

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 they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Matthew 2:10-12

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**Communion Worship
Sunday at 10:30 a.m.**

In Person

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**Online on APC's Facebook page at
www.Facebook.com/AbseconPresby**

Rev. Dr. William Gaskill

Sermon: "Wise Guys and Wise Men"

The Epistle: Ephesians 1:3-14

The Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Lay Assistant: Rita Abelson

Ushers: Tag Team of Ann Wallace & Mary Bew

Vic Abelson

Attendance Last Week

Christmas Eve: 38

Sunday Worship: 26

Sunday School: 3

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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 Rosado & the Family of 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 31 for the holiday.

We wish you and yours a Happy and Blessed New Year!

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Be Sure to Mark Your Calendar!!

Sunday, January 9 there will be a **special meeting of the congregation** of APC following our 10:30 worship. This meeting has been called for the purpose of electing new elders, deacons and trustees for the Class of 2024. We will also be given an update from the Mission Study Team and introduction to the Team's questionnaire which you will be asked to complete and return.

Following the meeting you are welcome to come to Madden Hall for lunch and fellowship.

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The **Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation** will take place on **Sunday, February 6**.
More information will be coming in the next few weeks.

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Events are being planned for January and February.
More information will be posted as it becomes available!

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Thank You!

Deposit made on December 23, 2021

General

Loose

Envelopes Undesignated

\$491.55

Envelopes Designated

\$375.00

Initial Offering	
Per Capita	
Energy Needs	\$25.00
Memorial Money (Birkbeck)	\$300.00
Flowers (Pointsettias)	\$95.00
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
On-line Fuel Needs	
General Total	\$1,286.55
Benevolence	
Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$56.50
Envelopes Designated	\$180.00
Magi Fund	
Mission Bouquet	\$71.00
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
On-line Thanksgiving	
On-line Pakistan	
Benevolence Total	\$307.50
Capital Expenditures	
Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$16.95
Envelopes Designated	\$150.00
Fund Raiser	
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
On-line Fund Raiser	
Capital Total	\$166.95
Combined Total	\$1,761.00

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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!