

“Whenever you fast, do not put on a gloomy face as the hypocrites do, for they neglect their appearance so that they will be noticed by men when they are fasting. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face so that your fasting will not be noticed by men, but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.”

Matthew 6:16-18

Pastor Drew and family are on vacation this week. We will be joining in worship online with the First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen, NJ. The worship service will be available at 11:00 A.M. on APC's Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/AbseconPresby and www.abseconpresby.org. Rev. Dr. Fred Garry, who spoke at Pastor Drew's service of ordination in our church, will be leading worship. His sermon is titled *“The Adam of the Adamah”* from Isaiah 58:1-5 (NRSV) and Matthew 6:16-18 (NRSV) printed for you in the attached bulletin (provided by staff of First Pres Metuchen) along with the hymns. You are welcome to print 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 this pandemic, healing for the sick, protection for those at risk, and comfort for those grieving.

For all those states and communities where the number of COVID-19 cases continues to rise.

For us in states and communities where the numbers are going down, give us your wisdom, guidance and safety, as we continue to open up in an effort to resume life as it was.

For those in healthcare facilities, apart from visitors, and the healthcare providers, putting their lives on the line.

For those who put their lives on the line to serve our needs.

For all who are returning to work or are starting new jobs.

For those who remain unemployed.

For a cure, treatments to save lives, and for our government leaders to unite in addressing this crisis.

For the homeless, the hungry, and the poor, struggling more now in this economic recession to meet basic needs.

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

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

For an end to racism, elitism and hate.

For the humility to listen, especially to the marginalized and those most in need of a voice and opportunity.

For all who gather in digital church.

For all on our standing prayer list, those with chronic health conditions and those with long-standing concerns printed in your bulletin.

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

Diane Ford, Betsy Cunius, Louise Speitel, Jean Delesantro, Bob & Linda Gillis, Irene Smith, Christopher Green, Scott Sabo.

Continued prayers for Marjorie McGuigan, Dan Hughes, Aiden & Wendy Licolli, Rob Perry, Doris Steele, Joyce Pfeiffer, Don & Lucy Croneberger, Marie C. & Carmen DeVece, JoAnne Morgan, Marge Loeb, Carol Thomas, Jim Mong, Edith Budd, Carol DeLaurentis, Dorie Keener, Ellen Plum, Russ Adkisson, Mildred Felsberg, Robin McBrearty, Virginia Loeb, Frances Weir, Jerry Hoenes

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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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Upper Room Devotionals for July/August are now 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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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. 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 June 29 - July 3:

General

Loose

Envelopes Undesignated \$2,120.19

Envelopes Designated \$352.50

On-line Undesignated

On-line Designated	
Per Capita	
Energy	
Initial Offering	
Easter Flowers	
Christian Education	
Queen Esther	
General Total	\$2,472.69

Benevolence	
Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$243.70
Envelopes Designated	\$75.00
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
One Great Hour of Sharing	
Mission Bouquet	
Deacon's	
Sister Jean's	
Benevolence Total	\$318.70

Capital Expenditures	
Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$73.11
Envelopes Designated	\$117.50
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
Winter Fund Raiser	
Capital Total	\$190.61

Combined Total	\$2,982.00
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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!