



Abbott

Memorial Presbyterian Church

April 28, 2024

“Jesus alone makes sense of the story of Abraham and Isaac. The only way that God can be both “just” (demanding payment of our debt of sin) and “justifier” (providing salvation) is because years later another Father went up another mountain called Calvary with his firstborn and offered him there for us all.”

—Tim Keller in Counterfeit Gods—

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.

Para todos los que están espiritualmente agotados y anhelan descanso; para todos los que buscan consuelo; para todos los que luchan batallas y desean victoria; para todos los que pecan y necesitan un Salvador; para todos los que son extraños y quieren comunidad; para todos los que tienen hambre y sed de justicia; y para todos los que quieren venir, la Iglesia Abbott abre ampliamente sus puertas y les ofrece bienvenida en el Nombre de nuestro Rey Jesús Cristo.

HOW CAN I SERVE THE LORD AT ABBOTT?

Prayerfully consider where you can serve the Lord here at Abbott.

Sign-up sheets are in the narthex to serve on a specific Sunday(s). We will begin posting the next week’s servers in the bulletin and weekly emails. These are important ways to serve our Lord and the body here. Questions? Please contact Debbie or Pastor Chris.

- **Special Prayer Team** (*pray with individuals right after the service*)
- **Preparing Communion** (*prepare trays before the service*)
- **Greeter** (*greet individuals in the narthex before the service*)
- **Sunday School Assistant** (*for children - helpers and assistants in training*)

We Care Bags- Please consider purchasing some of the items listed below and place in the We Care Box in the foyer to serve those need in our community. Canned food items w/ pop top opener, peanut butter, ramen noodles in a cup, granola bars, tooth brush and paste, bar of soap, hand sanitizer, winter hat, socks, gloves. You can leave items in the kitchen or in the box in narthex.

Driver to help pick up grad students in the Harbor East-Fells Point area. If you can help with picking up students in this area of the city for worship around 10:15 AM on Sunday mornings please contact Pastor Chris. We are trying to serve this area where many international students live.

Salaam Center Tutoring Needs: Our ministry partners a block away from Abbott have a tutoring program twice a month on Saturdays fro 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. (next date is 1/27) and are in need of tutors and transportation helpers as they minister to recent refugees from the Middle East. If you are interesting in serving, please contact Yoonah by email at volunteersalaam@gmail.com.

The tear-off portion of the bulletin can be put in the offering plate with prayer request to let us know how we may serve you, or just to let us that you were here.

GREETING AND GOD'S WELCOME

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

People: **And also with you.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR THE LORD'S PRESENCE

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please stand if you are able)* Psalm 116:1-7

Leader: I love the Lord, for he heard my voice;
he heard my cry for mercy.

People: **Because he turned his ear to me,
I will call on him as long as I live.**

Leader: The cords of death entangled me,
the anguish of the grave came over me;
I was overcome by distress and sorrow.

People: **Then I called on the name of the Lord: "Lord, save me!"**

Leader: The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of
compassion.
The Lord protects the unwary; when I was brought low, he
saved me.

Together: **Return to your rest, my soul, for the Lord has been good to
you.**

SONG OF PRAISE

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**

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**Chorus 1: 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**

[Chorus 1]

**Chorus 2: 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**

**Bridge (2x): Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, praise Him for the wonders of His love**

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

[Chorus 1]

[Chorus 2]

**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**

SONG OF PRAISE

How Deep the Father's Love

**How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss -
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.**

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Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life -
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart -
His wounds have paid my ransom.

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION

Matthew 11:28-30

Jesus said "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

SONG OF PRAISE

Build My Life

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, oh, we live for You

Jesus, the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus, the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, we live for You

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Chorus: Holy there is no one like You

**There is none beside You, open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who You are and fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me**

**Jesus, the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus, the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, oh, we live for You**

[Chorus]

Bridge (2x):

**I will build my life upon Your love, it is a firm foundation
And I will put my trust in You alone and I will not be shaken**

[Chorus]

[Bridge]

PASTORAL PRAYER and 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.**

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost**

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.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE FOR THE SERMON

Genesis 22:1-19 (p.19 in pew Bible)

22 After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ² He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶ And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷ And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸ Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

⁹ When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹² He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³ And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of that place, "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

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15 And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven 16 and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, 17 I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, 18 and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice." 19 So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba. And Abraham lived at Beersheba.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Chris Garriott

The Ultimate Test

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.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalm 32:1,3,5

Together: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long... I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not cover my iniquity; I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord, and you forgave the iniquity of my sin." (Silently confess your sins.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 103:11,12

"For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us."

