14 "Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup> Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my houshold, we will serve the LORD."

Joshua 24:14–15



# Abington Presbyterian Church

August 22, 2021 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

13th Sunday after Pentecost

# ORDER OF WORSHIP 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost August 22, 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

Sovereign God, you are the source of our strength. We give thanks for choices we have this day, including the opportunity to use time to focus on who you are and what it means to serve you. Open us to your word of truth, that we might make choices in keeping with your will. Amen.

PRELUDE

(9:00) Sonata in F major (11:00) Aria on Ein Feste Burg Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Erik Meyer

# LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

# \* CALL TO WORSHIP

A love that never ceases,

A creativity that designed the universe,

A hope that cannot be quenched,

A pursuit of reconciliation no matter the cost:

These are the things that are of God,

And this day, we choose to worship and serve the Lord.

\* HYMN 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN FESTE BURG

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, hear our prayer: For the mending of our hearts torn apart by our unkindness; For the healing of our souls wasting away from the despair that invades us; For the forgiveness we seek for the sins we have allowed to persist; For the focus on your priorities that our willfulness resists; For the reconciliation of the world whose hostilities convict us; We pray for the courage to admit our faults, The strength to amend our actions, And the hope that your grace awaits us. Through Christ we pray.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's grace is stronger than our sin; God's love can transform our lives -

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 The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

Greet one another with the sign of peace.

(9:00) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Ellie Pendley Costello, daughter of Elizabeth Pendley Costello and Kevin Timothy Costello

\* (9:00) BAPTISMAL 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.

(9:00) 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

The Apostles' Creed

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

# SCRIPTURE READING

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### SERMON

**Choose Your Equipment** 

### \* (11:00) AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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# 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

Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18

### Ephesians 6:10-20

The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

The Apostles' Creed

CWM RHONDDA

# \* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

(11:00) Paean on Ein Feste Burg

Erik Meyer

[some announcements follow]

Worship Leaders: Preacher: The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill Liturgist: The Rev. Aaron Twitchell Children's Message: Ruth Sall Choir: 11:00 John Dean 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), 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, Laverne King & Terry Lodise (friends of Chris Ellis), Desiree' Trammell.

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