



Abbott

Memorial Presbyterian Church

October 13, 2024

“The spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions. The nearer we get to him, the more intensely missionary we become.”

—Henry Martyn—

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

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please stand if you are able)* *Psalm 96:1-9*

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
² Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

People: **³ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. ⁴ For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.**

Leader: ⁵ For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. ⁶ Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

People: **⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

Leader: ⁸ Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

Together: **⁹ Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Living Hope

CONFESSON OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

Resurrecting

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SONG OF PREPARATION

Oh How Good It Is

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.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE FOR THE SERMON *Romans 15:14-33 (pew Bible, p. 1128)*

14 I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another.

15 But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God 16 to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. 17 In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God. 18 For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed, 19 by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ; 20 and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else's foundation, 21 but as it is written,

“Those who have never been told of him will see,
and those who have never heard will understand.”

22 This is the reason why I have so often been hindered from coming to you.

23 But now, since I no longer have any room for work in these regions, and since I have longed for many years to come to you, 24 I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain, and to be helped on my journey there by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a while. 25 At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem bringing aid to the saints. 26 For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some contribution for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem. 27 For they were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe

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it to them. For if the Gentiles have come to share in their spiritual blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material blessings. 28 When therefore I have completed this and have delivered to them what has been collected, I will leave for Spain by way of you. 29 I know that when I come to you I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ.

30 I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf, 31 that I may be delivered from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, 32 so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company. 33 May the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Chris Garriott

Paul's Passion Is Our Mission

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 79:8-9

Together: "Do not remember against us our former iniquities; let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for your name's sake!"

(Silently confess your sins.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 4:2-3

"For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness."

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

SONG OF RESPONSE

Christ Our Hope In Life and

Death

BENEDICTION

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

NOTES:

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Giving Envelopes are on the table in the Narthex for weekly tithes and offering; deacons offering is on the first Sunday of each month.

Online giving through Fluid Pay: You can set up recurring or one-time gifts to Abbott at abbottchurch.org/giving and designate your gift for the General Fund, Deacons Fund, or Ministry Renewal (especially raising money for a Youth Minister).

TODAY:

Spanish for English Speakers in Room 8, 12:45-1:45pm, taught by Blanca Tapahuasco, following fellowship luncheon.

UPCOMING:

Oct 18-19 (Fri & Sat.): Men's Fellowship Conference on Friday evening and Saturday morning (not overnight) with Abbott, Grace Relay PCA, and City of Hope Columbia PCA (details coming).

BI-WEEKLY:

Discovery Bible Study, Armistead Gardens Group, every other Tuesday 6:30pm (next study this Tuesday, 10/15). See or text/call Leo Maxey at 301-848-1604.

WEEKLY:

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

Sunday school youth & pre-school classes: Pre-school & K in the church library with Jeanette Beaudry; grades 1-6 in Room 8 with Ann Pfeifer.

Tuesday Neighborhood Bible Study & Pizza group meets at noon in the library on Eastern Ave. with friends we have been getting to know.

Wednesday Zoom Noonday Prayer, 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.

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Wednesday Youth For Christ East Baltimore at 6:30 pm in the Abbott Gym and Room 8. Misiker and Mikala Wingate are on staff and are wonderful servants of Christ. If you are interested in being a volunteer to help them serve the Youth here in East Baltimore, contact Misiker at 443-949-4129.

Thursday Bible Study at 11:30am in room 8, using the book They Walked with God: 40 Bible Characters Who Inspire Us, by Max Lucado.

Thursday Community Group at Abbott at 6:30pm in the yard. Join us for food, fellowship, and a Discovery Bible study and prayer.

Friday AA Meetings - 7pm in rooms 7&8, led by Jim Younger, lasting one hour.

Saturday - Tutoring Classes by Blanca Tapahuasco - Blanca is a professional bilingual tutor and a neighbor in Highlandtown with a heart for Christian based education tutoring. She is holding Saturday afternoon classes here in Room 8. You may know a person/family in need of these services:

- English Classes for families with children ages 5-8 from 12-1pm
- Math/ELA Classes for families of middle schoolers for English speakers from 1:15-2:15 pm

To register, contact Blanca Tapahuasco at blancatapa@yahoo.com or call 443-531-9082.

MISSIONARIES AND MINISTRIES 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
- Br^ce & P@t with MTW in Europe
- 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

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, 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: Larry Halterman, Phyllis Brown, Billie Mitchell, David Files, Lorraine Sapp, Violet Flynn
- Bill and Aida Medina, bereavement on the passing of Bill's mother.
- Cleo Garriott (Pastor Chris' mother) recovering from a stroke, and her husband, Charles, as he tends to her caregiving.
- Ben Flynn and his family (Jerel's grandson) in Johns Hopkins Hospital receiving treatment for leukemia; pray for full recovery.
- Dawn Brewer with knee and back pain, and cellulitis.
- Kathy Williams (Guy Williams' wife) with liver disease.
- Barb Huhn for good blood work test results, and 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.
- Lydia Frasca with pain from stage 4 cancer, and Dave as he cares for her.
- Lawrence Choate for heart failure and an embolism.
- Joann Choate, battling stage 4 cancer
- Discovery Bible Study Group on Tuesdays at the library on Eastern Avenue with neighborhood friends we have met over the past several months.
- Leo Maxey's Discovery Bible Study small group in the Edison neighborhood.
- Tutoring classes by Blanca Tapahuasco, Saturday afternoons in room 8.
- Latino neighbors and the house church ministry of Bill and Aida Medina.
- Peace in the Middle East.
- Missionaries that we support, listed on page 12.
- Those in our military, police, and fire departments.
- Leaders in our community, City, State, and Nation.

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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 13, 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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