

Because We Care

Breakthrough covid has hit pastors, sessions and congregations of our Presbytery now more than any other time during this pandemic. Out of our concern for the health and safety of the entire congregation, and due to the current spike in positive covid cases and the spread of the Omicron variant, we want to remind you of our current guidelines which are still in effect. We strongly encourage masks be worn by those attending church services who are either unvaccinated or immune-compromised. For anyone vaccinated/boosted, we are still observing our Covid 19 Guidelines in place since May 2021, which are wearing a mask when singing, staying seated in the open pews, and observing six feet of distance between yourself and others.

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Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

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Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

In Person

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**Online on APC's Facebook page at
www.Facebook.com/AbseconPresby**

Ruling Elder David R. Watts

Sermon: *"My Hour Has Not Yet Come"*

The First New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

The Gospel: John 2:1-11

Lay Assistant: Debbie Wong

Ushers: Tina Brown & Joan Nale

Attendance Last Week

Sunday Worship: 34

Sunday School: 7

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Please Keep These Requests In Prayer

The prayer book is on the table in the vestibule by the side entrance to the sanctuary.
Please write any requests/praise items you wish to be included in prayer during worship.

For all who are mourning the loss of loved ones, especially during this holiday season.

For God's guidance as we continue the process of calling a new pastor.

Members of our armed services.

For an end to this pandemic, protection for those most at risk.

For confidence to know that in the struggle, God is with us.

For renewed commitment to God's purpose in us all.

For us to come together in the bond of self-giving love.

For renewed energy in finding our place in God's church, as people who pray, share and volunteer.

For wisdom and discernment when facing the unknown.

For God's church to embrace the poor and marginalized, to see God's image and be God's image in this broken world.

For a revival in our faith to live boldly for God's Kingdom.

For these the individuals and families in acute need right now who are connected to your church in Absecon:

The Seltzer Family, Lynn Derman, Elaine Risley, Bill Young, Kathy Bordonaro, Don Croneberger, Debora Wong, Lisa Nagle, Christopher Green, Jim, Patti & Devon Morris, Jim McManus, Ethel Washington, Jean Delesantro, Cathy Follansbee, James Beatty, Jun & Family, Olive Brown, Dan Hughes, Stan Weir

Continued prayers always for:

Marilyn Rosado, Luca Leech, Rita Abelson, Desiree DePasquale, Gail Driscoll, Mary Umoren & Family, Dorie Keener, Judy Stebbins, Rob Perry, Robin McBrearty, JoAnne Morgan, Marge Loeb, Kavonna & Essence, Darryl, Kristen and Quentin, Dirk Williamson, Jim Price, Frances Weir, Emilia Carboy, Irene Smith, Aiden & Wendy Licolli, Kathy Boyte, Betsy Cunius, Marjorie McGuigan, Doris Steele, Essie Newell, Joyce Pfeiffer, Lucy Croneberger, Marie C. & Carmen DeVece, Olga Davies, Edith Budd, Carol DeLaurentis

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Congratulations to Our Newly Elected Officers!

During a special meeting of the congregation last Sunday the following officers were elected to 3-year terms unless otherwise noted.

Elders: Bobby Hudak (1yr term), Naida Burgess, Jackie Rosen, Ann Wallace
Deacons: Vic Abelson, Tina Brown, Jackson Harvey
Trustees: Amos Bhagwandeem, Melvin Washington

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Volunteers are currently distributing **member surveys**.
These are needed by our **Mission Study Team**
to complete their responsibilities as part of the search
for your new pastor. Your input is Important!
Please return your completed survey as soon as possible.
Thank you!

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It's not too late to return your **2022 Stewardship pledge card** and Talent Bank form!
Your pledge is an estimate of giving for the year and provides the Finance Committee
with information on how your gifts compare to estimated expenses.
Thank you in advance!

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Severe Blood Shortage

The American Red Cross is facing a national blood crisis—its worst blood shortage in over a decade.

Your donation is desperately needed.

What is causing the blood shortage crisis?

- 10% overall blood donation decline since March 2020.
- 62% drop in college and high school blood drives due to the pandemic.
(Student donors accounted for 25% of donors in 2019 and accounted for just 10% during the pandemic.)
- Ongoing blood drive cancellations due to illness, weather-related closures and staffing limitations.
- Additional factors like a surge of COVID-19 cases and an active flu season may compound the already bad situation.

The next Red Cross Blood Drive at APC will be Wednesday, Feb. 9 in Madden Hall from 2p - 7P.
(sponsor code Lolla Chiro)

To schedule an appointment sign up online at
www.redcrossblood.org,

OR call 1-800-REDCROSS
(1-800-733-2767)
for an appointment which fits your schedule.

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Thank You!

Deposit made on January 7, 2022

General

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$1,735.65
Envelopes Designated	\$2,030.00
Per Capita	\$310.00
Initial Offering	\$12.00
Sunday School	
Energy Needs	\$40.00
Christmas Flowers	
Easter Flowers	
Memorial Money	
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	

General Total	\$4,127.65
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Benevolence

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$199.50
Envelopes Designated	\$250.00
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
On-line Sister Jean's	
Benevolence Total	\$449.50

Capital Expenditures

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$59.85
Envelopes Designated	\$350.00

On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
On-line Fund Raiser	
Capital Total	<u>\$409.85</u>
Combined Total	<u><u>\$4,987.00</u></u>

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Please know that we love each and every one of you, and you continue to be in our prayers.

Stay safe –
Follow Official Guidelines –
and Know You Are Loved!