
The Presby Post - May 8, 2020

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*“Once you were not a people,
but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.”*

1 Peter 2:10

Worship Live online at APC’s Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/AbseconPresby Sunday at 10:30a with a prelude by Rick DeKarski beginning prior to the service. Pastor’s sermon is titled *“Building the Church with Living Stones”* from Acts 7:54-8:1 (NRSV) and 1 Peter 2:1-10 (NTE) 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.

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

For an end to the pandemic and healing for the sick

For protection for those at risk.

For comfort for those grieving loved ones taken by the virus.

For those unable to gather to mourn loved ones lost.

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

For the health of our healthcare providers.

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

For a cure and treatments to save lives.

For our government leaders to unite in addressing this crisis.

For the homeless, the hungry, and the poor struggling more now to meet basic needs.

For all who feel overwhelmed by isolation.

For the food supply of every nation, rich and poor.

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

For everyone gathered in this digital church.

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

For these the individuals and families connected to the church community in Absecon:

Yady Maya-Sosa, Meghan Reedell, Dylan, Jim Price, Zion Walker, Christopher Miller, Brooke & Family, Levi Margiel, Diane Ford, Joseph R. (cancer), Michael Jenoriki, Emilia Carboy, Sharon & Jack Sisko, Fred (cancer), Rich (COVID), Marsha Mainicini, Barbara Lee, Aiden & Wendy Licolli, Eric Hartz, Doris Steele,

Louise Speitel, Christopher Green, Marie Cronauer, Carmen DeVece, JoAnne Morgan, Jean Delesantro, Rob Perry and Family, Vic Abelson, Devin & Patti Morris, Lucy & Don Croneberger, 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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Your Upper Room Devotional for May/June is available online using this link.

<https://www.upperroom.org/special-editions/?path=covidblog>

If you prefer a hard copy please call the office and we will arrange delivery!

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Session Spotlight

1. If anyone is experiencing technical difficulties when trying to access the Sunday morning services, the Zoom calls on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday evening, please call the Church. Pastor Drew will have someone call you back to walk you through the steps needed connect you to the Facebook live services or Zoom meetings / calls.
2. The On-line Giving program is available through our web site (Absecon Presbyterian Church). In the top margin, select "How to Give" or at the bottom of the cover page, select the green box "Donate Here". These choices will take you to the page you complete to make your donation (once, weekly, monthly, annually).
3. Winter / Spring Fundraiser reminder: if you have not already done so, please mail your gift to the Church or use our on-line giving program, selecting the **Special Gift** button and in the **NOTE** box designate Winter/Spring Fundraiser.
4. Session approved the upcoming Blood Drive dates: Wednesday, June 10; Wednesday, August 12 and Thursday, October 8. The Good Friday drive was considered a success by the Red Cross, whose employees very carefully followed all quarantine procedures.
5. Opening of the Church: Session approved a committee to research and gather what will be needed to worship together after the State has approved opening churches. Until then, we will continue to participate in our Sunday services on Facebook.

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Access information from our website 24/7/365!

Ken Marshall has been extracting audio clips of Pastor Drew's sermons from the Live Worship feeds. These have been uploaded to the church website under the Media tab. If you would like to listen to any of Pastor Drew's sermons follow this link: <https://www.abseconpresby.org/sermons>

Each week links to the next Sunday's bulletin and hymns are posted on the front page of the website. You are able to download and print or use a split screen and follow along with the online worship.

Every Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. you can join the online check in using the ZOOM meeting link on the front page on your smart phone, tablet, or computer. This link takes you to the ZOOM sign in screen. There will be a

download involved the first time you access. Pastor Drew sends out the sign in info prior to the meeting. Once connected to the meeting you can see other members of your church family. (Think Skype or FaceTime with the “Brady Bunch”.) This is a great chance to get caught up with church friends, share how you and your family are getting along, and pray together.

Pastors of the Absecon-Galloway Ecumenical Community offer a weekly Facebook prayer group Thursday evenings at 8:30p.m. 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

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.

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. Or if you prefer, APC’s response to the greater need in local communities the Benevolence Fund can sure use a boost from your “Mission Bouquet” donations. “Easter Flower Form” can be printed from the link at the bottom of www.abseconpresby.org and mailed to the office with payment.

Giving received April 25 – May 1:

General

Loose

Envelopes Undesignated \$1,348.50

Envelopes Designated \$59.00

Per Capita \$76.00

Energy

Initial Offering

Easter Flowers

Christian Education (books)

Queen Esther (6 Tickets)
General Total \$1,483.50

Benevolence

Loose
Envelopes Undesignated \$155.00
Envelopes Designated \$246.00
One Great Hour of Sharing
Pennies for Pins
Sister Jean's
Benevolence Total \$401.00

Capital Expenditures

Loose
Envelopes Undesignated \$46.50
Envelopes Designated
Winter Fund Raiser
Capital Total \$46.50

Combined Total \$1,931.00

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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 Keep Washing Your Hands!

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Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. - I Corinthians 13:7

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