

⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
“Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”
And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Isaiah 6:8

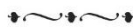


*Christ in Glory
(north transept vestibule)*

Abington Presbyterian Church

May 30, 2021

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Celebration Worship



Trinity Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Trinity Sunday May 30, 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*

Gracious God, you are above all yet within all. Your Spirit permeates all that we see and experience. Your Word dwells among us. Envelop us in the mystery of your Triune nature and let it be a comfort to all who come before you in worship today. Amen.

PRELUDE (9:00) Beach Spring *Janet Linker*
(11:00) Prelude in D Major, BWV 850 *Johann Sebastian Bach*

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to proclaim God's glory and strength, God's holy splendor!

Come, let us worship the name of the Lord.

We listen for the voice of the Lord, full of power and majesty.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters and all throughout the wilderness.

May the Lord give strength to God's people on this day.

May the Lord bless God's people with great peace in all the earth.

* HYMN 10 Sing Glory To the Name of God LASST UNS ERFREUEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of justice, you call us to treat our neighbors with love and kindness. We know in our hearts that all who live and breathe are precious in your sight. Yet, our minds take us down paths of greed, stubbornness, and violence. We desire more than we need instead of working for all to have enough. Forgive us, Lord, and set our feet back on the path of your Law that will lead us to salvation.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Spirit lives and moves in us to become children of God, and we are no longer slaves to the flesh.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* HYMN OF PRAISE 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.

(11:00) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Claire Anne Waite, daughter of Julia Hostetter Waite and Ian Martin Waite

*** (11:00) BAPTISMAL CREED**

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.**

(11:00) BAPTISM SONG

Welcome, Child of God

AR HYD Y NOS

**Raindrops, oceans, lakes, and rivers; welcome, child of God.
Mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters; welcome, child of God.
When the world feels wide around you,
When the dark of night surrounds you,
We are here to tend and guide you. Welcome, child of God.**

WORD

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:12-17

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:1-17

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

He Came By Night

The Rev. Aaron Twitchell

* (9:00) AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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I believe in the Holy Ghost;
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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

* HYMN 490

Wash, O God Your Sons and Daughters

BEACH SPRING

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

9/8 Prelude in C major, BWV 547

Johann Sebastian Bach

[service hymns and some announcements follow]

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Aaron Twitchell

Liturgists: The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill (9:00), Lydia Meyer (11:00)

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

Choir: (9:00) Lauren Keiter and Alan Keiter; (11:00) John Sall

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, 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), David Fryer (husband of Rabbi Shoshana Tornberg, friend of APC), Meredith Ellisor, (cousin of Craig Nicholson), Judy Meissner, Nina DiTimasso and Audrina Rose (friends of Anne-Marie Constable), Barb Kelly.

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.

10 Sing Glory to the Name of God

(Psalm 29)

Unison

1 Sing glo - ry to the name of God, whose ho - ly splen - dor shines a -
 2 The name of God is full of might: re - sound - ing thun - der, flash - ing
 3 The name of God is wild and free, a - whirl in ho - ly mys - ter -
 4 May God for - ev - er be our peace; may hymns of glo - ry nev - er

Harmony *Unison*

broad. light. y. cease: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! En - throned a - bove the The wil - der - ness can - A se - cret wrapped in Let all the faith - ful

crash - ing waves, the God of grace and glo - ry saves.
 not con - tain the ech - oes of the great re - frain:
 smoke and fire, still chant - ed by the tem - ple choir:
 peo - ple come; sing praise to God, the Three - in - One:

This sweeping paraphrase of Psalm 29 conveys a sense of the Jewish reverence for the sheer power of God's name, regarded as too holy for mortal tongues to pronounce. In keeping with its appointment for Trinity Sunday, the final stanza gives the psalm a Christian interpretation.

THE TRIUNE GOD

Harmony

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia,

The Harmony section consists of two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major. The melody is written in a simple, homophonic style. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia,". The music features a mix of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Unison

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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490 Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)
F Dm B^b

1 Wash, O God, your sons and daugh-ters, new - born crea - tures
2 Ev - ery day we need your nur - ture; by your milk may
3 O how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - i - mag - ined,

(D) (Bm)
F Dm

of your womb. Num-ber them a - mong your peo - ple, raised like
we be fed. Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of
all your ways! To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our

(G) (D) (A)
B^b F C

Christ from death and tomb. Weave them gar - ments bright and
bless - ing, liv - ing bread. God, re - new us; guide our
lives we wor - ship, praise! We your peo - ple stand be -

(Bm) (F#m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)
Dm Am Dm B^b C F

spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light. Fill, a - noint them;
foot - steps, free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in
fore you, wa - ter-washed and Spir - it - born. By your grace, our

(Bm) (G) (D)
Dm B^b F

send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.
liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.
lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text incorporates many of the images associated with the water of baptism in the Thanksgiving Over the Water in *The Book of Common Worship*, especially nourishment, the calling forth of life, cleansing and renewal, freedom from bondage, and sharing in Christ's resurrection.