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– I Thessalonians 4:13

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

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

GREETING AND GOD'S WELCOME

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

People: **And also with you.**

Responsive Call to Worship

Revelation 19:6-7

Leader: Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

People: **"Hallelujah! for the Lord our God, the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory."**

OPENING HYMN

All Creatures of Our God and King

**All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light.
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SONG OF PRAISE

10,000 Reasons

Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

[Chorus]

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

[Chorus]

(continued)

**And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore**

[Chorus x2]

CONFESSION OF SIN

Cleanse me from my secret faults, O Lord, and forgive those offenses which I have caused in others. I contend not in judgement with you, who are truth; I fear to deceive myself lest my sin should make me think that I am not sinful. Therefore I contend not in judgement with you; for if you, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall abide it? Amen

(Silent reflection for personal confession)

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Psalm 34:8

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

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.

SONG OF PRAYER

Holy Spirit Living Breath of God

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.

Bring the presence of the Risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.

Cause Your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see;

Give me passion for Your purity. Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may Your joy be seen in all I do; Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude,

Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.

Turn my striving into works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made,

Show Your power once again on earth; cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.

Let the fragrance of our prayers arise. Lead us on the road of sacrifice

That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE FOR THE SERMON.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. **15** For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. **16** For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. **17** Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Matt Bohling

Grieve with Hope

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

Father Let Your Kingdom Come

**Chorus: Hallelu, hallelujah; Father, let Your kingdom come
Hallelu, hallelujah; Father, let Your kingdom come
Hallelu, hallelujah; Father, let Your kingdom come
Hallelu, hallelujah; Father, let Your kingdom come**

**May the works of my hands bring You joy
May the works of my hands bring You joy
May the works of my hands bring You joy
May the works of my hands bring You joy
And so we sing...**

[Chorus]

**May the words from my mouth speak Your peace
May the words from my mouth speak Your peace
May the words from my mouth speak Your peace
May the words from my mouth speak Your peace**

[Chorus]

**You make all things new
You make all things new
In places we don't choose
You make all things new**

[Chorus]

**You make all things new
You make all things new
In places we don't choose
You make all things new**

[Chorus]

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
- 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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Arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams

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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; Juliet Wall, as she interns with us through BALM.
- The envisioning team - for wisdom 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
- Stafford VanOver (Mary Files' brother-in-law)
- Ruth Thompson in Future Care Rehab; and for her sister, Jane, who will be her caregiver
- Paul Palazzi, fellow pastor friend, diagnosed with Pulmonary Fibrosis
- Lydia Frasca, receiving antibody infusions for her immune system which is attacking her body; taking medication for seizures
- Al Rode, recovering from rotator cuff surgery
- Lawrence Choate's wife Joann who is battling cancer.
- Raj Mohan caring for 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

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 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.

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.

Cards can be sent to Ruth Thompson at this address:

Ms. Ruth Thompson
Future Care - Northpoint
1046 South Northpoint Rd, Room 137
Baltimore, MD 21224

Free COVID-19 testing — Baltimore City Health Department will be providing free COVID tests on our parking lot each Monday in February from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Free COVID-19 at-home tests — There is a new federal resource to get free FDA-authorized coronavirus test kits. At [COVIDtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov), you'll find information about testing and a link to the U.S. Postal Service – special.usps.com/testkits – where you can order up to four rapid tests to be sent to your home address. You can also order your kits by calling 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489). Your kits will be mailed through the U.S. Postal Service within 7 to 12 days.

**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

MERCY MINISTRY - WE CARE

Kaitlin Rankin
SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR

Online Offering
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OFFERING — WEEK 4

	Budget	Giving
Last week	\$3,823	\$967
YTD	\$15,292	\$21,487

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!

January 30, 2022

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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