

22 But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.

James 1:22



Abington Presbyterian Church

August 29, 2021

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

14th 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*

Gracious God, we give thanks for your commandments which guide and teach us. Strengthen us today to live as you intend. Shape our hearts also that we would be true to who you are making us to be. Amen.

PRELUDE	(9:00) Sonata in F major, 1st movement	<i>Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart</i>
	(11:00) Liebster Jesu	<i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i>

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

We see light, hope, and joy;
We bring heart, soul, mind, and body;
We share blessings and concerns;
We bring faith and questions.
With all that we are, all that we have, and all that we do,
Let us worship God.

* HYMN 395	Blessed Jesus, At Your Word	LIEBSTER JESU
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we come again to admit that we have honored you with our lips while our hearts were far away. We have taught doctrines from our own limited understanding, and we have held fast to our human traditions as if they embodied your will. We have filled our minds with evil thoughts that lead to destructive deeds. We are truly sorry for the many ways we have defiled your good intent for all. We ask for your forgiveness and the opportunity for new beginnings.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is planting the word of hope, the word of grace, and the word of forgiveness into our hearts.
God's word is powerful!
Our hearts and our lives are being changed!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* RESPONSE

Glory Be To the Father

Hymn #581

**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

(9:00) *Highlights of Noah's Arts Camp for Kids (NACK)*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

James 1:17-27

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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SERMON

Clean Living

The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

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 429

As a Chalice Cast of Gold

GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE

As a chalice cast of gold, burnished, bright and brimmed with wine,
make me, Lord, as fit to hold grace and truth and love divine.
Let my praise and worship start with the cleansing of my heart.

Save me from the soothing sin of the empty cultic deed and the pious,
babbling din of the claimed but unlived creed.
Let my actions, Lord, express what my tongue and lips profess.

When I bend upon my knees, clasp my hands, or bow my head,
let my spoken, public pleas be directly, simply said,
free of tangled words that mask what my soul would plainly ask.

When I dance or chant your praise, when I sing a psalm or hymn,
when I preach your loving ways, let my heart add its Amen.
Let each cherished outward rite thus reflect your inward light.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

(11:00) Toccata in G major

William Walond

[some announcements follow]

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

Liturgist: Suzin Weber

Children's Message: Ruth Sall and NACK campers

Organ: Erik Meyer

Special Thanks to our Noah's Arts Camp for Kids (NACK) participants and helpers this week who presented *The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit* (David and Goliath) on Friday. Campers included Ainsley Kelly, Alexander Hilliard, Alton Jones, Anna Colt, Baxter Jones, Bradyn Kelly, Charlotte Jones, Elisha Gill, Gabriel Jackson, Isaac Freeman, Jacob Freeman, Lukas Meyer, Ruby Sall, Taylor Richardson, Zene Colt. Special thanks to counselors and helpers who made the week possible, safe, and fun: Andrew Waite, Eliza Feil, Lily Sall, Miriam Sall, Sonia Feil, with appreciation to Maddie McAllister, Cary McAllister, John Dwyer, and Pastor Aaron Twitchell.

In need of special prayers this week: Len Browna, Sylvia Jolly, MM Harris, Herb Harris, 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).

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