

⁷ How precious is your steadfast
love, O God!
All people may take refuge in
the shadow of your wings.
⁸ They feast on the abundance of
your house,
and you give them drink from
the river of your delights.

Psalm 36:7-8



Abington Presbyterian Church

January 16, 2022

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

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*

Transforming God, your presence in Jesus blessed the wedding feast in Cana. Bless our efforts as we seek to serve you. Fill us with joy as we recognize the impact of your presence in our midst. Amen.

PRELUDE *Shalom (Peace) from The Aeolian Sonata* *Dan Locklair*

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

No matter how far we wander from you, O God,
your steadfast love reaches out to embrace us.
No matter how unjust the world is, O God,
your steadfast righteousness continues on its quest.
No matter how bland our lives seem to us, O God,
your steadfast presence opens possibilities to joyful, abundant living.
We will worship God!

*** HYMN 477** *Thy Mercy and Thy Truth, O Lord* *TALLIS' ORDINAL*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, give ear to our prayers
as we once again acknowledge our need of your grace to be at work in our lives.
We have become mired in our mistakes
and then imagined that you do not care about us.
We have suffered the agonies of loss and have blamed you,
rather than having sought your comfort and help.
We have settled for lackluster lives
when you show the way toward abundant living.
Bring to us the light of your joy,
that we may delight in being transformed into people
who seek and serve your will.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God enfolds us with a love that will not let us go, filling us with awe, wonder and rejoicing.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* HYMN 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD (VASILE)

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 36:5-10

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:1-11

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Transforming Our Efforts

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.**

* HYMN 156

Sing of God Made Manifest

SALZBURG

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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Lift Every Voice and Sing

JAMES & ROSAMOND JOHNSON

* 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

* HYMN 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata in G

William Walond

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

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

Organ: Erik Meyer

Choir: Colt Family

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In need of special prayers this week: MM Harris, Herb Harris, Doris Boerner, Ira Greenbaum (nephew of Marlyn Whyte), 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), Judy Meissner, 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, Tim McCabe (friend of Marlyn Whyte), the Family and Friends of Marilou Cassidy, Joseph May, LaToya Coles, John & Carolyn Burrell (Janet Gildner's parents), Victor Johnson III (Pete Johnson's nephew).

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