'I have given them your word. The world hated them, because they are not from the world, just as I am not from the world. I'm not asking that you should take them out of the world, but that you should keep them from the evil one."

- John 17:14-15 (NTE)

* * * * * * *

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

Pastor Drew's sermon is titled "Everything Should Change, Except the Gospel" from John 17:1-19 (NTE) available for you in the attached bulletin.

* * * * * * *

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.

* * * * * * *

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:

Nicholas Sabo, Kwame Gyasi, Mary Umoren & Family, Gail Driscoll, James Beatty, Linda Gillis, Bill Mong, Jim Adams, Julie Doughterty, 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, Khristen 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

* * * * * * *

Want to worship in person?

Limited seating is available.

Go online to <u>bit.ly/registerforsunday</u> by Thursday at 2 p.m. or, if you have no Internet access, call the church.

Beginning June 6, we will have twice as many seats available!

Weekly registration, plus masks and distancing will still be required.

* * * * * * *

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.

* * * * * * *

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.

* * * * * * *

Session Spotlight – May 11 meeting

- 1. Please mark June 6 on your calendar as the first day to bring homemade soup and/or bread to the Church for the Deacons to deliver to our shut-ins. The smaller plastic containers and lids will be available at the church for your soups as well as baking tins for the breads. Betty Price will be the point of contact so please contact her about picking up containers and tins from the Church and/or dropping off your finished delicious creations.
- 2. When we are worshipping in the sanctuary, there are Deacons' envelopes available in the pews for your gifts. Since a lot of us are attending the Facebook services but would like to donate, please mail your **Deacons's gift** with your weekly offering envelope. Or you may make an online donation indicate **Special** gift and under Note: **Deacons.**
- 3. **Wednesday, May 12,** a new memorial outdoor bench is being dedicated to Isaac Umoren. The service will be attended by his wife, Georgina, and one of his sons, Kufre. Elders Naida Burgess and Donald Wong will also be present.
- 4. On **Wednesday, May 19**, our two communicants, Kwame Gyasi and Nicholas Sabo, will be interviewed by members of Session and then on **Sunday, May 23**, they will be confirmed during the Church service. When we are enter Phase II of Regathering and more of us are able to attend, please welcome Kwame and Nicholas.
- 5. Once we have entered Phase II of Regathering, the church will be available for small groups to meet in Madden Hall.

* * * * * * *

Deposit made on May 7, 2021

General Loose **Envelopes Undesignated** \$1,722.60 **Envelopes Designated** \$100.00 Per Capita **Initial** Fue1 On-line Undesignated On-line Designated Online Per Capita Online Initial On-line Fuel **General Total** \$1,822.60

Benevolence	
Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$198.00
Envelopes Designated	\$55.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	
Community Food Bank	\$25.00
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
On-line One Great Hour of Sharing	
On-line Sister Jean's	
Benevolence Total	\$278.00
Capital Expenditures Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$59.40
Envelopes Designated	\$15.00
Spring Fund Raiser	\$1,535.00
On-line Undesignated	·
On-line Designated	
On-line Spring Fund Raiser	
Capital Total	\$1,609.40

* * * * * * *

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!