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

SONG OF RESPONSE

The Wonderful Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God:
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

Chorus: Oh the wonderful cross
Oh the wonderful cross
bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
Oh the wonderful cross
Oh the wonderful cross
All who gather here by faith draw near and bless your
name.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

[Chorus]

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

[Chorus]

BENEDICTION

*Those who desire special prayer may come to the front left of the chapel.
after the service.*

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 with Ethiopia
- Jason and Liz Polk with MTW in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Bert and Nancy Williams with MTW in Uganda
- Br^ce & P@t with MTW in a sensitive area
- Jacob Jasin with RUF-I at Johns Hopkins University
- Trip Beans with RUF at University of Maryland Baltimore County
- Ryan Bratt with RUF at University of Maryland College Park
- Abbott Center for the Arts

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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

Please pray for:

- Pastor Chris and the church leadership, for God to show us how to draw visitors and seekers to Abbott.
- Family members and friends who are not walking with Christ.
- Ongoing health concerns for these members and friends: Dawn Brewer, Larry Halterman, Phyllis Brown, Billie Mitchell, David Files.
- Cleo Garriott (Pastor Chris' mother) in rehab, recovering from a stroke.
- Jackie Lubin with Parkinson's disease, for comfort and peace as she has returned home for in-home hospice care.
- Tom Lubin for strength, endurance, and peace as he cares for Jackie.
- Paula Polek (Joan Kelly's daughter), diagnosed with leukemia.
- Ed Allison (Debbie's brother-in-law) wisdom for doctor to determine the safest followup treatment; for Ed's comfort, speech, and swallowing.
- Lorraine Sapp, for her vision, arthritis, anxiety, continued healing of wrist.
- Kathy Williams (Guy Williams' wife) with liver disease.
- Barb Huhn to regain her strength and return to us soon.
- Walter Karczmarek, for continued healing and strength, and for Dave as he cares for his father.
- Terry Looney, recovering from a blood clot in his lower leg.
- Jason Wockenfuss, for wisdom and patience in securing a new home.
- Violet Flynn with dementia, and for her children caring for her.
- Lydia Frasca, struggling with pain from stage 4 cancer.
- Lawrence Choate, for continued improvement, strength, and peace.
- Joann Choate, battling cancer; relief from hip pain.
- Carmen Ohlinger, Lawrence and Joann's granddaughter for safety; she is deployed in a carrier strike group in the Persian Gulf.
- Missionaries that we support, listed on page 14.
- Those in our military, police, and fire departments.
- Leaders in our community, City, State, and Nation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Giving Envelopes are on the table in the Narthex for weekly tithes and offerings and the monthly deacons offering (the first Sunday of each month).

CHANGE IN ONLINE GIVING: Online giving is no longer through easyTithe. It is through Fluid Pay, which has lower fees and will save the church money. You can set up recurring gifts or send a one-time gift to Abbott through Fluid Pay at abbottchurch.org/giving and designate your gift for the General Fund, Deacons Fund, or Ministry Renewal (which especially is raising money for a Youth Minister). Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, May 5th - Fellowship Luncheon after the worship service in Room 8. Entrees, side dishes, and desserts are welcome but not necessary.

Tuesday, May 7th - Open Session Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in Room 8. Everyone is welcome. We encourage your ideas as we seek to grow as a church. *(Session meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month.)*

WEEKLY EVENTS:

Women's Bible Class Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in Room 7.

Children's Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

- Pre-school and K in the church library with Jeanette Beaudry;
- Grades 1-6 in Room 8 with Ann Pfeifer.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting via Zoom, 12:00-12:30 p.m. A link to the meeting is in the weekly email from Pastor Chris, or email julius@abbottchurch.org for a link or to submit prayer requests. You can join in at any time during the half hour.

Thursday Bible study, 11:30 a.m. in room 8, using Max Lucado's book, They Walked with God: 40 Bible Characters who Inspire Us. Consider joining this fun, growing group!

Thursday Community Group, around 6:30 p.m. in room 8 or outside. Come enjoy the fellowship and games. Bring snacks, food from home or carry-out. We close with prayer for our community and church.

Friday AA Meetings at 7 p.m. in Rooms 7 & 8. Meetings are led by Jim Younger, and last approximately one hour.

*** SEE THE INSIDE COVER FOR WAYS TO SERVE THE LORD AT ABBOTT! ***

Welcome to Abbott.

We're glad we worshiped
with you today!

April 28, 2024

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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