

**Remember, “It’s only Friday... but Sunday’s coming!”**

“It’s Friday... Jesus was nailed dead on a cross.

**But it’s only Friday; Sunday’s coming!**

It’s Friday... Mary’s crying her eyes out ‘cause her Jesus is dead.

**But it’s only Friday; Sunday’s coming!**

It’s Friday... The disciples are running around like sheep without a shepherd.

**But it’s only Friday; Sunday’s coming!**

It’s Friday... Pilate’s strutting around washing his hands ‘cause he thinks he’s got all the power and victory.

**But it’s only Friday; Sunday’s coming!**

It’s Friday... People are saying “as things have been so they shall be – you can’t change anything in this world.”

**But it’s only Friday; Sunday’s coming!**

It’s Friday... Satan’s doing a jig saying, “I control the whole world.”

**But it’s only Friday; Sunday’s coming!**

It’s Friday... The temple veil ripped from top to bottom -the earth shook- the rocks split and tombs opened.

The centurion screamed in fear, “Truly, He is the Son of God!”

**But it’s only Friday; Sunday’s coming!**

**It’s Sunday–** “The angel, like dazzling lightening, rolled the stone away exclaiming, “**He is not here! He is risen!**”

**It’s Sunday! It’s Sunday! It is Sunday!”** – Dr. Tony Campolo

*But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him.*  
- Matthew 28:5-9

Worship online Easter Sunday at [APC’s Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/AbseconPresby) at [www.facebook.com/AbseconPresby](https://www.facebook.com/AbseconPresby) Sunday at 10:30a with a prelude by Rick DeKarski beginning prior to the service. Pastor’s sermon is titled “*See the Stone is Gone: Finding Joy Amid Our Fear*” from Matthew 28:1-10 (NTE) and is printed for you in the attached bulletin. Also attached are copies of the hymns for Sunday. You are welcome to print them and follow along with the online worship gathering.

*The office will be closed Monday for the Easter holiday.*

Current office hours are 11:00am to 2:00pm Monday through Friday. All doors are kept locked so if you must come in please call – 1) to be sure the office is staffed, and 2) so we can meet you at the door when you arrive.

***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.***

**Please Keep These Requests in Prayer**

As one community, drawn from throughout the world on this Easter day, let us cry out to our God in prayer, offering our petitions in the name of Christ our Lord, who shared in our life and death, to share with us God’s love and life.

For an end to the pandemic, healing for the sick, protection for those at risk, and comfort for those who grieve.

For comfort to all in healthcare facilities, apart from visitors.

For all essential workers, putting themselves in harm's way.

For the homeless, the hungry, and the poor.

For mercy on those who are desperate and act on it.

For discernment, wisdom, mental health and peace of mind.

For those who continue to give blood.

For a cure and treatments to save lives.

For everyone looking for Jesus in this and all online services, that all would know God's love and mercy.

For love, justice and mercy to prevail in our lives.

For these, the prayer requests of your church in Absecon:

Family of Austin Werner, Aiden & Wendy Licolli, Eric Hartz, Doris Steele, Louise Speitel, Christopher Green, Marie Cronauer, Carmen DeVece, JoAnne Morgan, Jean Delesantro, Rob Perry and Family, Doris Whitaker, Vic Abelson, Devin & Patti Morris, Lucy & Don Croneberger, Bill Tilley, Frances Weir, Betsy Cunius, Dan Hughes, Jerry Hoenes, Marge Loeb, Carol Thomas, Jim Mong, Edith Budd, Carol DeLaurentis, Dorie Keener, Ellen Plum, Bob & Linda Gillis, Russ Adkisson, Marjorie McGuigan, Nancy Shaw, Mildred Felsberg, Robin McBrearty, Virginia Loeb, Ava Addams, Lisa Massa, Jessica Lobacz, Joyce Richard, Barbara Ferguson, Darryl, Kristen and Quentin, Linda Gonzales, & many more.

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**Upper Room Devotionals** for May/June are available from the office. If you would like a copy please call the office and we will arrange delivery by mail or pick-up!

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### **Session Spotlight**

1. The Pastor and Leadership in the church will continue to reach out to people, especially our most senior or least technologically connected members, through phone calls and mailings. If you know of someone who would like the sermon and bulletin mailed to them, please let the office know.
2. Since Pastor's Early Ministry Institute Training in May had to be rescheduled, Session voted to move the next meeting back to its regularly scheduled date -- May 5 via Zoom. The Pastor's Vacation scheduled for May has also been canceled.

3. The Strawberry Festival scheduled for June 5 has been cancelled. Please look for an announcement on how the Church will continue this long-standing tradition.
4. There will be a Blood Drive on Wednesday, June 10. Governor Murphy has requested that all Blood Drives go forward because of the critical need for blood; all safety precautions will be strictly followed.
5. Christian Education is reaching out to the youth of our Church through phone calls, care packages, ZOOM video conferencing, etc.
6. When the quarantine period has been lifted and our Church has reopened for services, we will ease back into having full attendance. Services will remain online only for at least one week, followed by one "lent" service, before holding another in-person Palm Sunday again (with palms that are in our refrigerator), and then an "Easter Redo," to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus as a resurrected church. The Pastor and Session want to ease into returning to public gatherings, to ensure your health and safety can be protected.

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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

Flower orders and "Mission Bouquet" donations are still being received. We're not sure yet what types of flowers will be available but we WILL have flowers decorating the sanctuary for our "Easter" service. Also with APC's response to the greater need in local communities the Benevolence Fund can sure use the boost from your donations. "Easter Flower Form" can be printed from the link at the bottom of [www.abseconpresby.org](http://www.abseconpresby.org) and mailed to the office with payment.

#### **Giving received March 28-April 3:**

##### **General**

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$2,220.24
Envelopes Designated	\$518.00
Per Capita	
Energy	\$100.00

Initial Offering	
Easter Flowers	
<b>General Total</b>	<hr/> <b>\$2,838.24</b>

**Benevolence**

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$255.20
Envelopes Designated	\$57.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$8.62
Pennies for Pins	\$15.46
Mission Bouquet	\$25.00
<b>Benevolence Total</b>	<hr/> <b>\$361.28</b>

**Capital Expenditures**

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$76.56
Envelopes Designated	\$200.00
Winter Fund Raiser	\$200.00
<b>Capital Total</b>	<hr/> <b>\$476.56</b>

<b>Combined Total</b>	<hr/> <hr/> <b>\$3,676.08</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 Keep Washing Your Hands!