



Abbott

Memorial Presbyterian Church

January 5 , 2025

He is like a tree planted by streams
of water that yields its fruit in its
season, and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.

Psalm 1:3

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)*

Leader: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

People: **² The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

Leader: **³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

Together: **⁴ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

SONG OF PRAISE

Rising Sun

PRAISE AND THANKS FROM GOD'S PEOPLE

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH TOGETHER

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.

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.

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

Psalms 1:1-6 (pew Bible, p. 528)

- 1 Blessed is the man
 who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
 nor stands in the way of sinners,
 nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
2 but his delight is in the law of the Lord,
 and on his law he meditates day and night.

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3 He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.

4 The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

6 for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Ryan Bratt, RUF
Univ. of Md., College Park

Deep Roots

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):

1 John 1:8, 9

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

(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 toward 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

Firm Foundation (He Won't)

BENEDICTION

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

NOTES:

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).

SUNDAYS:

TODAY! Fellowship Luncheon - the 1st Sunday of each month in room 8 following the worship service. Entrees, side dishes, and desserts are welcome but not necessary.

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, on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month is taught by Blanca Tapahuasco following the worship service in Room 8 from 12:45-1:45 p.m.

TUESDAYS:

Neighborhood Bible Study & Pizza - restarting this week, January 7th, at noon in the Eastern Avenue library with friends we have gotten to know.

THIS TUESDAY! Open Session Meeting - the 1st Tuesday of each month in room 8 at 6:00 p.m. Come share your ideas as we seek to grow as a church.

WEDNESDAYS:

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.

Youth For Christ East Baltimore at 6:30 p.m. in the 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.

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Men's Winter Bible study - six nights of food, fellowship, and applying scripture to life! The group will meet at Jake Files' house, 6804 Dunhill Road, Dundalk, MD 21222, every other Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., beginning this Wednesday, January 8th.

THURSDAYS:

Bible Study - restarting on January 9th at 11:30 a.m. in Room 8.

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.

FRIDAYS:

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

SATURDAYS:

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 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
- Cleo Garriott (Pastor Chris' mother) 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 she completed.
- Ben Flynn (Jerel's 6-year-old grandson) and family. Praise the Lord that Ben is in remission! Continue to pray for Ben, as he will have about two more years of treatments.
- Dave Karczmarek had double knee replacement and then suffered an intestinal rupture. Please continue to pray for Dave's complete recovery. We are thankful he is out of ICU and in a regular room at Bayview. Pray for healing and recovery from the pain.
- Walter Karczmarek, for continued healing and strength, and for his daughter, Bonnie, as she cares for him during Dave's recovery.
- Phyllis Brown (Tracey's mother) - moved from the hospital to Lorean Belair for rehab and continued treatment for an antibiotic-resistant infection. Pray for healing and relief from pain. Pray for her husband, Charlie, as he travels to and from Lorean to visit her.
- Larry Halterman - for complete healing of leg wound and infection.

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Please Pray for:

- Dawn Brewer with knee and back pain, and cellulitis.
- Barb Huhn for continued good blood work and CT scan results; to regain her strength and return to us.
- Kathy Williams (Guy Williams' wife) with liver disease.
- Lydia Frasca with pain from stage 4 cancer, and Dave as he cares for her.
- Lawrence Choate for heart failure and an embolism and infection in his legs.
- Joann Choate, battling stage 4 cancer; give thanks that her last scans were negative for 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 11.
- Those in our military, police, and fire departments.
- Leaders in our community, City, State, and Nation.

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.

Welcome to Abbott.

We're glad we worshiped
with you today!

January 5, 2025

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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