

¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away; see, everything has
become new!

2 Corinthians 5:17



Abington Presbyterian Church

June 13, 2021

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

Older Adult Sunday

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*

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations. For I have said, Mercy shall be built up forever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the heavens. I have made a covenant with my chosen. I have sworn unto David my servant. Thy seed will I establish forever and build up thy throne to all generations. Selah Psalm 89: 1-4

PRELUDE	(9:00) Balm in Gilead	<i>J. Bert Carlson</i>
	(11:00) Grosser Gott	<i>J. Bert Carlson</i>

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Then the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not abide in mortals forever, for they are flesh, their days shall be 120 years" (Gen. 6:3)

We pray that long years will be good years.

The glory of youths is their strength, but the beauty of the aged is their gray hair. (Proverbs 20:29)

Give us strength and experience.

Remind us to ask and teach us to listen.

Gray hair is a crown of glory; it is gained in a righteous life. (Proverbs 23:22)

Day by day, we strive to be more holy.

So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to all the generations to come. (Psalm 71:18)

We love to tell the story of Jesus and his love.

In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap. (Psalm 92:24)

Yes, we too will soon know and understand God's gift of growing older; give us wisdom so that we may serve others as we have been served. Amen

* HYMN 4	Holy God We Praise Your Name	GROSSER GOTT
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, you have given us new life, but in our busyness, we often do not see those possibilities. You have given many of us years and wisdom but we ignore those gifts of life and age, seeking our own wisdom, not yours. Forgive us for ignoring the gifts you offer, for thinking we know best and going our own ways without listening for your voice. Send your Holy Spirit upon us that we might be refreshed, restored and open to the paths you set for us. Thank you for this opportunity to be renewed and given another chance to be your faithful disciples.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Because of God's love for us, all that keeps us away, all that blinds us to God has been removed.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

* HYMN OF PRAISE 581

Glory Be To the Father

**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.**

* 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 OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 20

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4: 26-34

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Smallest Seed

The Rev. Dr. Jade King Bass

* 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.**

RECOGNITION OF THE 50+ YEAR MEMBERS

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

OFFERTORY

We Shall Overcome

African-American Spiritual

* HYMN 829

My Faith Looks Up To Thee

OLIVET

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

(11:00) Trumpet Tune in D Major

David N. Johnson

[service hymns and some announcements follow]

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Jade King Bass

Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Kirby Lawrence Hill, The Rev. Aaron Twitchell, Mary Devan

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

Choir: Presbyterians

Organ: Erik Meyer

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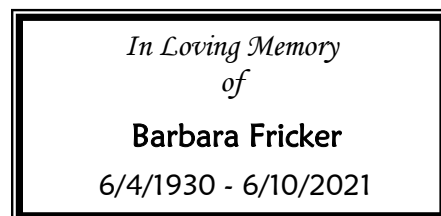
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In need of special prayers this week: Len Browna, Michael Kemp, Laura Lockhart, Sylvia Weed (mother of Kathryn Jablokow), Barbara LaNore (sister of Lynda Smyth), Sylvia Jolly, MM Harris, Herb Harris, Chris Popescu (aunt of Joanne Bates), Marty Bell (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), Wayne Gibbons, Jr., Susan Arnhold (friend of Joanne and Jeff Bates), Kris and Erik Reidenbach (friends of Sally Adams), Meredith Ellisor, (cousin of Craig Nicholson), Judy Meissner, Nina DiTimasso and Audrina Rose (friends of Anne-Marie Constable), Barb Kelly, Diane Johnson, Susan Johnson (daughter-in-law of Pete Johnson).

We offer special prayers for comfort and sympathy to the family of Barbara Fricker as they mourn her recent death.

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.

Last Sunday's flowers for the 11:00 service were given by Amy Gould in celebration of the June 5, 2021 marriage of John J.Beck (JJ) to Cara Dombrowski. They were also given in memory of their grandparents, James J. Gould, John and Sadie Beck , and Albert Genz . We apologize that this notice was not in last Sunday's bulletin.



4 Holy God, We Praise Your Name



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
 3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your sa - cred
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it:



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name they hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, while in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heaven a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with
 and the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low, and from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, and a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.



My Faith Looks Up to Thee 829

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray; take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love, fear and dis -

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way; nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, a ran - sored soul!