

*And the Word became flesh and made His tabernacle among us, and we beheld His glory, a glory as of an only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

*John witnesses through Him and he cried out saying, "This is He of whom I was saying, "The One coming after me, takes precedence over me because He existed before me."*

John 1:14-15 (Pastor's Translation)

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

This Sunday we light the third candle on the Advent Wreath – the candle of Joy. Pastor's sermon is titled "Ooh, Heaven is a Place on Earth" from Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 (NRSV) and John 1:1-18 (Pastor's Translation) available for you in the attached bulletin.

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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 your wisdom where we gather, protection from the virus and consolation as we grieve change.

For those with COVID, those mourning loved ones lost, and those working on medical answers to end this pandemic.

For peace, cooperation, and integrity in our political process.

For the lonely and isolated, the angry and afraid, especially those struggling with mental illness.

For the marginalized who are excluded based on their wealth, race, gender or other biases, both personal and institutional.

For the hungry, thirsty, homeless, naked, sick and imprisoned.

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

Matt Gillis, Judy Stebbins, Stan Weir, Rob Perry, JoAnne Morgan, Robin McBrearty, Christopher Green, Diane Ford, Dorie Keener, Patti, Jim & Devon Morris, Bob Gillis, Darryl, Kristen and Quentin, Kavonna & Essence, A Neighbor with a brain tumor, John King, Rich Hardy

**Continued prayers always for:**

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

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*We want to send in a big Thank You to the Deacons for the premade Thanksgiving dinners. They were delicious. We really enjoyed them.*

*Patti Jim and Devin Morris*

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**Stewardship Responses Needed**

The Stewardship Campaign letters were sent out recently with a prayer pledge, a talent bank form, and a financial pledge card. Will you please commit to five more minutes of prayer each day for the future of this church? Will you share your talents and areas you would like to serve? Will you let us know what you hope to give in the coming year. **You are the church and your commitment is vital to our future as a church.**

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**Annual Christmas Card Exchange**

Even though the pandemic has kept us from gathering on Sundays as one big family, we can still preserve our traditions. Share your Christmas joy with your church friends and family by dropping off cards for them during the church's office hours, weekdays from 11 am to 2 pm, or from 9 to 11 am on a Saturday before Christmas (December 5th, 12th and 19th).

The cards will be sorted and packaged for everyone to pick up the week of Christmas, on

Monday or Tuesday between 11 am and 2 pm, on Wednesday, December 23 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., and on Thursday, Christmas Eve, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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### **Gift of the Magi Fund**

If making out cards for some or all of the 150+ households in our church family is too much, or if you want to give a gift in honor of your church friends, make a donation to the 2020 Magi Fund. ***The proceeds will go to Sister Jean's Kitchen*** and a card will be given to every person and household in the church from you. Give online or by mail before December 17th so that cards with your name on them can be put in the bags.

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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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### **Wednesday Morning Prayer**

Throughout these months of being socially distant, this Morning Prayer Ministry has continued 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.

If you have a 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/>

## **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 deposited December 4:**

### **General**

Loose

Envelopes Undesignated

\$556.80

Envelopes Designated	\$288.00
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
Per Capita	
Initial	
Energy	\$1,000.00
<b>General Total</b>	<b>\$1,844.80</b>

**Benevolence**

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$64.00
Envelopes Designated	\$167.00
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
Magi Gift	\$75.00
Sister Jean's	
<b>Benevolence Total</b>	<b>\$306.00</b>

**Capital Expenditures**

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$19.20
Envelopes Designated	\$100.00
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
Winter Fund Raiser	
Cemetery	\$10.00
<b>Capital Total</b>	<b>\$129.20</b>

<b>Combined Total</b>	<b>\$2,280.00</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!