

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Matthew 5:4



Abington Presbyterian Church

November 1, 2020

10:00 A.M. Celebration Worship

All Saints' Day

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

Prayer before worship: All-knowing God, we come to this time of worship with many different experiences, problems, and needs. You bring us to a common place, presenting us with your wisdom, righteousness, and redemption. Enable us to recognize the blessings that you pour out upon us, as we discover your power in the simple and commonplace. Amen.

PRELUDE

Behold a Host Arrayed in White

John Ferguson

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come together in this space and beyond us with the company of the faithful:

those who recognize the fullness of God's blessings, and those who need reminders at this point in their pilgrimage.

We come together, remembering the ones we call saints:

those who, like stained glass windows, had the light of God shining through them.

We come together, praising God for all who have shaped our faith:

Those who demonstrated the love and justice in which God delights.

*** HYMN 369**

Blessing and Honor

O QUANTA QUALIA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, through Jesus' teachings, we hear that your reign belongs to the hopeless, and those who mourn are honorable.

Yet sometimes, we disregard those among us who are poor in spirit, rather than surrounding them with our care.

When we shy away from those who yearn for compassion because of our own discomfort or distress,
forgive us.

When we rush past those searching for hope because we do not have the 'right' words to say,
forgive us.

O God, break open our hardened hearts.

Grant us the grace to turn toward others with loving kindness, and help us to be instruments of healing and wholeness.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's grace poured out for us is an expression of God's love and blessings extended to us.

We relish God's goodness. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* RESPONSE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Hymn #582

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. 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 1 John 3:1-3
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:1-12
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Beloved, Blessed *The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill*

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

LITANY OF GRATITUDE AND GRIEF

God of all the ages, we are enriched by those who have shown forth faithfulness.
We express our gratitude.
Some who have been lanterns for love, peace, and compassion in our midst have died.
We are grateful for their lives, but also feel a sense of loss.
Bring healing to those who feel loss most intensely.
Help us to be a caring community of faith that reflects your deep compassion.
We thank you for the resurrection hope that defines our gratitude and grief.
Alleluia! Amen.

NECROLOGY AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES

ANTHEM In Deepest Night (Hymn 785) *David Schwoebel*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you for saints and martyrs...we lift our songs of praise to you:

HYMN 552 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might

LAND OF REST

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty...that our words and actions may
acknowledge the One crucified and risen:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit ...praying now as our Lord
Jesus has taught us saying:

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**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEIVING OF ELEMENTS

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

* HYMN 326

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

* BENEDICTION

* THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Greet one another with the sign of peace.

* POSTLUDE

Sing Alleluia Forth (MARTINS)

Percy Buck, arr. R. Below

[service hymns follow]

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

Liturgist: The Rev. Aaron Twitchell and Karen Hoyle

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

Acolytes: Elder Lauren Maransky, Elder Nicola Rigsby

Choir: Ruth and John Sall

Organist: Joel Klingman

In need of special prayers this week: 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, Marian Kupper, Christine Kim (wife of Stephen Kim), Will Pompilli (son of Teresa Pompilli), Phyllis Frazier, Nick Cupo, Sr., Joanne Hawkins (mother of Nick Cupo), Wayne Gibbons, Jr., John & Carolyn Burrell (parents of Janet Gildner), Susan Arnhold (friend of Joanne and Jeff Bates), Kris and Erik Reidenbach (friends of Sally Adams).

For Pastoral Care: To notify the church of an illness, hospitalization, death, or to request prayer, contact a minister or call your Deacon or the Church Office at (215) 887-4530.

**We remember those who have joined the
Church Triumphant during the past year.**

Lester (Les) E. Bergen

Barbara Dittmar

Anne Downs

Albert L. Foster

Linda M. Gustafson

Rita C. Knouse

Barbara (Bobbie) Leiby

Edwin (Ned) M. Leiby, Jr.

Helen Lutz-Oughton

George S. Meinel

Lesley Meinel

Roberta (Bert) Wolff Nehlig

Gladys Parsons

G. Stanley Powell

Anna R. Pullar

Lowell A. Reed, Jr.

