

Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"

Luke 1:34

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**Worship Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
In Person
OR
Online on APC's Facebook page at
www.Facebook.com/AbseconPresby**

Rev. James Shanley returns to lead us in worship this Sunday. His sermon is titled "*Expecting the Unexpected*" from Psalm 98:8-9 and Luke 1:26-38 available in the attached bulletin.

Lay Assistant: Louise Speitel
Ushers: Joan Nale & Tina Brown

Attendance Last Sunday: 36
Sunday School: 5

The church office will be closed November 25-26, 2021 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Our administrative assistant will be on vacation November 29-December 3.

But never fear!

Ann Wallace will be ready, willing, and able to help you during normal office hours.

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Please Keep These Requests In Prayer

**The prayer book is on the table in the vestibule by the side entrance to the sanctuary.
Please write any requests/praise items you wish to be included in prayer during worship.**

For God's guidance as we begin the process of calling a new pastor.

Members of our armed services.

For an end to this pandemic, protection for those most at risk.

For confidence to know that in the struggle, you are with us.

For renewed commitment to your purpose in us all.

For us to come together in the bond of self-giving love.

For renewed energy in finding our place in your church, as people who pray, share and volunteer.

For wisdom and discernment when facing the unknown.

For your church to embrace the poor and marginalized, to see your image and be your image in this broken world.

For a revival in our faith to live boldly for your Kingdom.

For these the individuals and families in acute need right now who are connected to your church in Absecon:

Don Croneberger, Tina Brown, Debora Wong, Lisa Nagle, Christopher Green, Jim, Patti & Devon Morris, Jim McManus, Robert Mellon, Ethel Washington, Jean Delesantro, Cathy Follansbee, James Beatty, Jun & Family, Olive Brown, Marilyn & Tito Rosado, Dan Hughes, Stan Weir

Continued prayers always for:

Luca Leech, Rita Abelson, Desiree DePasquale, Gail Driscoll, Mary Umoren & Family, Dorie Keener, Judy Stebbins, Rob Perry, Robin McBrearty, JoAnne Morgan, Minerva Stadlmeir, Marge Loeb, Kavonna & Essence, Darryl, Kristen and Quentin, Dirk Williamson, Jim Price, Elaine Risley, Frances Weir, Emilia Carboy, Irene Smith, Aiden & Wendy Licolli, Kathy Boyte, Betsy Cunius, Marjorie McGuigan, Doris Steele, Essie Newell, Joyce Pfeiffer, Lucy Croneberger, Marie C. & Carmen DeVece, Olga Davies, Edith Budd, Carol DeLaurentis

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Our **Thanksgiving offering** will benefit the Community FoodBank of NJ, Southern Division. Envelopes are available in the church pews, or you may send your gift with your weekly offering. Please indicate on your check that it is your Thanksgiving Offering. Should you use online giving, please choose Special gift and under special notes indicate Thanksgiving Offering.

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Stewardship Responses Needed

The annual Stewardship Campaign letters will be sent out this week with a prayer pledge, a talent bank form, and a financial pledge card. Will you please commit to five more minutes of prayer each day for the future of this church? Will you share your talents and areas you would like to serve? Will you let us know what you hope to give in the coming year. **You are the church and your commitment is vital to our future as a church.**

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Annual Christmas Card Exchange

Share your Christmas joy with your church friends and family by dropping off cards for them during the church's office hours, weekdays from 11 am to 2 pm, or from 10 am to 12 pm on any Saturday before Christmas (Dec. 4th, 11th and 18th).

The cards will be sorted and packaged for everyone to pick up the week of Christmas, on Dec. 20-22 between 11 am and 2 pm, on Dec. 23 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Christmas Eve between 10 am and 12 pm, and weekdays after Dec. 27 between 11 am and 2 pm.

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Gift of the Magi Fund

If making out cards for some or all of the 150+ households in our church family is too much, or if you want to give a gift in honor of your church friends, make a donation to the 2021 Magi Fund. ***The proceeds will go to Sister Jean's Pantry & Kitchen*** and a card will be given to every person and household in the church from you. Give online or by mail before December 15th so that cards with your name on them can be put in the bags.

Sister Jean's Pantry, now located at St. Monica's which is just down the street from its original location, is currently acting as an emergency food pantry serving over 500 people each month and open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. In addition to serving the community 3 days a week, it provided over 60 families with a Thanksgiving turkey.

There is a new feature, ***Sister Jean's Closet*** of gently used clothing item, which is open Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please check out Sister Jean's website at friendsofjeanwebster.org to see when it will begin accepting new or slightly used wearing apparel.

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Thank You!

Deposit made on November 19, 2021

General

Loose

Envelopes Undesignated

\$561.15

Envelopes Designated

\$2,490.00

Energy Needs

\$200.00

Memorial Funds	\$300.00
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
On-line Fuel Needs	
General Total	\$3,551.15
Benevolence	
Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$64.50
Envelopes Designated	
Shoebox Donation	\$25.00
Thanksgiving Offering	\$4.00
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
On-line Sister Jean's	
Benevolence Total	\$93.50
Capital Expenditures	
Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$19.35
Envelopes Designated	\$750.00
Fund Raiser	
Donation	
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
On-line Fund Raiser	
Capital Total	\$769.35
Combined Total	\$4,414.00

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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 Know You Are Loved!