



“The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from the prayerless study, prayerless work, prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray.”

— Samuel Chadwick

## To those joining us on line today...THANK YOU!

We are made to worship together, but we find ourselves living in a particular and unprecedented moment that has not touched American lives in generations. The good news is that while we are made to worship God together, we do not need to be in a particular place to meet with God. So I hope you have gathered together with your housemates, family, and maybe a couple others. God is present with us at all times, and He delights to meet with you today regardless of where you are or how many people you are with. We seek to offer this service as an encouragement to you amid these difficult times. We look forward to worshiping together again, breaking bread and giving hugs to one another. You are missed.

As an encouragement to others, please take a picture of your home gathering, post it to social media with the hashtag *#abbottchurchathome* and tag us on Instagram *@abbottchurchbaltimore*

**NEED PRAYER?** Monday through Friday, someone will be available to pray for anyone in need of prayer. The time will also be focused on praying for the ministry of our church and for God's Spirit to be at work in our midst. If you would like to be part of this new prayer ministry, please let the pastor know. Please text prayer requests to Julius (443) 722-2525 and/or George (804) 931-6323.

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You can access children's bulletins at the following address:  
[www.childrensbulletins.com/Covid19-childrens-activites-for-churches](http://www.childrensbulletins.com/Covid19-childrens-activites-for-churches)

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## REFLECT ON GOD'S WORD

"Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever." Psalm 86:11,12

"Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me." John 6:57

### Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 118

Leader: Let those who fear the LORD say: "His love endures forever."

People: **In my anguish I cried to the LORD, and he answered by setting me free.**

Leader: The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?

People: **The LORD is with me; he is my helper. I will look in triumph on my enemies.**

Leader: It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.

People: **It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.**

All: **The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.**

### OPENING HYMN

*Way Maker*

**You are here, moving in our midst.**

**I worship you, I worship you.**

**You are here, working in this place.**

**I worship you, I worship you.**

**(Repeat)**

**Way Maker, Miracle Worker. Promise Keeper.**

**Light in the darkness.**

**My God, that is who You are.**

**(Repeat)**

*(continued)*

You are here, touching ev'ry heart.  
I worship You, I worship You.

You are here, healing ev'ry heart.  
I worship You, I worship You.

You are here, turning lives around.  
I worship You, I worship You.

You are here, mending ev'ry heart.  
I worship You, I worship You.

Way Maker, Miracle Worker. Promise Keeper.  
Light in the darkness.  
My God, that is who You are.  
(Repeat)

You wipe away all tears.  
You mend a broken heart.  
You're the answer to it all, Jesus.  
(Repeat)

Way Maker, Miracle Worker. Promise Keeper.  
Light in the darkness.  
My God, that is who You are.  
(Repeat)

You are here, touching ev'ry life.  
I worship You, I worship You.

You are here, meeting ev'ry need.  
I worship You, I worship You.

## SONG OF PRAISE

Ancient of Days

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall  
There is still one King reigning over all  
So I will not fear for this truth remains  
That my God is, the Ancient of Days

Chorus:       None above Him, none before Him  
                  All of time in His hands  
                  For His throne it shall remain and ever stand  
                  All the power, all the glory  
                  I will trust in His name  
                  For my God is, the Ancient of Days

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul  
He is here with me, I am not alone  
O His love is sure, and He knows my name  
For my God is, the Ancient of Days

[Chorus]

Though I may not see what the future brings  
I will watch and wait for the Savior King  
Then my joy complete, standing face to face  
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

[Chorus]

## CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Great and Awesome God, we confess that we forget your greatness.  
We are slow to believe, resistant to obey, and stubborn to follow. We  
do not rest in your love. Many fears rule us. We confess our unbelief  
and claim your promise of forgiveness through the blood of Jesus.  
Holy Spirit, renew our strength. Create in us courageous hearts  
devoted to your Kingdom and glory. In Jesus Name, Amen  
*(Silent reflection for personal confession.)*

## **WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT**

*Psalm 28:6-7*

Praise be to the Lord, for he has heard my cry for mercy. The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.

