the 150+ households in our church family is too much, or if you want to give a gift in honor of your church friends, make a donation to the 2021 Magi Fund. ***The proceeds will go to Sister Jean's Pantry & Kitchen*** and a card will be given to every person and household in the church from you. Give online or by mail before December 15th so that cards with your name on them can be put in the bags.

Sister Jean's Pantry, now located at St. Monica's which is just down the street from its original location, is currently acting as an emergency food pantry serving over 500 people each month and open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. In addition to serving the community 3 days a week, it provided over 60 families with a Thanksgiving turkey.

There is a new feature, ***Sister Jean's Closet*** of gently used clothing item, which is open Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please check out Sister Jean's website at friendsofjeanwebster.org to see when it will begin accepting new or slightly used wearing apparel.

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Thank You!

Deposit made on December 3, 2021 and November Online Giving

General

Loose

Envelopes Undesignated \$778.65

Envelopes Designated \$885.00

Energy Needs

Angel Tree \$25.00

On-line Undesignated \$2,360.01

On-line Designated \$98.00

On-line Fuel Needs

General Total

 \$4,146.66

Benevolence

Loose

Envelopes Undesignated \$89.50

Envelopes Designated \$20.00

Thanksgiving \$100.00

On-line Undesignated \$271.27

On-line Designated \$98.00

On-line Thanksgiving

On-line Pakistan

 \$490.00

Benevolence Total

 \$1,068.77

Capital Expenditures

Loose

Envelopes Undesignated \$26.85

Envelopes Designated Fund Raiser	\$170.00
On-line Undesignated On-line Designated On-line Fund Raiser	\$81.38
Capital Total	<hr/> \$278.23
Combined Total	<hr/> <hr/> \$5,493.66

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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!