



**To those joining us in person and online today...THANK YOU!**

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, Abbott Church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*(NOTE: Masks are required in the church in accordance with a health ordinance effective August 9, 2021 that reintroduced an indoor mask requirement for all Baltimore City residents and guests, regardless of vaccination status.)*

While we are made to worship together, sometimes that is not possible for everyone. The good news is that we do not need to be in a particular place to meet with God. Those those of you who are not able to attend in person can join us on our YouTube channel. The worship service is streamed live every Sunday at 10:45 a.m. 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.

View or subscribe to our YouTube channel:

[https://youtube.com/channel/UC-1TC7\\_CBWDdZi8gGPNsqXw](https://youtube.com/channel/UC-1TC7_CBWDdZi8gGPNsqXw)

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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

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

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

People: **And also with you.**

### Responsive Call to Worship

*from Isaiah 12 ESV*

Leader: I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away that you might comfort me.

People: **"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation."**

Leader: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

People: **Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.**

Leader "Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.

All: **Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."**

## OPENING HYMN

*May the Peoples Praise You*

**You have called us out of darkest night**

**Into Your glorious light**

**That we may sing the wonders of**

**The risen Christ**

**May our every breath retell the grace**

**That broke into our strife**

**With boundless love and deepest joy**

**With endless life**

*(continued)*

**REFRAIN:** May the peoples praise You  
Let the nations be glad  
All Your blessing comes  
That we may praise  
May praise the Name of Jesus

All the earth is Yours and all within  
Each harvest is Your own  
And from Your hand we give to You  
To make Christ known  
May the seeds of mercy grow in us  
For those who have not heard  
May songs of praise build lives of grace  
To spread Your Word. [Refrain]

This our holy privilege to declare  
Your praises and Your name  
To every nation, tribe and tongue,  
Your church proclaims. [Refrain]

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty  
Worthy, worthy is the Lamb Who was slain  
Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty  
All creation praise Your glorious Name. [Refrain]

**SONG OF PRAISE**

*His Mercy is More*

What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

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**Praise the Lord, His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more**

**What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more**

**Praise the Lord, His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more  
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#### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

**Lord, we were created to give you praise, adoration and obedience. But we are so weak and frail. We fall short of giving you the honor that you deserve. We are quick to doubt and disobey you. We are slow to love and trust you. We are grateful for your mercies in Jesus Christ our LORD. Hear the cry of our hearts, LORD. Receive the praise from our lips and give us hearts that are eager to obey your word. In Jesus' name. Amen.** *(Silent reflection for personal confession)*

#### **WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT**

*Isaiah 41:10*

**"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."**

#### **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 WORSHIP

*All My Hope*

I've been held by the Savior.  
I've felt fire from above.  
I've been down to the river.  
I ain't the same, a prodigal returned.

Refrain: All my hope is in Jesus.  
Thank God my yesterday's gone.  
All my sins are forgiven.  
I've been washed by the blood.

I'm no stranger to prison.  
I've worn shackles and chains,  
But I've been freed and forgiven,  
I'm not going back,  
I'll never be the same.

[Refrain]

There's a kind of thing  
That just breaks a man;  
Breaks us down to our knees.  
I've been broken more than  
A time or two,  
But He picked me up and showed me  
What it means to live in Him.

[Refrain]

Oh, I've been washed by the blood.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### SCRIPTURE FOR THE SERMON

*Galatians 2:1-10*

Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. **2** I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain. **3** But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. **4** Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery— **5** to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you. **6** And from those who seemed to be influential (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those, I say, who seemed influential added nothing to me. **7** On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised **8** (for he who worked through Peter for his apostolic ministry to the circumcised worked also through me for mine to the Gentiles), **9** and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. **10** Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

Rev. Stan Long

“Preserving the Truth of a Grace Gospel”

## **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 COMMITMENT**

*Streets of the City*

***Lord, we stand in the shallows of all you have given,  
Grateful for mercy yet hungry for more,  
for the power of grace to go out from this place  
to the ends of the earth.***

***We have praised You with passion and worshipped in wonder,  
thrilled by Your Spirit and fed by Your word;  
now to fully delight in the riches of Christ  
we must go to the world.***

***For You live in the streets of the city,  
You stand with the weak and the needy,  
You walk with the homeless and hungry and poor.  
And Your hands are the hands I am lifting,  
Your voice is the life I am living;  
Your love longs to meet them, but how will they know,  
unless I am willing to go?***

*(continued)*



Lord, where are You hungry and where are You thirsty,  
naked, imprisoned, with no one to care?  
To give of our best to the poor and oppressed  
is to give back to You.  
So cause us to see with the eyes of the Savior.  
Give us a heart that will love as You love;  
courageous compassion in words and in action  
brings hope to the world.

For You live in the streets of the city,  
You stand with the weak and the needy,  
You walk with the homeless and hungry and poor.  
And Your hands are the hands I am lifting,  
Your voice is the life I am living;  
Your love longs to meet them, but how will they know?

That you live in the streets of the city,  
You stand with the weak and the needy  
You walk with homeless and hungry and poor.  
And your hands are the hands I am lifting,  
Your voice is the life I am living,  
Without us there's no other way they will know,  
So send me, I'm ready to go.

**BENEDICTION**

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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?

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## 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
- 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."* — 1 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 continue working long and hard to support to our congregation
- Craig, Stan, and Ben as they minister to us through this season of renewal
- The envisioning team - for wisdom, encouragement, and unity as they go through the steps with Flourish to discover the vision God has for Abbott
- The future pastor of Abbott church; our Lord knows who he is
- Family members and friends who are not walking with Christ
- 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*
- Lydia Frasca, receiving antibody infusions for her immune system which is attacking her body; also taking medication for seizures; has to lie down for a good portion of the day.
- Al Rode, recovering from rotator cuff surgery
- Lawrence Choate's wife Joann who is battling cancer.
- Raj Mohan caring for his wife with dementia; granddaughter, mental health
- Tom Lubin caring for his wife Jackie
- Rob Armel (Tracey Brown's husband), chemotherapy
- Patty Mifsud (friend of George Lenning) cancer, intense chemotherapy
- Those in our military, police, and fire departments
- Leaders of our City, State, and Nation

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

**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\*\*](mailto: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** — We will resume gathering informally inside the church in January.

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



## Welcome to Abbott.

We're glad we worshiped  
with you today!

January 16, 2022

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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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