Henry G. Rems

Barbara S. Rowland

Ruth Ann Neckowicz Shuttleworth

Jacob (Jake) Edward Snipes

David L. Tamaccio

Eugene (Gene) Taylor

John (Jack) Lapp Waite

Evelynne (Lynn) McCartney Waite

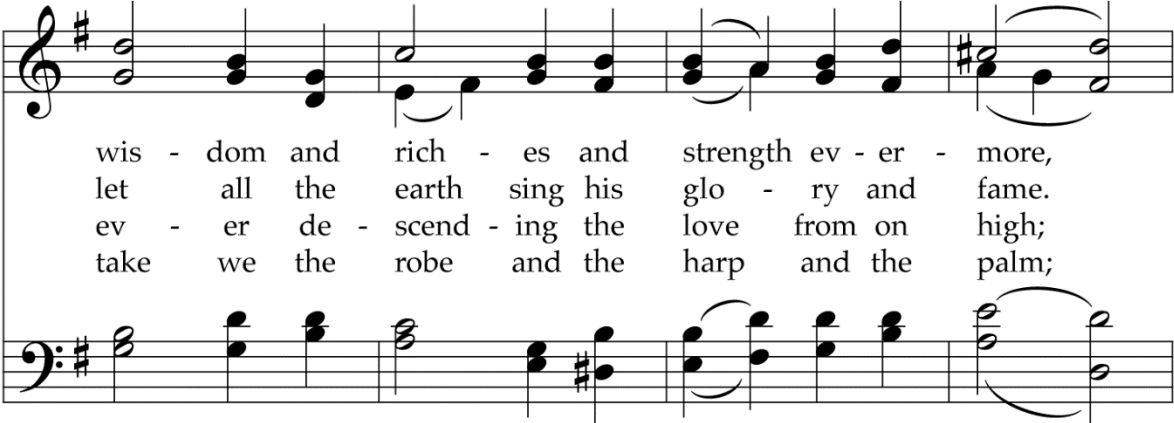
Grace Wells

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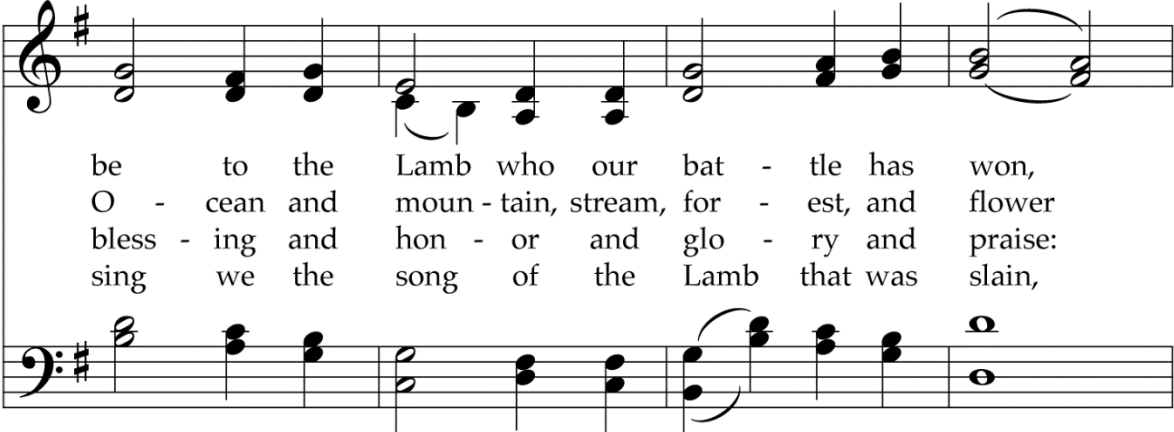
Blessing and Honor



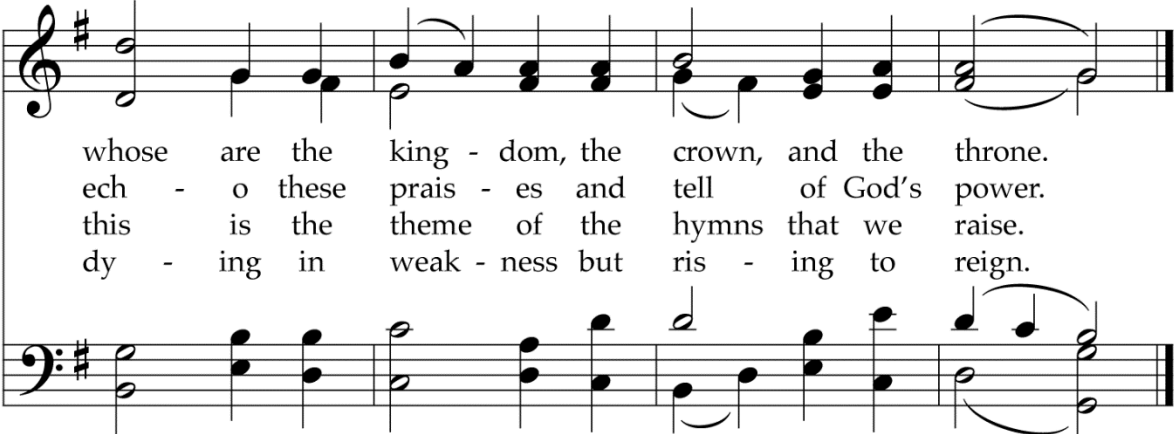
1 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and power,
 2 Let all the heav - ens sound forth Je - sus' name;
 3 Ev - er as - cend - ing the song and the joy,
 4 Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb;



wis - dom and rich - es and strength ev - er - more,
 let all the earth sing his glo - ry and fame.
 ev - er de - scend - ing the love from on high;
 take we the robe and the harp and the palm;



be to the Lamb who our bat - tle has won,
 O - cean and moun - tain, stream, for - est, and flower
 bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and praise:
 sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,



whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne.
 ech - o these prais - es and tell of God's power.
 this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.
 dy - ing in weak - ness but ris - ing to reign.

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Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
 B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
 F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
 C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!