

²⁸ One of the scribes came near and...asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰ you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:28-31



Abington Presbyterian Church

November 7, 2021

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

All Saints' Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP

All Saints' Day November 7, 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

With all the saints of every time and place, we come to worship you, O God Most High. Enlighten us once more in this time of adoration and blessing. Grant comfort for those who have suffered loss and fill us all with resurrection hope as we seek to live out the love you inspire. Amen.

PRELUDE

Requiescat in Pace

Leo Sowerby

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

You are welcome in this place, where God meets us in love.

Why are we here? We are here to love God with all that we have and all that we are.

You are welcome in this place, where God loves us as children.

Why are we here? We are here to love ourselves as deeply as God loves us.

Welcome to this place, where God serves us at the table of love and grace.

Why are we here? We are here to be sent forth to love others as deeply as we love God and ourselves.

* HYMN 688

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

MORECAMBE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we ask that our hearts would desire what your heart desires.

We love you with all of our being until you call upon us to change our priorities.

We have acted as if the greatest commandment is to love ourselves solely.

Our response to the cries of those in need has been inadequate.

We have turned our backs on opportunities to serve you by serving others.

Forgive us for our failure to value what you value.

Remove our shallow pursuits of this world so that we can pursue abundant life with you, for you alone are the One who can fill the deepest places of our hearts.

In Jesus' name we pray.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has no difficulty in loving us in spite of our difficulties in living out love for God and neighbor.

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

* HYMN 62

Love the Lord Your God

GREAT COMMANDMENT

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 12:28-34

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

First and Second

The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

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 ANTHEM

Greater Love Hath No Man

John Ireland

Many waters cannot quench Love, neither can the floods drown it.
Love is strong as death. Many waters cannot quench love.
Greater Love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Who His own Self bare our sins in His own Body on the three,
That we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.

That we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.
Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified, in the Name of the Lord Jesus;
Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
That ye should show forth the praises of Him Who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous
light.

I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God
that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, holy, acceptable unto to God,
which is your reasonable service.

* DOXOLOGY

Hymn 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

LITANY OF GRATITUDE AND GRIEF

God of all the ages, we are enriched by those who have shown forth faithfulness.

We express our gratitude.

Some who have been lanterns for love, peace, and compassion in our midst have died.

We are grateful for their lives, but also feel a sense of loss.

Bring healing to those who feel loss most intensely.

Help us to be a caring community of faith that reflects your deep compassion.

We thank you for the resurrection hope that defines our gratitude and grief.

Alleluia! Amen.

NECROLOGY AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES

* HYMN 731

Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm

REPTON

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you for saints and martyrs...we lift our songs of praise to you:

HYMN 552

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might

LAND OF REST

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty...that our words and actions may
acknowledge the One crucified and risen:

Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit ...praying now as our Lord
Jesus has taught us saying:

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEIVING OF ELEMENTS

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

* HYMN 326

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Improvisation on Sine Nomine

Erik Meyer

[some announcements follow]

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

Liturgist: The Rev. Aaron Twitchell

Chancel Choir: John Sall, director

Organ: Erik Meyer

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In need of special prayers this week: Len Browna, Sylvia Jolly, MM Harris, Herb Harris, Doris Boerner, Helen Porter (mother of Joe Porter), 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, Laura Lafferty, Emil Kupper, Joanne Lieb (friend of Ian & Amy Beck), Erma Yerkes, Linda Doyle.

We offer prayers of thanksgiving with Sarah and Matt Berry, for the birth of their daughter, Emily Lola Berry on October 28.

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.

*In Loving Memory
Of*

Jean K. Garvin

7/17/1925 - 10/23/2021

Abington Presbyterian Church celebrates God's infinite love and believes all people are equal in the eyes of God. We welcome all to worship and serve with us. We seek to work together to oppose intolerance, racism, and injustice that threaten the unity of humankind.

**We remember those who have joined the
Church Triumphant during the past year.**

Robert (Bob) E. Aemisegger, Jr.

Marilyn K. Carter

LaRoy N. Castor

Herbert Ewald

Barbara Fricker

Jean K. Garvin

Gwen Gearhart

Pam Haldeman

Michael Kemp

Charmaine Kissinger

Gary Lynch

Carol Magee

Edward F. Meissner

Barbara Miller

George Nofer

Nancy Rems

Elizabeth L. Sautter

Joan M. Shorday

Carl W. Spitko

Edwin C. Tyrrell, Jr.