

Winter Storm Warnings

A final decision regarding the winter weather announcement will be made on Saturday. Messages will be sent out then by telephone and emails. If you are able to pass the word on to friends who may not receive these messages, please give them a call.

As always, if you have any uncertainty about traveling in bad weather, Please Stay Home!

Covid Protocol Information

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.

Individuals with COVID-19 symptoms, or those who have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19, should get tested to reduce the spread of the virus.

New Jerseyans can get tested by:

1. [Ordering a free at-home saliva test](#), shipped directly to your home at no cost
2. Ordering four free at-home COVID-19 tests from [COVIDtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov)
3. [Visiting a free public testing location](#) in your county
4. [Using the COVID-19 Test Site Finder](#) to find a test nearby

A free federal testing site is now open at **421 Chris Gaupp Drive in Galloway.**

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Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Mark 1:14-15

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Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
In Person
OR
Online on APC's Facebook page at
www.Facebook.com/AbseconPresby

Rev. James Shanley
Sermon: "Vanilla and Jesus"
Old Testament Reading: Joshua 24:14-15
New Testament Reading: Mark 1:14-20

Lay Assistant: Bill Keener
Ushers: Gwen Monhollan & Betty Lloyd

Attendance Last Week
Sunday Worship: 31
Sunday School: 6

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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.***
Keep in mind that Facebook comments and requests read by the minister during worship are being recorded for broadcast and can be heard by the general public worldwide. For the privacy of those you are praying for, consider using just a first name or making your prayer requests general in nature.

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:

Marjorie McGuigan, The Family of Elaine Risley, Jim Morris, The Seltzer Family, Lynn Derman, Bill Young, Kathy Bordonaro, Don Croneberger, Lisa Nagle, Christopher Green, 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, Doris Steele, Essie Newell, Joyce Pfeiffer, Lucy Croneberger, Marie C. & Carmen DeVece, Olga Davies, Edith Budd, Carol DeLaurentis

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Your end of year giving letters were mailed last week.

We thank you for your support throughout these difficult times.

Remember, 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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Coming up on Sunday, February 6

Ordination and Installation of newly elected officers will take place during worship.

The annual meetings of the congregation and corporation will begin following worship. Your annual report booklet is attached to this email. Hard copies will be available from the ushers on Sunday.

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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 21, 2022

General

Loose

Envelopes Undesignated \$1,198.86

Envelopes Designated \$380.00

Per Capita \$154.00

Initial Offering \$5.00

Energy Needs

Sunday Altar Flowers

Memorial Money

Christmas Flowers (Pointsettias)

On-line Undesignated

On-line Designated

On-line Christmas Eve

General Total \$1,737.86

Benevolence

Loose

Envelopes Undesignated \$137.80

Envelopes Designated

Thanksgiving

Mission Bouquet

On-line Undesignated

On-line Designated

On-line Sister Jean's

On-line Magi Gift

Benevolence Total \$137.80

Capital Expenditures

Loose

Envelopes Undesignated \$41.34

Envelopes Designated \$150.00

Fund Raiser

On-line Undesignated

On-line Designated

On-line Fund Raiser

Capital Total \$191.34

Combined Total \$2,067.00

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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!