

'Remain in me, and I will remain in you! The branch can't bear fruit by itself, but only if it remains in the vine. In the same way, you can't bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. People who remain in me, and I in them, are the ones who bear plenty of fruit. Without me, you see, you can't do anything.'

- John 15:4-5 (NTE)

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

Pastor Drew's sermon is titled *"Growing Your Connection to the True Vine"* from John 15:1-17 (NTE) available for you in the attached bulletin.

Your participation in the communion does not require the communion wafers and grape juice. Use what you have at home that you think best represents in your context the bread and wine used by Jesus.

Beginning Monday Pastor Drew will be attending a week-long Early Ministry Retreat.

Sunday, May 9, will be another opportunity to worship online with the
First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen, NJ.

Log in to APC's Facebook page at 10:30am as usual.

Your bulletin information will be provided in advance.

<https://www.facebook.com/AbseconPresby>

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

For confidence to know that in the struggle, you are with us.

For patience, kindness, humility and empathy, that these might live into the calling to which you have called us.

For a spirit of holy community among us to embrace new ways to serve and share in your ministry of reconciliation.

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:

Nancy Pederson, Carol Thomas, Pam Blair, Desiree DiPasquale, Jun & Family, Barbara Mellon, JoAnn Sabo, Bob Gillis, Rita Abelson, Roy Birkbeck, Olive Brown, Jerry Hoenes, Marilyn & Tito Rosado, Dan Hughes, Stan Weir, Patti, Jim & Devin Morris, Christopher Green, Diane Ford, Dorie Keener

Continued prayers always for:

Judy Stebbins, Rob Perry, Teresa, 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, Jean Delesantro, Betsy Cunius, Marjorie McGuigan, Doris Steele, Essie Newell, Joyce Pfeiffer, Don & Lucy Croneberger, Marie C. & Carmen DeVece, Olga Davies, Jim Mong, Edith Budd, Carol DeLaurentis, Mildred Felsberg, Virginia Loeb

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A Thank You from Peggy –

I would like to thank the ladies of the church for the lovely Easter dinner that was sent to my house, also a birthday card. It was nice to be remembered. All I can say is Thank You.

I pray next year all this will be over, and our lives can go on.

Pastor, thank you for your sermons each week. I love when you talk about your children, also.

Thanks,
Peggy Merrill

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The Upper Room devotionals for May/June are now available in the vestibule. Call the office weekdays during office hours (11a-2p) to arrange pickup or delivery.

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Want to worship in person? Limited seating is available for next Sunday, May 16, and most Sundays by registering at bit.ly/registerforsunday before Thursday at 2 p.m. Presbytery has approved our plan to double the number of available seats beginning June 6! Registration, masks and distancing are still required.

We want your opinion: Please be sure to fill out and send in your survey! Don't waste that stamp on the self-addressed stamped envelope! If you need another copy, please go to www.AbseconPresby.org or by going to bit.ly/2021APCsurvey to print one, because your voice matters.

Opening New Doors: Safer and more welcoming doors for the future at Absecon Presbyterian Church hinge on your support. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Spring Fundraiser to raise \$15,000 for new doors. Mail your gift, or give online at www.AbseconPresby.org/give and be sure to mark it Spring Fundraiser.

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Deposit made on April 23, 2021

General

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$488.94
Envelopes Designated	\$2,390.00
Per Capita	
Initial	
Fuel	
General Total	<hr/> \$2,878.94

Benevolence

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$56.20
Envelopes Designated	\$310.00

One Great Hour of Sharing	\$17.00
Mission Bouquet	
Benevolence Total	\$383.20
Capital Expenditures	
Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$16.86
Envelopes Designated	\$700.00
Capital Total	\$716.86
Combined Total	\$3,979.00

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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!