All: **Amen.**

## **GREETING & GOD'S WELCOME AND WORKINGS AT ABBOTT**

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;**

**Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory now and forever. Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

*The offering is a way for members and friends of Abbott Church to support the church's mission and ministry. If you are our guest today, please feel under no compulsion to give. You can mail your giving to the church or if you would like to give online, you may do so at [www.abbottchurch.org/giving](http://www.abbottchurch.org/giving).*

## **SONG OF PRAYER**

*Jesus With Thy Church Abide*

**Jesus, with Thy church abide; Be her Savior, Lord, and Guide,  
While on earth her faith is tried: We beseech Thee, hear us,  
We beseech Thee, hear us.**

**All her fettered powers release, Bid our strife and envy cease  
Grant her heavenly gift of peace: We beseech Thee, hear us,  
We beseech Thee, hear us.**

**May she guide the poor and blind, Seek the lost until she find  
And the brokenhearted bind: We beseech Thee, hear us,  
We beseech Thee, hear us.**

**Save her love from growing cold, Make her watchmen strong  
and bold,  
Fence her round, thy peaceful fold: We beseech thee, hear us.  
We beseech thee, hear us.**

**All that she has lost restore, May her strength and zeal be  
more  
Than in brightest days of yore: We beseech Thee, hear us,  
We beseech Thee, hear us.**

**May she soon all glorious be, perfectly restored in Thee  
Pure, and bright, dear Trinity: We beseech Thee, hear us,  
We beseech Thee, hear us.**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

## SCRIPTURE FOR THE SERMON

Acts 4:23-31

23 When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. 24 And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, 25 who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit,

"Why did the Gentiles rage,  
and the peoples plot in vain?

26 The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers were gathered together,  
against the Lord and against his Anointed'—

27 for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, 28 to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. 29 And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, 30 while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." 31 And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Rev. Craig Garriott

Bold Prayer



## **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*Communion, also called the Lord's Supper, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ to participate. If you are not a follower of Jesus or are not prepared to share in the meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.*

## **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENT**

## **SONG OF WORSHIP**

*Jesus Shall Reign*

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does his successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**Chorus:       He shall reign in glory  
                  Crowned with grace and might.  
                  Bless His Name and praise the Sovereign King!  
                  He shall reign forever with His chosen bride.  
                  All the earth shall sing that Jesus is the King!**

**People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on His Name.**

**[Chorus]**

**Let every creature rise and bring  
Peculiar honors to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud amen!**

**[Chorus]**

## **BENEDICTION**



## PRAYERS FOR REFLECTION

### **Prayer for those searching**

*Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.*

### **Prayer of belief**

*Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weak and sinful, but through you I am loved and accepted. I thank you for taking my place in death, in order to offer me forgiveness and renewal. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and my Lord. Amen.*

### **Prayer for those struggling with sin**

*Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and faithfully follow you in life. Amen.*

### **Prayer of commitment to God's people**

*Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the steps necessary to be one with your people and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.*

### **Prayer of thanksgiving**

*Lord, you have put gladness in our hearts; you have satisfied our hunger with good things. In giving all, you have not withheld from us your own dear Son. How can we withhold anything from you, our Lord and our God? Renew us day by day with the gift of your Spirit, that we may give ourselves completely to your service and walk with joy in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

**MISSIONARIES AND MINISTRIES WHICH WE SUPPORT:**

- Andy and Bev Warren with MTW in Ethiopia
- Jason and Liz Polk with MTW in Ethiopia
- Jessica Ringsmuth with MTW in Kenya
- Bert and Nancy Williams with MTW in Uganda
- Bruce and Pat with MTW in France
- Chris Garriott with RUF at the University of Maryland
- Jacob Jasin with RUF-I at Johns Hopkins University
- Abbott Center for the Arts
- We Care Ministry
- Mountain View Bible Camp

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## HE HEARS

*"This is the assurance we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."* — I JOHN 5:14  
*"The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth."*  
— PSALM 145:18

