

³³ But turning and looking at his disciples,
he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me,
Satan! For you are setting your mind not on
divine things but on human things.”

Mark 8:33



Abington Presbyterian Church

February 28, 2021
10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

Second Sunday in Lent

ORDER OF WORSHIP
2nd Sunday in Lent February 28, 2021

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*

God of wonderful deeds, we are thankful for your promises and we want to live in covenant with you as disciples of Jesus Christ. In this time of worship, break down the barriers that separate us from our highest intent. Amen.

PRELUDE Prelude in F minor BWV 534 *Johann Sebastian Bach*

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

The way of worship invites us: "Lift up your hearts and voices unto God."

We celebrate the wonderful works and gracious presence of God.

The way of the covenant beckons us: "Acknowledge the Lord in what you say and do."

We give thanks for the faith, trust, and hope God is inspiring in us.

The way of the divine call summons us: "In spite of the challenges, follow the Christ."

We join in the journey that leads to true and lasting life.

*** HYMN 49** The God of Abraham Praise LEONI

CALL TO CONFESSION

Knowing that we have difficulty discerning our own errors, we turn ourselves toward the Eternal One. Let us approach the One who accepts the sincere prayers of the penitent.

HYMN 415 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy *verse 1*

Leader: Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

All: **I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and to save. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected injustice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is merciful and kind, granting us clean hearts through the new covenant. Let us rejoice in the good news of the gospel –

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.

* THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Greet one another with the sign of peace.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WORD

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 17:1-7; 15-16

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:31-38

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Getting Behind

The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,**

**and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;**

the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

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| * HYMN 726 | Will You Come and Follow Me | KELVINGROVE |
| * BENEDICTION | | |
| * POSTLUDE | Toccata in D minor | Florence Price |

[service hymns and some announcements follow]

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Jade King Bass and Ray Rife

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

Choir: Ashley Tsung

Organ: Erik Meyer

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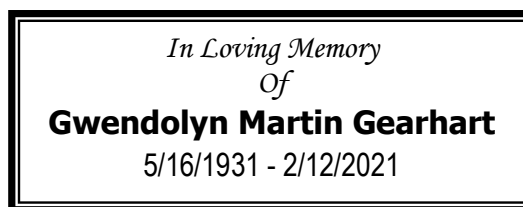
In need of special prayers this week: Len Browna, Michael Kemp, Laura Lockhart, Sylvia Weed (mother of Kathryn Jablokow), Barbara LaNore (sister of Lynda Smyth), Sylvia Jolly, MM Harris, Herb Harris, Gary Lynch (son of Doug Lynch), Chris Popescu (aunt of Joanne Bates), Marty Bell (cousin of Alice Price), Elizabeth Cole (granddaughter of Nancy Webb Cole), Doris Boerner, Helen Porter (mother of Joe Porter), Janet Wells (mother of Gwen Bihn), Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Linda Maisenhelder, 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., Susan Arnhold (friend of Joanne and Jeff Bates), Kris and Erik Reidenbach (friends of Sally Adams), Pat Slimmer (friend of Anne and Ray Rife), David Fryer (husband of Rabbi Shoshana Tornberg, friend of APC), Meredith Ellisor, (cousin of Craig Nicholson).

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.

LENTEN PAPER LACE BANNERS:

You will notice in our worship livestream/video that two banners have joined the chancel this season. These designs are part of a larger series of artwork designed for this Lenten season by the collective group of liturgical artists at A Sanctified Art. Worship Council and staff hope the imagery and impact of the banners engage you in a new way during this season whether online or in the sanctuary recognizing that your experience with the works will be wholly individual even as you share it with all in the APC community. Below are the artist's descriptions of some theological inspirations and background which may give a broader invitation to engage the with these works. (Images for "Drawn to Love" and "Prevenient" by Hannah Garrity, A Sanctified Art LLC, www.sanctifiedart.org remain copyrighted property licensed for use.)

Sympathy and prayers for the family of Gwen Gearhart, as they mourn her recent death.



49 The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;

the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
 Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:

we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
 3 "Will you let the blind-ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.