

*The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.*

Matthew 23:11-12

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***Daylight Savings Time ends in the wee hours of Sunday, Nov. 1. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to sleep!***

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**Communion Worship Live online Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and Outdoor Worship at 3:00 p.m. on APC's Facebook page at [www.Facebook.com/AbseconPresby](http://www.Facebook.com/AbseconPresby)**

Pastor Drew's sermon at 10:30am is titled "Where You See Humility, There You See God" from Micah 3:5-12 (NRSV) and Matthew 23:1-13 (NRSV) available for you in the attached bulletin along with the hymns. Your participation in the communion does not require the communion wafers and grape juice. Use what you have at home that you think best represents in your context the bread and wine used by Jesus.

**Postponed from Last Sunday:** The **Outdoor Worship will be at 3 p.m.** in the cemetery. This will be a service of Lessons and Hymns in celebration of Reformation Sunday. Registrations from last Sunday's attempt will carry over. If you have not yet registered please do so today at <http://bit.ly/apcoutside> and agree to the social distancing rules, including wearing a mask during the service. Please bring your own chair if you can, as well as your own bible and drink. Again, you MUST register using the above link.

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***If you or someone you know from church is sick or hospitalized, please notify the office at 609/641-3759 so Pastor Drew can reach out to you.***

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**Please Keep These Requests in Prayer**

For each of us in this divided nation to humbly repent and love others as Jesus loves us, regardless of political party.

For all who are suffering the effects of natural disasters.

For an end to this pandemic, healing for the sick, protection for those at risk, and comfort for those grieving or alone.

For a cure, treatment and preventative options to save lives.

For our government leaders to unite in addressing this crisis.

For the homeless and the poor who struggle even more now in this economic recession to meet basic needs.

For wisdom, guidance and protection when we gather again.

For an end to institutions of racism and our personal bigotry, that we humble ourselves for one another and set aside hate.

For all who are grieving personal loss and the changes to our church, our society, the economy and the culture this year.

For all who are struggling with anger and fear, especially those battling mental illness.

**For these the individuals and families in acute need right now who are connected to your church in Absecon:** Stan Weir, Bob Gillis, Rob Perry, Loretta Metz, JoAnne Morgan, Robin McBrearty, Christopher Green, Diane Ford, Dorie Keener, the Morris Family, Jim Price, Dirk Williamson, Wayne & Ruthann Grier, Paula Dowey, Darryl, Kristen and Quentin, John King,

**Continued prayers always for:**

Rita Abelson, Bill Tilley, Elaine Risley, Frances Weir, Louise Speitel, Dan Hughes, Gail, Emilia Carboy, Irene Smith, Aiden & Wendy Licolli, Kathy Boyte, Minerva Stadlmeir, Jean Delesantro, Jerry Hoenes, Betsy Cunius, Marjorie McGuigan, Rich & Rob, Doris Steele, Joyce Pfeiffer, Don & Lucy Croneberger, Marie C. & Carmen DeVece, Marge Loeb, Carol Thomas, Jim Mong, Edith Budd, Carol DeLaurentis, Ellen Plum, Mildred Felsberg, Virginia Loeb, Lisa Mazza

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Session has set a **goal of 40 Shoeboxes** built by November 7. **Nine have been built as of today, and we thank you.** You are encouraged to support this worthy cause providing a brighter Christmas for children in need around the world. For a \$25 donation you can choose from gift options in 4 categories and include a short note or you can choose to have your gift filled for you.

Visit <http://bit.ly/APCShoeBoxes> and click your way through to bring joy to a child!

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It's time for our **Christmas Angel Tree** project through the Salvation Army! As with the Shoeboxes, this year's collection will be a little different. See the flyer attached to this email for a list of the children we are sponsoring. Then call Ann Wallace with your selection and she will give you the child's wish list. As in the past gifts are not to be gift wrapped. Gifts can be dropped off by calling the office between 11a-2p weekdays OR at the open drop off on Thursday, Dec. 3. See the attached flyer for more information.

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***Upper Room devotionals for November/December are available from the church office. Give us a call and we will make sure you get your copy!***

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### **Other Ways to Join Worship**

Do you or someone you know struggle with using Facebook for Sunday services? Facebook is ideal because we can interact with each other, but if you or someone you know does not have an account, you can still see the services live and throughout the week via our Web site: [www.AbseconPresby.org](http://www.AbseconPresby.org)

If you or someone you know is not connected to the Internet at all, we will mail the bulletin and sermon out midweek. Call the office to add a name and address for the mailing.

And every Monday, afternoon the previous Sunday's sermon will be available by phone to listen day or night at your convenience by calling this number: (609) 212-0313.

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### **Now Wednesday Morning Prayer**

Throughout the shelter in place order, the Tuesday Morning Prayer Ministry has changed their meeting day but continue to meet via Zoom to lift up the names of all who are affiliated with the church and the specific prayer requests that you send in. Now it is moving to **Wednesdays!**

If you have a particular request for prayer or would like someone who you love to be included in prayer, please call the church or send an email to [PrayerAPC@gmail.com](mailto:PrayerAPC@gmail.com).

If you would like to join the prayer group go to <https://bit.ly/PrayerAPC> at 8:30 a.m. on **Wednesday** mornings.

### **Wednesday Zoom**

Every week Pastor Drew checks in with the congregation through Zoom, a free program for your smart phone, tablet or computer. Usually, around 10 to 15 individuals stop in to chat with each other about what's going on in our lives and in the church. If you would like to join in, please call the office for the link, which is protected with a password to ensure that you are safe.

Pastors of the Absecon-Galloway Ecumenical Community offer a weekly Facebook prayer group Thursdays at Noon. All are welcome to sign into Facebook and use the link below to meet with our local pastors in prayer. This works the same as our online worship.

<https://www.facebook.com/YourChurchesTogether/>

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### **What can I give?**

The church is one body with many parts. Each of us has something different to offer in terms of time, talent and treasure.

Please consider giving your time by calling and checking in on fellow church members, including friends, but also those you do not talk to regularly.

Please consider giving your talent, by considering ways your skills may help to alleviate the strain put on us all by this pandemic.

Please consider giving your treasure by mailing in your tithes and your offerings. Mail your checks to:

Absecon Presbyterian Church  
208 New Jersey Avenue  
Absecon, NJ 08201

You can also give your gift online at:

[www.AbseconPresby.org/give](http://www.AbseconPresby.org/give)

All gifts made Online are safe and secure through the Presbyterian Foundation. At this time, gifts to the General Fund and Benevolence are what is most needed.

**Giving received Oct. 17-23:**

**General**

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$1,128.39
Envelopes Designated	\$825.00
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
Per Capita	
Initial	
Energy	\$190.00
<b>General Total</b>	<b>\$2,143.39</b>

**Benevolence**

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$129.70
Envelopes Designated	\$755.00
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
Mission Bouquet	
Sister Jean's	
<b>Benevolence Total</b>	<b>\$884.70</b>

**Capital Expenditures**

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$38.91
Envelopes Designated	\$305.00
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
Winter Fund Raiser	
Cemetery	
<b>Capital Total</b>	<b>\$343.91</b>

<b>Combined Total</b>	<b>\$3,372.00</b>
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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!