

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

Luke 1:41-44

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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**

Rev. John Nurnberger returns to lead us in worship this Sunday. His sermon is titled "*The Visitation*" from Micah 5:2-5a and Luke 39-56 available in the attached bulletin.

Lay Assistant: Dan Hughes
Ushers: Joan Nale & Tina Brown

Attendance Last Sunday
Worship: 39
Sunday School: 9

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We have received word of the passing of our dear friend Ken Prescott on December 16 following a brief hospital stay. Please keep his wife Vivian, his children, and extended family in your prayers. He will be greatly missed.

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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:

Family of Ken Prescott, Minerva Stadlmeir, 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, 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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Each year, Absecon Post 9462 of the VFW participates in Wreaths Across America. This is a mission to remember our fallen US veterans, honor those who serve, and teach our next generation the value of freedom. Over 50 wreaths were provided to APC by the VFW Ladies Auxiliary. These have been laid on the graves of veterans buried in our cemetery by Jack Heil and Tina Brown.

This Saturday at 10 AM, the VFW will meet in the Absecon Methodist cemetery to place a wreath on veteran Jerry String's grave. Then they will continue to the Presbyterian cemetery to place a wreath on LeRoy Birkbeck's grave.

All are welcome to participate in this meaningful event. Afterward, you are invited to meet at the Post on the White Horse Pike for coffee and donuts.

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Session Spotlight – December 14 Meeting

Session has approved the use of Madden Hall for the 2022 Blood Drives on **February 9, April 29, August 4, and November 9** from 2:00 to 7:00p.m.

Please mark these dates on your calendar:

December 24, 2021---Christmas Eve service at 6:00 p.m.

December 26, 2021---Christmas service at 10:30 a.m.

January 9, 2022---a Special Meeting of the Congregation has been called to vote on the slate of new officers for the Class of 2024 and to complete the Mission Study Team’s questionnaire. Those attending are invited to stay and enjoy lunch and a time of fellowship.

February 6, 2022—Annual Congregational and Corporation meetings of Absecon Presbyterian Church followed by lunch and a time of fellowship.

Christian Education events are being planned for January and February so please stay tuned!

Adult Bible Study---“The Chosen” Session 2 will begin in **Mid-January on Thursdays** at 7:00 p.m. in the Cobb Lounge and be led by Tina Harvey and Dan Hughes.

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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 donations are to be submitted to the office with payment by Sunday.

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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

Last Chance to Share your Christmas joy with your church friends and family by dropping off cards for them from 10 am to 12 pm on Saturday Dec. 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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Thank You!

Deposit made on December 10, 2021

General

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$617.70
Envelopes Designated	\$685.00
Initial Offering	
Per Capita	\$38.00
Energy Needs	\$55.00
Angel Tree	\$1.00
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
On-line Fuel Needs	
General Total	<hr/> \$1,396.70

Benevolence

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$71.00
Envelopes Designated	\$30.00
Magi Fund	\$215.00
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
On-line Thanksgiving	
On-line Pakistan	
Benevolence Total	<hr/> \$316.00

Capital Expenditures

Loose

Envelopes Undesignated \$21.30

Envelopes Designated \$170.00

Fund Raiser

On-line Undesignated

On-line Designated

On-line Fund Raiser

Capital Total \$191.30

Combined Total \$1,904.00

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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!