



**THE CHRISTIAN GOSPEL IS MEANT FOR EVERYBODY: JEW AND
GENTILE, EDUCATED AND BARBARIAN,
MALE AND FEMALE, BOND AND FREE.**

— DR. MICHAEL GREEN
EVANGELISM IN THE EARLY CHURCH

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.

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

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 96

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

Women: Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Men: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

Women: For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

Men: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

Women: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Men: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

Women: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

All: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth. Say among the nations, "The LORD Reigns!"

OPENING HYMN

God So Loved

**Come all you weary, come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more**

**Come all you sinners, come find His mercy
Come to the table, He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness, find what you're looking for.**

(Continued)

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there with open arms,
See his open arms

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

The pow'r of hell forever defeated
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved, God so loved the world.

*Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, praise Him for the wonders of His love
(Repeat)*

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save

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Bring all your failures, bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world

Everyone needs compassion
A love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me

Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations

Chorus:

Savior he can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Cristo puede mover montes
Solo Dios puede salvar
Mi Dios puede salvar
Por siempre, autor de salvación
Jesus la muerte venció
El la muerte venció.

So take me as you find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again

I give my life to follow
Everything i believe in
Now i surrender

[Chorus]

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen king Jesus [2x]

[Chorus]

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen king Jesus [2x]

CONFESSION OF SIN

Awesome God, we sing of your goodness, kindness and mercy. Yet we confess that we have hearts that rebel against your LORDship. We confess our callousness towards the suffering. We confess our selfishness that robs your Kingdom. LORD, forgive us for our offenses and give us wise hearts by the power of your Spirit that we might live for your glory and praise. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

(Silent reflection for personal confession)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

I John 1:9

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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.

**Church of God, elect and glorious, holy nation, chosen race,
called as God's own special people, royal priests and heirs of
grace:**

**know the purpose of your calling, show to all his mighty
deeds;**

**tell of love that knows no limits, grace that meets all human
needs.**

**God has called you out of darkness into his most marvelous
light,
brought his truth to life within you, turned your blindness into
sight.**

**Let your light so shine around you that God's name is
glorified,**

and all find fresh hope and purpose in Christ Jesus crucified.

**Once you were an alien people, strangers to God's heart of
love,
but he brought you home in mercy, citizens of heaven above.
Let his love flow out to others, let them feel the Father's care,
that they too may know his welcome and his countless
blessings share.**

**Church of God, elect and holy, be the people he intends,
strong in faith and swift to answer each command your
Master sends;**

**royal priests, fulfill your calling through your sacrifice and
prayer,**

**give your lives in joyful service, sing his praise, his love
declare.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE FOR THE SERMON

Acts 10:34-48

34 So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, **35** but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. **36** As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), **37** you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: **38** how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. **39** And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, **40** but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, **41** not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. **42** And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. **43** To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

44 While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. **45** And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. **46** For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, **47** "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" **48** And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Stan Long

The Revival at Caesarea

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 PRAISE

Lift High the Cross

**Refrain: Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred Name.**

**Come Christians follow where our Savior trod,
Our King victorious, Christ the Son of God.**

[Refrain]

**Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.**

[Refrain]

**O Lord, once lifted on this glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw men unto Thee.**

[Refrain]

**Set up Thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace.**

[Refrain]

**For Thy blest Cross which doth for all atone,
Creation's praises rise before Thy throne.**

[Refrain]

BENEDICTION

NOTES:

What is one thought from the sermon today that you can take with you and ask the Lord to help you apply it to your life?

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
- Family members and friends who are not walking with Christ
- Angela Jones (Angela Fischer's mother), diabetes, other health concerns
- Rose Shrader (Angela Fischer's sister) cancer, chemotherapy
- 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) taking chemotherapy
- Karen Nines, hernia; surgery scheduled for September has been postponed
- 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Thanksgiving volunteers — Our Community Thanksgiving feast is only a month away and we need volunteers and monetary donations in order for it to be a success. A few folks are needed on Wednesday, 11/24, to help with food preparation. On Thanksgiving, we need volunteers to help with set up (10:00 a.m. - noon), serving (noon - 2:00 p.m.) and clean up (2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.). Please consider how you can be part of this great tradition of serving our neighbors. If you would like to help or have any questions, call Ann Pfeifer at 443-527-0124.

Mid-Week Prayer Meeting — Wednesdays on Zoom from 12-12:30 p.m. The link is on the Abbott FaceBook Group. You can also email abbottchurchoffice@gmail.com to submit a prayer request or for the link to be sent to you. You can sign on and off any time during the half-hour.

Adult Sunday School — Classes meet at 9:45 a.m.

Bible study — Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. in Room 8. All are welcome! 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. We start gathering around 6:00 p.m.

Ordained deacons, non-ordained deacons assistants, & deaconesses are needed at Abbott. This is a mercy ministry that calls men and women of God to manage and disburse the deacons fund to those in need, oversee the Building-Maintenance Committee, and assist in serving communion. If you feel God's call to this ministry, let George or Julius know. If you are asked to serve in this capacity, please give it prayerful consideration.

We Care Center — Open the 1st two Saturdays of each month from 10:00 a.m. to noon to give food to the needy. Non-perishable food donations can be placed in the box in the vestibule.

**CONGREGATION AND
COMMUNITY CARE:**

Julius Fischer Jr. - Elder
MINISTER OF MUSIC

George Lenning - Elder
CLERK OF SESSION

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

Jared Pfeifer
MERCY MINISTRY - WE CARE

Kaitlin Rankin
SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR

Online Offering
abbottchurch.org/giving

OFFERING — WEEK 43

	Budget	Giving
Last week	\$5,180	\$1,874
YTD	\$217,560	\$168,681

If you would like to give online, you may do so at www.abbottchurch.org/giving

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

(Please tear off and place in the offering plate)

Welcome to Abbott.

We're glad we worshiped
with you today!

October 24, 2021

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

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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