

“In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.”

Ephesians 1:13-14 (NRSV)

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**Communion Worship Live online
Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
on APC’s Facebook page at
www.Facebook.com/AbseconPresby**

Pastor’s sermon is titled “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” from Ephesians 1:3-14 (NRSV) and John 1:1-18 (Pastor’s Translation) available for you in the attached bulletin.

As a reminder, a copy of the communion guidelines is also attached. 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.

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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 an end to the COVID pandemic, the success of the vaccine, the continued improvement of treatments.

For those battling this virus, including several on our list of intentions, that they would know a full recovery.

For those mourning loved ones lost and those who have gone without care for other conditions due to the virus.

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

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, the poor, and downtrodden here in our communities, our state, our nation and the whole world.

For this, your church community to live into its purpose and offer your love to those who do not yet fully know you.

For a revival in our faith to live boldly for your Kingdom.

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

Marge Loeb & her caregivers, Doreen & Alan Wacaster, Louise Speitel, Matt Gillis and Family, Judy Stebbins, Stan Weir, Dan Hughes, Family of Bob Hayden, Julie, Rob Perry, JoAnne Morgan, Robin McBrearty, Christopher Green, Diane Ford, Dorie Keener, Patti, Jim & Devon Morris, Bob Gillis, Kavonna & Essence, Teresa, John King

Continued prayers always for:

Rich Hardy, Dirk Williamson, Jim Price, Donna Hughes, Rita Abelson, Bill Tilley, Elaine Risley, Frances Weir, 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, Carol Thomas, Jim Mong, Edith Budd, Carol DeLaurentis, Ellen Plum, Mildred Felsberg, Virginia Loeb, Lisa Mazza

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Many thanks to the church officers and my church family for the generous Christmas gift. Also a big thank you to Tina, Deb & everyone from the Good News Express for the box of chocolates. Such kindness is greatly appreciated!

Wishing you and yours a happy and healthy 2021.

- Gay Channell

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Copies of The Upper Room devotionals for Jan/Feb will be available beginning Monday, Dec. 21. Call or email the office to arrange your pick-up or delivery.

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Annual Meeting Scheduled for Jan. 24th on Zoom after Service

We sent letters to every official 'Active Member' of the church around Christmas to inform you of the upcoming Annual Meeting of both the church Congregation and the Corporation. In the Congregational Meeting we will vote on a revision of the Bylaws of the Congregation, which were include in the letter, the pastor's revised terms of call, the election of Elders, Deacons and Trustees, and the election of a Nominating Committee for 2021.

Due to the Pandemic, we must hold the meeting on Zoom to comply with New Jersey laws, which is why it is important we use this meeting to update our bylaws. We need all members who can access Zoom to participate. If you have any questions, please call the office.

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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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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

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.

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

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 23:

General

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$2,115.84
Envelopes Designated	\$230.00
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
Per Capita	
Initial	
Energy	
General Total	<hr/> \$2,345.84

Benevolence

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$243.20
Envelopes Designated	\$250.00
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
Magi Gift	\$145.00
Sister Jean's	
Benevolence Total	<hr/> \$638.20

Capital Expenditures

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$72.96
Envelopes Designated	
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
Winter Fund Raiser	
Cemetery	
Capital Total	<hr/> \$72.96

Combined Total	<hr/> <hr/> \$3,057.00
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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!