

We wish you a Happy and Safe New Year!

Out of our concern for the health and safety of the entire congregation, and due to the current spike in positive Covid cases and the spread of the Omicron variant, we want to remind you of our current guidelines which are still in effect. We strongly encourage a mask be worn by those attending church services who are either unvaccinated or immune-compromised. For anyone vaccinated/boosted, we are still observing our Covid 19 Guidelines, in place since May 2021, which are wearing a mask when singing, staying seated in the open pews, and observing six-foot social distancing.

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When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

Luke 2:48-49

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**A Service of Meditations and Carols
Christmas Eve at 6:00 p.m.**

Ruling Elder David Watts

Lay Assistant: Naida Burgess

Ushers: Nancy Sooy, Tina Brown, Betty Lloyd, Mary Bew

Worship Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Ruling Elder David Watts

Sermon: "Searching"

Colossians 3:12-17 and Luke 2:41-52

Lay Assistant: Tina Harvey

Ushers: Mary Bew, Betty Lloyd

Both Services

In Person

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Online on APC's Facebook page at

www.Facebook.com/AbseconPresby

Attendance Last Sunday

Worship: 34

Sunday School: 10

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Funeral services for Ken Prescott are currently scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 29. We will share more information as it becomes available. Please keep his wife Vivian, his children, and extended family in your prayers. He will be greatly missed.

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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 all who are mourning the loss of loved ones, especially during this holiday season.

For God's guidance as we continue 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, God is with us.

For renewed commitment to God's purpose in us all.

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

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

For wisdom and discernment when facing the unknown.

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

For a revival in our faith to live boldly for God's Kingdom.

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

Marilyn & Tito Rosado, Family of Ken Prescott, Bill Young, Kathy Bordonaro, Don Croneberger, Debora Wong, Lisa Nagle, Christopher Green, Jim, Patti & Devon Morris, Jim McManus, Ethel Washington, Jean Delesantro, Cathy Follansbee, James Beatty, Jun & Family, Olive Brown, 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, Marge Loeb, Kavonna & Essence, Darryl, Khristen 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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The church office will be closed December 24 and December 31 for the holidays.

We wish you and yours a Happy and Blessed Christmas Season!

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A Special Gift for You

On Saturday, Scott Sabo delivered wooden angels made by his father for our congregation. To Scott's dad, we thank you so much for your beautiful and meaningful creations.

The "Good News Express" placed an angel in your Christmas bag, your Christmas cards, the 2022 offering envelopes, an updated address list and other little goodies. If you haven't picked yours up, you can do so after Christmas Eve or Sunday worship, or from Monday-Thursday between 11am and 2pm.

Please have a very blessed Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year!

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Thank You!

Deposit made on December 17, 2021

General

Loose

Envelopes Undesignated

\$5,028.60

Envelopes Designated

\$560.00

Initial Offering

Per Capita

Energy Needs

\$220.00

Memorial Money

\$50.00

On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
On-line Fuel Needs	
General Total	\$5,858.60
Benevolence	
Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$578.00
Envelopes Designated	\$130.00
Magi Fund	\$275.00
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
On-line Thanksgiving	
On-line Pakistan	
Benevolence Total	\$983.00
Capital Expenditures	
Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$173.40
Envelopes Designated	\$180.00
Fund Raiser	
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
On-line Fund Raiser	
Capital Total	\$353.40
Combined Total	\$7,195.00

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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!