

22 But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers
who deceive themselves.

James 1:22



Abington Presbyterian Church

August 16, 2020

10:00 A.M. Celebration Worship

11th Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP
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GATHERING

The people gather wherever they may in response to God's call, offering praise in words of scripture, prayer, and song. The people acknowledge their sinfulness and receive the good news of God's forgiveness.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP *A time for quiet preparation before worship*

As part of creation which was brought forth by your word, O God, we recognize the power that is associated with what you say. Open our hearts and minds to your direction and encouragement. Guide and vitalize us through your Spirit. Make us responsive to your word, where we carry it out in our daily lives. Amen.

PRELUDE ‘Choral’ from *Symphony No. 7* *Charles-Marie Widor*

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

There are a lot of things said these days – to what will we listen?

God's word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path.

We need inspiration and direction – to whom will we turn?

God's word came in human form in the person of Jesus. He shows us what God values.

We hope to have a faith that is vibrant and relevant – who will shape us?

God's word helps us know who we are and what we are called to do. Holy Spirit, help our response to what God says!

* HYMN 308 O God in Whom All Life Begins NOEL

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Source of all truth, we bring ourselves before you as we really are. We do not want to deceive ourselves, and we know we cannot deceive you. We have given in to the lure of distorted values. Our ambitions have ignored the pressing needs of others. Our sense of gratitude has disappeared at times. Our selfish desires add to our state of confusion. O God, speak to us a word of grace, guidance, and deliverance.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's forgiveness is revealed to us and demonstrated for us. Rejoice and be glad –
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! We commit to forgiving others!

* RESPONSE Glory Be To the Father *Hymn 581*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

WORD

God's Word is read and its message is proclaimed in scripture, music and interpretation.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 119:105-112

Bible OT Pg. 569

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

How Firm A Foundation (Hymn #463)

arr. C. Anderson & A.L. Page

SCRIPTURE READING

James 1:17-25

Bible OT Pg. 229

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Vibrant Faith: Logos

The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Declaration of Faith

Jesus lived a truly human life. Jesus was what we are. He grew up in a family and a society troubled by the common problems of the world. His knowledge was limited by his time and place in history. He felt deeply the joy of friendship and the hurt of being rejected. Jesus prayed, struggled with temptation, knew anger, and was subjected to suffering and death. He was like us in every way except sin. Jesus was what we should be. He served his Father with complete trust and unwavering obedience. He loved all kinds of people and accepted their love. In constant dependence upon the Holy Spirit, Jesus allowed no temptation or threat to keep him from loving God with his whole being and his neighbor as himself. We recognize in Jesus what God created us to be. He exposes our failure to live as he lived. He demonstrates the new humanity God promises to give us through him.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

THANKSGIVING & SENDING

After the proclamation of God's Word, we respond with gratitude prepared to go into the world where we are called to live according to God's will.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

* HYMN 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

* BENEDICTION

* THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Greet one another with the sign of peace.

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

* POSTLUDE

Fugue in A Minor, BWV

J.S. Bach

[service hymns and some announcements follow]

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

Liturgist: Cindi Willis

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

Organist: Sean Burns

Bell and piano duo: Janet Tebbel and Jody Bohr.

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In need of special prayers this week: Lynne Waite, Ned Leiby, Linda Gustafson, Len Browna, Roy Castor, Michael Kemp, Frankie Ryan (friend of Cindi Willis), Laura Lockhart, Sylvia Weed (mother of Kathryn Jablokow), Lauren Frazer (sister of Jeanne Hyczko), Sophia Southerling (friend of Amy Baker), Barbara LaNore (sister of Lynda Smyth), Bruce D. Meissner (son of Judy and Bud Meissner), Sylvia Jolly, MM Harris, Herb Harris, Debbie Garrettmeyer (niece of Marlyn Whyte), Gary Lynch (son of Doug Lynch), Wayne Wilkerson (father of Amy Baker), Chris Popescu (aunt of Joanne Bates), Herb Ewald (husband of Lynda Ewald), Marty Bell (cousin of Alice Price), Elizabeth Cole (granddaughter of Nancy Webb Cole), Doris Boerner, Victor V. Johnson (brother of Pete Johnson), Helen Porter (mother of Joe Porter), Janet Wells (mother of Gwen Bihn), Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Linda Maisenhelder, Pat Slimmer and Rosie (friends of Anne and Ray Rife), Marian Kupper, Christine Kim (wife of Stephen Kim), Will Pompilli (son of Teresa Pompilli), Phyllis Frazier, Nick Cupo, Sr.

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O God in Whom All Life Begins 308

1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,
 2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts
 3 Through tears and laugh-ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;

be - stow your bless - ing on our lives; here let your love find root.
 that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.
 so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.

Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa - tience, joy, and peace;
 So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your Name
 Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray;

de - liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.
 that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim.
 then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

Although it was written for the installation of a pastor, this text is really about the mutual ministry shared by all members of a worshipping community, both when they are gathered and when they go forth into the world. The tune used here may have Christmas associations for some.

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F#) (A7) (D)
 Eb Ab Eb/G Bb7 Eb

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)
 Bb Eb Ab Bb

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F#m7) (G) (A)
 Ab Eb Gm7 Ab Bb

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)
 Cm Eb/G Ab Eb

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.