

*As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.*

Mark 6:34

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**Worship In Person  
Sunday at 10:30 a.m.**

**OR**

**Online on APC's Facebook page at  
[www.Facebook.com/AbseconPresby](http://www.Facebook.com/AbseconPresby)**

Ruling Elder David R. Watts will be leading us in worship. His sermon is titled "A Shepherd of Compassion" from Jeremiah 23:1-6 (NRSV) and Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56 (NRSV) available in the attached bulletin.

Pulpit Supply Ruling Elder David R. Watts began teaching Sunday School and preaching at age 17, after completing his education under the guidance of the Oblates of Saint Francis DeSales. He became a chaplain's assistant during his time in the US Army. David Graduated from The University of Dubuque Theological Seminary in 2020 and in 2021 completed a certification of Servant Leadership through a Scholarship from the Synod of the Northeast.

Lay Assistant: Loretta Metz  
Ushers: Barbara & Bob Hudak

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A Memorial Service for Diane Ford will be held tomorrow (Saturday) at 11:00 a.m. with visitation beginning at 10:00. Interment of ashes will follow in the cemetery.

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**Please Keep These Requests In Prayer**

For Pastor Drew, Claire, Harrison and Jo as they prepare for their move to NC.  
For God's guidance as we begin the process of calling a new pastor.  
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:**

The Family of Diane Ford, Richard Older, Robert Mellon, Peggy Kelly, Desiree DePasquale, Dottie McCaffrey & the Family of John Mong, Lily Rose Cramer, Luca Leech, Ethel Washington, Jean Delesantro, Jerry Hoenes, Cathy Follansbee, James Beatty, Jun & Family, JoAnn Sabo, Rita Abelson, Olive Brown, Marilyn & Tito Rosado, Dan Hughes, Stan Weir, Patti, Jim & Devin Morris, Christopher Green

**Continued prayers always for:**

Carol Thomas, 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, 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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**Seven Things I Wish Christians Knew About the Bible**

Pastor Drew has a book recommendation for members of the church to continue being engaged in the study of the Bible. It is called "Seven Things I Wish Christians Knew About the Bible" by Rev. Dr. Michael Bird. This book is easy to read and offers a good framework of how to approach studying God's Word. The church has several copies available in the office for you to borrow or you can order your own at <https://amzn.to/3xT4fSh>.

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**How can I give?**

Please give your time by praying for your church and your community, and by calling and checking in on your church family, including those you do not talk to regularly.

Please give your talent, by offering your skills to alleviate the strain put on us all by this pandemic.

Please give from your treasure through your tithes and offerings which can be left in the offering plates available in the sanctuary or mailed to:

Absecon Presbyterian Church  
208 New Jersey Avenue  
Absecon, NJ 08201

**Online Giving**

You can also give online at:

**[www.AbseconPresby.org/give](http://www.AbseconPresby.org/give)**

All gifts made online are safe and secure through the Presbyterian Foundation. At this time, gifts to the General Fund and Benevolence are what is most needed.

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**Deposit made on July 9, 2021**

**General**

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$1,378.08
Envelopes Designated	\$40.00
Initial	
Memorial - Roy Birkbeck	
Memorial - Leo Ransone	
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
On-line Memorial - Roy Birkbeck	
On-line Memorial - Leo Ransone	
On-line Fuel	
<b>General Total</b>	<b><u>\$1,418.08</u></b>

**Benevolence**

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$158.40
Envelopes Designated	\$20.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
On-line One Great Hour of Sharing	
On-line Sister Jean's	

Memorial - Leo Ransone	<u>\$100.00</u>
<b>Benevolence Total</b>	<b>\$278.40</b>
 <b>Capital Expenditures</b>	
Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$47.52
Envelopes Designated	\$20.00
Spring Fund Raiser	
Sign (Bakely House)	
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
On-line Spring Fund Raiser	
<b>Capital Total</b>	<u><b>\$67.52</b></u>
 <b>Combined Total</b>	 <u><u><b>\$1,764.00</b></u></u>

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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!