

*Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."*

Matthew 20:15-16 (NRSV)

**Worship Live online Sunday at 10:30am on APC's Facebook page at  
[www.Facebook.com/AbseconPresby](http://www.Facebook.com/AbseconPresby)**

Pastor Drew's sermon is titled "*Be Grateful that Grace is Not Earned*" from Jonah 3:10-4:11 (NRSV) and Matthew 19:27-20:16 (NRSV) available for you in the attached bulletin along with the hymns.

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 us to regard others as better than ourselves, not for our own interests, but because this is the mind of Christ.

For an end to this pandemic, healing for the sick, protection for those at risk, and comfort for those grieving,

For all who are alone, unable to receive the comfort of one another because of the risks of this virus.

For a cure, treatment, and preventative options to save lives.

For our government leaders to unite in addressing this crisis.

For the homeless and the poor who struggle even more now in this economic recession to meet basic needs.

For your wisdom, guidance and protection as we discern how to gather again, especially schools and churches.

For an end to institutions of racism and our personal bigotry, that we humble ourselves for one another and set aside hate.

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

For all who are grieving personal loss and the changes to our church, our society, the economy and the culture this year.

For all who are struggling with anger and fear, especially those battling mental illness.

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

**For these the individuals and families in acute need right now who are connected to your church in Absecon:** Family of Jaynie Perry, Rob Perry, Louise Speitel, Bob & Linda Gillis, Diane Ford, Elaine Risley, Dorie Keener, Patti, Jim & Devin Morris, Christopher Green, Rita Abelson, John King, Jim Price, Mike Speirs

**Continued prayers always for:**

Gail, Dan Hughes, Emilia Carboy, Irene Smith, Aiden & Wendy Licolli, Kathy Boyte, Minerva Stadlmeir, Jean Delesantro, Jerry Hoenes, Betsy Cunius, Marjorie McGuigan, Rich & Rob, Doris Steele, Joyce Pfeiffer, Don & Lucy Croneberger, Marie C. & Carmen DeVece, JoAnne Morgan, Marge Loeb, Carol Thomas, Jim Mong, Edith Budd, Carol DeLaurentis, Ellen Plum, Mildred Felsberg, Robin McBrearty, Virginia Loeb, Frances Weir, Lisa Mazza, Darryl, Kristen and Quentin

\* \* \* \* \*

**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](http://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.

\* \* \* \* \*

**Now Wednesday Morning Prayer**

Throughout the shelter in place order, the Tuesday Morning Prayer Ministry has changed their meeting day but continue 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. Now it is moving to **Wednesdays!**

If you have a particular 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/>

\* \* \* \* \*

### **PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE NEEDS YOUR HELP**

When disasters devastate lives, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is there to help lift people up and out of the chaos, bring hope through the love of Jesus Christ. But with the move online in our churches this Lent due to COVID-19, the annual PDA fundraiser known as 'One Great Hour of Sharing' was cut short. This was an annual project for Carol Kleiner who believed in PDA.

In Lent 2018, you gave \$1,053. In 2019, you gave \$981 to PDA. But this year we have raised \$0, because we never had a chance to promote this great cause. PDA is helping people right now after Hurricane Laura, the Iowa Derecho, and the Explosion in Beirut, in addition to ongoing efforts to combat poverty and the impact of the coronavirus. Will you please consider a gift now?

Donate by going to [pda.pcusa.org](http://pda.pcusa.org), or by mailing a check made out to Presbyterian Church (USA), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700 with the designation PDA, or One Great Hour of Sharing. You can also call (800) 872-3283 to give by credit card over the phone. Thank you for your generous support.

## COMMUNITY FOODBANK STRETCHING TO KEEP FAMILIES FED

You may have noticed in the background of last week's service or underneath our sign in front of the church, a lawn sign with the words, 'Food is Love,' on it. The purchase of these signs provided 150 meals to individuals in need in your community.

COVID-19 have been most devastating on the poorest in our communities, leaving the Community FoodBank of NJ to meet pressing needs. Every dollar donated can buy three meals. Will you please consider a gift to feed your neighbors in need? Give by going to [cfbnj.org](http://cfbnj.org) or send a check to Community FoodBank of NJ, 6735 Black Horse Pike, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234.

### 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](http://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 received Sept. 5-11:**

**General**

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$261.00
Envelopes Designated	\$680.00
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
Per Capita	
Energy	
<b>General Total</b>	<b>\$941.00</b>

**Benevolence**

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$30.00
Envelopes Designated	\$15.00
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
Mission Bouquet	
Sister Jean's	
<b>Benevolence Total</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>

**Capital Expenditures**

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$9.00
Envelopes Designated	\$570.00
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
Winter Fund Raiser	
Cemetery	
<b>Capital Total</b>	<b>\$579.00</b>

<b>Combined Total</b>	<b><u><u>\$1,565.00</u></u></b>
-----------------------	---------------------------------

\* \* \* \* \*

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!