

Worship Live online with Communion 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 "In the Chaos, the Spirit Led Word Restores Order" from Genesis 1:14- (NRSV), 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 (NTE) and Matthew 28:16-20 (NTE) printed for you in the attached bulletin along with the hymns. You are welcome to print and follow along with the online worship gathering. Also attached are your communion guidelines. Please read prior to worship.

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.

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 teachers and students navigating a new end of year

For an end to violence, racism, and hate.

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

Louise Speitel, Michael Jenoriki, Tom & Anita Brown, Patti Morris, Diane Ford, Irene Smith, Joanne O'Conner, Virginia Konick, Laura Puglise, Betsy Cunius, Dan Hughes, Jim Price, Lisa Mazza, Marjorie McGuigan, Brooke & Family, Joseph R. (cancer), Aiden & Wendy Licolli, Lea Maxwell, Jean Delesantro, Doris Steele, Joyce Pfeiffer, Christopher Green, Emilia Carboy, Perry White, Sharon & Jack Sisko, Rich & Rob, Lucy & Don Croneberger, Fred (cancer), Marie Cronauer & Carmen DeVece, JoAnne Morgan, Frances Weir & Kathy Boyte, Rob Perry and Family, Jerry Hoenes, Marge Loeb, Carol Thomas, Jim Mong, Devon Morris, Vic Abelson, Edith Budd, Carol DeLaurentis, Dorie Keener, Ellen Plum, Bob & Linda Gillis, Russ Adkisson, Mildred Felsberg, Virginia Loeb, Darryl, Kristen and Quentin, & many more.

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Session Spotlight 6/2/2020

1. **Sermon By Phone** – As we continue to worship together while apart, the session approved a service called Sermon By Phone by which anyone unable to join the Sunday service online has the opportunity to call a designated phone number starting on Monday to listen to the Sermon during the week.

2. **Services on Our Website** – Hearing concerns from those who do not have accounts on Facebook, Ken Marshall is working on improvements to the church Web site that will allow people to watch the service live, or during the week, from AbseconPresby.com/livestream without having Facebook. However, for fellowship reasons, if you have a Facebook account, you are encouraged to continue watching through the social media platform to comment and react in the service.
3. **Online Giving** – The new Online Giving platform is a success and a great way to stay in fellowship with the church through your tithes and offerings. Go to AbseconPresby.org/give or go to the Web site and click “How to Give” or just scroll down to the bottom of any page and look for the pink button. These will take you to the page you complete to make your donation (once, weekly, monthly, annually).
4. **A Plan to Reopen** – The committee working on a reopening plan for in person worship is working to secure items needed to help keep you safe when we return to worship, such as hand sanitizing stations, markers to space out our presence, masks, and other supplies as needed. Though some churches with larger spaces have begun limited reopening plans, the capacity and room to space in our church would mean very few people could attend in the current reopening phases. But the committee is actively exploring all options and avenues to bring you safely back to church for worship, navigating state and federal guidelines as well as best practices that can be enforced consistently enough for us to remain covered by our insurance company.
5. **The No Risk Bus Trip** – The FUNdraiser trip to see “Queen Esther” in Lancaster at Sight and Sound on October 12 is still being planned and you can reserve your spot with no risk, should the trip get canceled (or even if you change your mind as the trip draws near). Please let Scott Sabo or Ann Wallace know if you are interested.

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I would like to thank the deacons for the fruit basket and the prayer shawl committee for the prayer shawl. I thank you all for your support and prayers.

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A message from Claire Mangione: Are you interested in joining the Tuesday Morning Prayer Ministry at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday mornings. Loretta, Naida, and Claire meet each week on Zoom to pray together for our church as a whole and each individual member and regular attender of Absecon Presbyterian. You are invited to join using the link <https://bit.ly/PrayerAPC> which will also be posted in the church's Facebook group. If you aren't able to join but you have a specific prayer request concerning yourself, a family member, or an APC friend, please email the prayer team at PrayerAPC@gmail.com or contact Naida, Lorretta or Claire.

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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 May 23-May 29:

General

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$365.40
On Line Giving Undesignated	\$762.60
Envelopes Designated	\$444.00
On Line Giving Designated	\$201.96
Per Capita	
Energy	
Initial Offering	
Easter Flowers	
Christian Education (books)	
Queen Esther (6 Tickets)	
General Total	<hr/> \$1,773.96

Benevolence

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$42.00
On Line Giving Undesignated	\$87.66
Envelopes Designated	\$266.00
On Line Giving Designated	
One Great Hour of Sharing	
Mission Bouquet	
Sister Jean's	
Benevolence Total	<hr/> \$395.66

Capital Expenditures

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$12.60
On Line Giving Undesignated	\$26.30
Envelopes Designated	\$165.00
On Line Giving Designated	
Winter Fund Raiser	\$40.00
Capital Total	<hr/> \$243.90

Combined Total	<hr/> <hr/> \$2,413.52
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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!