



Abbott

Memorial Presbyterian Church

October 20 , 2024

*"Glorifying" means feeling and thinking
and acting in ways that reflect his
greatness, that make much of God, that
give evidence of the supreme greatness
of all his attributes and the all-satisfying
beauty of his manifold perfections."*

*John Piper's Sermon: Glorify
God...period.*

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 138:1-5*

Leader: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

People: ² I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,

Leader: for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

People: **³ On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.**

Leader: All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth,

Together: ⁵ and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

SONG OF PRAISE

To God be the Glory

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS OF PRAISE FOR WHO GOD IS

SONG OF PRAISE

Mighty to Save

TESTIMONY OF GOD'S WORKING - *Julius Fischer*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SONG OF PREPARATION

Firm Foundation (He Won't)

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

16 I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church at Cenchreae, ² that you may welcome her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a patron of many and of myself as well.

³ Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, ⁴ who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks as well. ⁵ Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in Asia. ⁶ Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you. ⁷ Greet Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners. They are well known to the apostles, and they were in Christ before me. ⁸ Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord. ⁹ Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and my beloved Stachys. ¹⁰ Greet Apelles, who is approved in Christ. Greet those who belong to the family of Aristobulus. ¹¹ Greet my kinsman Herodion. Greet those in the Lord who belong to the family of Narcissus. ¹² Greet those workers in the Lord, Tryphaena and Tryphosa. Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked hard in the Lord. ¹³ Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; also his mother, who has been a mother to me as well. ¹⁴ Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers who are with them. ¹⁵ Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. ¹⁶ Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

¹⁷ I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. ¹⁸ For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive. ¹⁹ For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil. ²⁰ The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

²¹ Timothy, my fellow worker, greets you; so do Lucius and Jason and Sosipater, my kinsmen.

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22 I Tertius, who wrote this letter, greet you in the Lord.

23 Gaius, who is host to me and to the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the city treasurer, and our brother Quartus, greet you. [24]

25 Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages 26 but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— 27 to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Chris Garriott

Building the Church for God's Glory

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

1 John 1: 8-9

⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

SONG OF RESPONSE

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

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.

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:

Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 31st, at 4:00pm. Decorate your trunk or tailgate and join us on the church parking lot to hand out candy and hot dogs to our neighbors. Gather around the fire pit and enjoy the music. Candy donations are welcome.

Community Thanksgiving Feast on Thanksgiving Day. Please consider how you can be part of this great tradition of serving our neighbors: Set-up (11am - noon), serving (noon - 2pm), clean-up (2pm - 3pm). Monetary gifts for the dinner are also welcome. Envelopes for Thanksgiving Dinner donations are in the narthex. If you would like to volunteer to help prepare, serve, or clean up, or if you have any questions, see or call Ann Pfeifer at 443-527-0124. You can also use the tear-off portion of the bulletin to volunteer.

BI-WEEKLY:

Discovery Bible Study, Armistead Gardens Group, every other Tuesday 6:30pm (next study next Tuesday, 10/29). 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.

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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.

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

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 fall, and her husband, Charles, as he tends to her caregiving.
- Anadia Bonnicks, for full recovery of cancer; she is beginning out-patient radiation treatments for five weeks.
- Ben Flynn (Jerel's grandson) and family. Six-year-old Ben came home from Johns Hopkins Hospital and will receive out-patient treatments for Leukemia. Pray for a full recovery, and that he will not get sick from any illnesses that his twin sister, Josie, may bring home from school.
- 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

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Please pray for (continued):

- 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.

Welcome to Abbott.

We're glad we worshiped
with you today!

October 20, 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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