### **Please pray for:**

- Julius and George, for strength, stamina and rest as they give extra time and support to our congregation
- Craig, Stan, and Ben as they minister to us through this season of renewal
- The future pastor of Abbott church; our Lord knows who he is
- Our Music Together program as we open in the fall; it has been a year and a half since we have been able to offer this program.
- Family members and friends who are not walking with Christ
- Raj Mohan caring for his wife with dementia; granddaughter, mental health
- Lydia Frasca, chemotherapy and radiation treatment
- Tom Lubin caring for his wife Jackie
- Mike Brooks, son of Earl and Betty Brooks, fighting a rare cancer
- Rob Armel (Tracey Brown's husband) beginning chemotherapy
- Karen Nines, hernia; surgery scheduled for September has been postponed
- Rose Shrader (Angela Fischer's sister), cancer, chemotherapy
- Patty Mifsud (friend of George Lenning) cancer, intense chemotherapy
- Ongoing health concerns for the following members and friends:  
*Larry Halterman, Milly Flynn, Gene & Diane Shaw, Jackie Lubin, Phyllis Brown, Dawn Brewer, Brent Schepleng, Clint Neuder, Brenda Neuder, Robin & Toni (Billie Mitchell's granddaughters), Narouz family (especially Vicky), Don & Lorraine Sapp, David Files*
- Those in our military, police, and fire departments
- Leaders of our City, State, and Nation

**Congregational Survey** — If you did not receive an email for the survey, email the church at [abbottchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:abbottchurchoffice@gmail.com). If you need a paper copy, call George (804) 931-6323, Julius (443) 722-2525 or Debbie (443) 992-1658. Each person should complete a separate survey as soon as possible to stay on schedule with the planning process in moving forward and finding a new pastor.

**Mid-Week Prayer Meeting** — Wednesdays on Zoom from 12:00 - 12:30 p.m. You can find the link on the Abbott FaceBook Group or email [abbottchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:abbottchurchoffice@gmail.com) for the link or to submit a prayer request. You can sign on and off any time during the half-hour.

**Discovery Class** — **Saturday, October 16th from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** for anyone who wants to learn more about the church or is considering church membership.

**Adult Sunday School** — Classes meet at 9:45 a.m. to pray for the church body and the future of the church.

**Bible study** — **Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.** in Room 8. All are welcome! We are studying the book of Joshua, which will take us to the beginning of October. We close with a time of prayer, concluding around noon.

**Community Group** — Thursday evenings, weather permitting, we gather informally in Abbott Park on Highland Ave and Bank St. You don't have to live in the neighborhood to come and enjoy each other's company. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, snacks, food from home or carry-out to enjoy. We start gathering around 6:30 p.m.

**Leadership Meetings** — The 1st Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in Room 8. The next meeting will be on October 6th. Everyone is welcome.

**"Party in the Park!" - Saturday, October 2nd** from 3:30-6:30 p.m. on Highland Avenue and Bank Street. Please pray as we plan this event with food, music, games for kids, and mingling with each other and our neighbors. Hansoo Jin's church will loan us their "bouncy house" again, which was a big hit with the children at our last party in July!

**Sunday Lunch, October 10th** — Since our "Party in the Park" is being held on October 2nd, the October luncheon has been moved to the 2nd Sunday of the month.

**CONGREGATION AND COMMUNITY CARE:**

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Julius Fischer Jr. - Elder  
MUSIC AND WORSHIP

George Lenning - Elder  
CLERK OF SESSION

Craig Garrriott, Stan Long, and Ben Taylor  
BALM PASTORAL STAFF

Jared Pfeifer  
MERCY MINISTRY - WE CARE

Kaitlin Rankin  
SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR

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**OFFERING — WEEK 39**

	Budget	Giving
Last week	\$5,180	\$4,855
YTD	\$196,840	\$145,859

If you would like to give online, you may do so at [www.abbottchurch.org/giving](http://www.abbottchurch.org/giving)

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**Use This Space for Prayer Requests, Ideas and Concerns**

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## Welcome to Abbott.

We're glad we worshiped  
with you today!

September 26, 2021

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## How may we serve you?

(please check the appropriate box)

- I am a visitor
- I would like to find out about how  
to become a Christian
- I am interested in membership  
(Abbott schedules classes regularly)
- I would like a call from the pastor
- I would like prayer
- I would like to join a  
community group
- My contact information has changed

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