

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 25, 2021

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

9th 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*

O God, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You generously pour out your blessings upon us to enable us to grow in you. Work within and through us this day, that we may fulfill our call to loving meekness. Amen.

PRELUDE	(9:00) Minuet from Suite Bergamasque	<i>Claude Debussy</i>
	(11:00) Largo from Sonata in E minor	<i>Antonio Vivaldi</i>

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Whose world is it?

The world and all that is in it belong to the Lord!

What is our role in the world?

Loving God and neighbor, we are stewards of that which has been placed in our care.

As we worship our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, how will we carry out our role?

Through being clothed with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

* HYMN 356	Sing Praise to God, Whose Mighty Acts	SALVATION
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Majestic God: deep within, we know how we have failed to be your people. Our hardened hearts are closed to the love of Christ; our lust for more and more blocks the fullness of your grace from transforming our lives, which damages your created order; our trust in the powers of the world reveals our foolish nature. In addition, we make excuses for our sins and deny our complicity. Have mercy upon us, O God. Pour out the rich blessing of forgiveness on our parched souls. Reclothe us as your people, and restore us to faithful living, as we seek to follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in service to everyone we meet.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The wideness of God's mercy, the range of God's forgiveness, the infinite love of God – these gifts are now ours!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new!

* 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 Psalm 8
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(11:00) ANTHEM "Beloved, God's Chosen"

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 12:14-21, Matthew 5:5
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Designer Clothes: Meekness *The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill*

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Excerpt from the Belhar Confession*
**We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit.
This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.
We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,
the communion of saints called from the entire human family.
We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church
as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another.
We believe that unity is, therefore,
both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ;
that through the working of God's Spirit, it is a binding force,
yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought.
We believe that this unity must become visible
so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred
between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered,
and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity
may have no place in the church and must be resisted.**

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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(11:00) Priere

Camille Saint-Saens

* HYMN 316

Where Charity and Love Prevail

TWENTY-FOURTH

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

(11:00) Allegro from Sonata in E minor

Antonio Vivaldi

[*some announcements follow*]

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

Liturgists: The Rev. Aaron Twitchell and Rev. Dr. Jade King Bass

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

Choir: 11:00 Carol Gabay

Cello: 11:00 Mary Felley

Organ: Erik Meyer

In need of special prayers this week: Len Browna, 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), 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, Robin Cupo, Raymond Rudy (father of Alice Price), Laverne King & Terry Lodise (friends of Chris Ellis).

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.