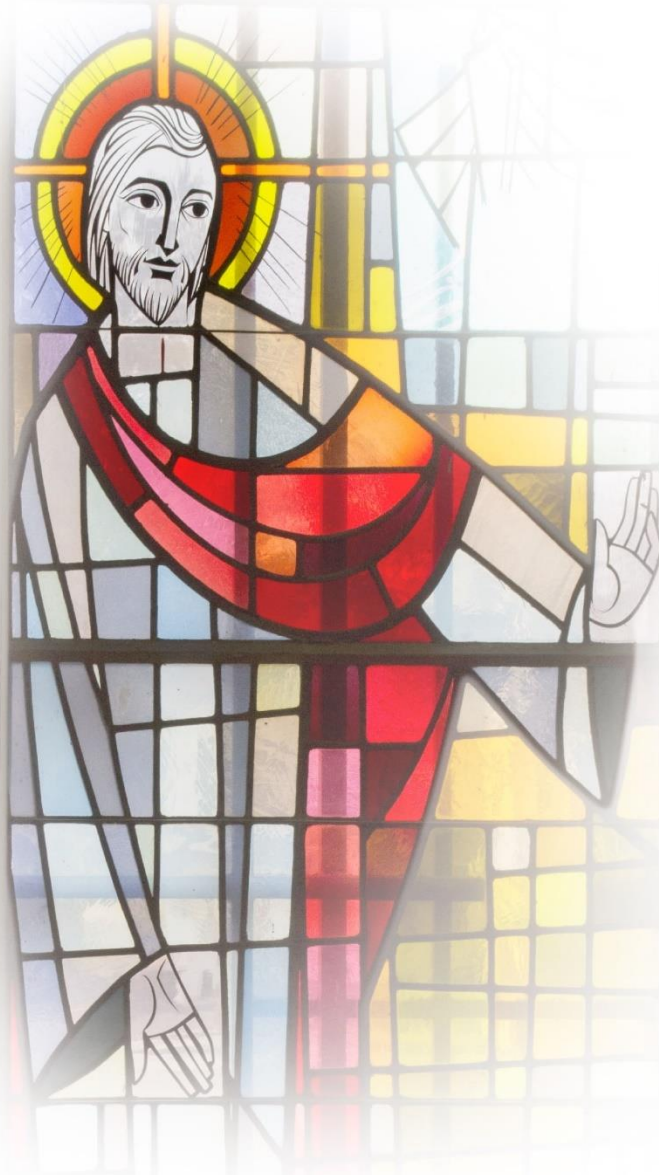


⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

Mark 12:43–44



Abington Presbyterian Church

November 14, 2021

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

25th 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*

May your presence be so real to us, O God, that our lives would be brought into harmony with your aims for justice and peace. Make us instruments of your help and carriers of your hope, in this place and beyond it. Amen.

PRELUDE Psalm-Prelude no. 1 (Psalm 34:6) *Herbert Howells*

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

God's Word called into being the beauty of autumn days.

In awe, we come into the presence of the God of vivid imagination.

God's arms reach down to gather up children, lovingly placing us in grace's lap.

In joy, we reach up to the God who loves us completely.

God's Spirit gives us vision and dreams of what could be.

In service, we join with our God to build hope in our world.

*** HYMN 645** Sing Praise to God who Reigns Above MIT FREUDEN ZART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We confess, O God, that we put our trust in things we can see,
more than in you as the One who gives us the ability to see.**

We take for granted your gifts that surround us.

We pursue human schemes because your will puts limits on us that we don't like.

We vie for recognition without noticing the effect of our actions on others.

Free us from the tyranny of our own ambitions so we can serve wherever we are.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Out of the richness of God's grace, we are made whole so we might live in hope and joy –

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 *Greet one another with the sign of peace.*
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

HYMNAL PRESENTATIONS

WORD

God's Word is read and its message is proclaimed in scripture, music and interpretation.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Kings 17:8-16
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace *African-American Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan*
We shall walk in peace.
We shall walk through the valley in peace. We shall walk through the valley in peace.
For Jesus Himself will be our leader. We shall walk through the valley in peace.
We shall walk in peace.
We will meet our loved ones there. We will meet our loved ones there.
For Jesus Himself will be our leader. We shall walk through the valley in peace.

There will be no more trials there. There will be no trials there.
For Jesus Himself will be our leader. We shall walk through the valley in peace.
We shall walk in peace.

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 12:38-44
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Generous Hearts *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.

* HYMN

What Does the Lord Require

The musical score is written for a hymn in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a vocal melody on a single treble staff and a piano accompaniment on grand staves (treble and bass). The lyrics are arranged in three systems, with the vocal line and piano accompaniment aligned to the text. The piano part consists of chords and moving lines in both hands, providing harmonic support for the vocal melody.

1. What does the Lord re - quire For praise and of - fer - ing?
 2. Rul - ers of earth, give ear! Should you not jus - tice know?
 3. How shall our life ful - fill God's law so hard and high?

What sac - ri - fice de - sire, Or trib - ute bid you
 Will God your plead - ing hear, While crime and cruel - ty
 Let Christ en - due our will With grace to for - ti -

bring? Do just - ly; love mer - cy; Walk
 grow? Do just - ly; love mer - cy; Walk
 fy. Then just - ly, in mer - cy, We'll



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 ANTHEM

Holy One, In You Alone

Ray Makeever

Refrain: We do not call this world our own, yet we will make this earth our home: Holy One, in you alone.

We do not claim this living word that we have heard is ours alone to give:

We only know we have a heart in which it lives. *Refrain*

We do not claim this love of ours can tame the powers that lead our world to sin:

We only know we walk the road where Christ has been. *Refrain*

We do not claim these seeds we sow will sprout and grow from our own hopeful hands:

We only know we are the ground on which it lands. *Refrain*

We do not claim our prayers for change can rearrange this world by our own will:

We only know the risen Christ is with us still. *Refrain*

* 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

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Carillon

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[some announcements follow]

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

Liturgist: The Rev. Aaron Twitchell

Chapel and Chancel Choirs: 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, Shirley Keiter.

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.

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