



# Abbott

Memorial Presbyterian Church

November 3, 2024

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“But this is the one to whom I  
will look: he who is humble  
and contrite in spirit and  
trembles at my word.”

*Isaiah 66:2*

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**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.*

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**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](mailto:volunteersalaam@gmail.com).

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**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 19: 7-11*

**Men:** The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;

**Women:** <sup>8</sup> the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;

**Men:** <sup>9</sup> the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;  
the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

**Women:** <sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

**Together:** <sup>11</sup> Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them  
there is great reward.

## SONG OF PRAISE

*All Creatures of our God and King*

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS OF PRAISE

### SONG OF PRAISE

*Ancient of Days*

### TESTIMONY OF GOD'S MISSION

Cordelia Ford, CRU Baltimore City

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

### SONG OF PREPARATION

*How Firm a Foundation*

**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***Matthew 5:17-20 (pew Bible, p. 963)*

17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. 19 Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Rev. Chris Garriott

Is Jesus's View of the Bible Your View?

**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 (Together):**

*Psalm 19:12, 13*

**12 Who can discern his errors?**

**Declare me innocent from hidden faults.**

**13 Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;  
let them not have dominion over me!**

**Then I shall be blameless,**

**and innocent of great transgression.**

*(Silently confess your sins.)*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*1 John 1:8, 9*

<sup>8</sup> If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

<sup>9</sup> 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**

*The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)*

**BENEDICTION**

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

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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.*

## 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](http://abbottchurch.org/giving) and designate your gift for the General Fund, Deacons Fund, or Ministry Renewal (especially raising money for a Youth Minister).

### **SUNDAY:**

**Worship Service** at 10:45 a.m. in the sanctuary.

**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.

**Spanish for English Speakers**, taught by Blanca Tapahuasco, will follow the worship service in Room 8 from 12:45-1:45 p.m.

### **TUESDAY:**

**Armistead Gardens Group Discovery Bible Study**, every other Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. (next study is next Tuesday, 11/12). See or text/call Leo Maxey at 301-848-1604.

**Neighborhood Bible Study & Pizza** group meets at noon in the library on Eastern Avenue 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](mailto:julius@abbottchurch.org) for a link or to submit prayer requests. You can join in at any time during the half hour.

**Youth For Christ East Baltimore** at 6:30 p.m. 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 11:30 a.m. in room 8, using the book They Walked with God: 40 Bible Characters Who Inspire Us, by Max Lucado.

**Community Group** at Abbott at 6:30 p.m. in the yard or in Room 8. Join us for food, fellowship, and a Discovery Bible study and prayer.

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## **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](mailto:blancatapa@yahoo.com) or call 443-531-9082.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Open Session Meeting - Wednesday, November 6th** at 6:00 p.m. in Room 8. Since the first Tuesday in November is Election Day, the Session meeting this month will be held on the following day in Room 8. Come share your ideas as we seek to grow as a church.

**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.

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## **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
- Bonnie (Karczmarek) Paulk and family, bereavement on the passing of Bonnie's husband, Nick.
- 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 Bonnick, for full recovery of cancer and no side effects from the five weeks of out-patient radiation treatments.
- Ben Flynn (Jerel's six-year-old grandson) and family. Praise the Lord that Ben is in remission! No leukemia cells were found in his bone marrow biopsy. This means he can begin the next 28-day phase of his treatment which will include two types of chemotherapy and other medications. Continue to pray for Ben, as he has about two years of treatment to go.
- Dawn Brewer with knee and back pain, and cellulitis.
- Barb Huhn for good blood work test results, and to regain her strength and return to us soon.
- Kathy Williams (Guy Williams' wife) with liver disease.

*(Prayer list continued on p.13)*

**Please pray for (continued):**

- 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
- 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!

November 3, 2024

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ADDRESS

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CITY/STATE/ZIP

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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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