

12 As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
clothe yourselves with compassion, **kindness**,
humility, meekness and patience.

Colossians 3:12



Abington Presbyterian Church

July 11, 2021

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

7th 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*

Your acts of kindness toward us, O God, are far from random. With intentionality and purpose, you demonstrate the nature of your heart time and again. Shape us this day to better reflect your goodness and love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

PRELUDE	(9:00) Intermezzo in A major	<i>Johannes Brahms</i>
	(11:00) Adagio from Sonata in A minor	<i>Antonio Vivaldi</i>

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise God who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.

We have experienced God's kindness in multiple ways and in various settings.

As God's holy and beloved chosen ones, we are called to clothe ourselves with:

Compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

May God give us vision to see what we are intended to be!

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in God's sight!

* HYMN 475	Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing	NETTLETON
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. Even though we have received many acts of kindness from you, we have not reflected kindness toward others. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of the vibrancy of your ministry, clothe us with the qualities you intend for us to have, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.

MUSICAL EXPRESSION OF HOPE 435	There's a Wideness in God's Mercy	<i>verse 1</i>
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There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea. There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is rich in mercy. By grace we have been saved!

We are forgiven and raised to new life in Christ Jesus!

* 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 OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Micah 6:6-8
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 2:1-10; 4:25-32
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Designer Clothes: Kindness *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

OFFERTORY (11:00) Allegretto poco mosso from Violin Sonata *Cesar Franck*

* HYMN 692 Spirit, Open My Heart WILD MOUNTAIN TMHYE

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE (11:00) Allegro from Sonata in F major *George Frederick Handel*

[some announcements follow]

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

Liturgist: (9:00) Cindy Miller; (11:00) Susan High

Children's Message: The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

Violin:: Joan Paltenstein

Organ: Erik Meyer

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), Judy Meissner, Nina DiTimasso and Audrina Rose (friends of Anne-Marie Constable), Barb Kelly, Susan Johnson, John and Phyllis Frazier, Carolyn Ming, Janet Gildner.

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.