



Abbott

Memorial Presbyterian Church

February 23 , 2025

*“Is the sanctuary a place of quiet dignity where voices are lowered and good manners cultivated? Is it a place to meditate, to reflect, to remember Abraham, and Moses, Peter and Paul? Yes, it is that. **It’s also a place to get emergency help-bread for the journey and a sword for the fight.** David came to the sanctuary without food for his stomach and without a weapon in his hand. He left with a full stomach and girded for strenuous battle.”*

—Eugene Peterson—

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 27:3-6

Leader: ⁶ Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.

People: ⁴ **One thing have I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,**

Leader: to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
and to inquire in his temple.

People: ⁵ **For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.**

Leader: ⁶ And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,

Together: **and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Ancient of Days

SONG OF PRAISE

Firm Foundation (He Won't)

PRAISE AND THANKS FROM GOD'S PEOPLE

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

The Apostles Creed

Leader: Church what do you believe?

People: *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 PREPARATION

Abide with Me

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 *1 Samuel 21:1-9 (pew Bible, p. 288)*

21 Then David came to Nob, to Ahimelech the priest. And Ahimelech came to meet David, trembling, and said to him, "Why are you alone, and no one with you?" ²And David said to Ahimelech the priest, "The king has charged me with a matter and said to me, 'Let no one know anything of the matter about which I send you, and with which I have charged you.' I have made an appointment with the young men for such and such a place. ³Now then, what do you have on hand? Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever is here." ⁴And the priest answered David, "I have no common bread on hand, but there is holy bread—if the young men have kept themselves from women." ⁵And David answered the priest, "Truly women have been kept from us as always when I go on an expedition. The vessels of the young men are holy even when it is an ordinary journey.

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How much more today will their vessels be holy?" 6 So the priest gave him the holy bread, for there was no bread there but the bread of the Presence, which is removed from before the Lord, to be replaced by hot bread on the day it is taken away.

7 Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before the Lord. His name was Doeg the Edomite, the chief of Saul's herdsmen.

8 Then David said to Ahimelech, "Then have you not here a spear or a sword at hand? For I have brought neither my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's business required haste." 9 And the priest said, "The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you struck down in the Valley of Elah, behold, it is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod. If you will take that, take it, for there is none but that here." And David said, "There is none like that; give it to me."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Chris Garriott

Where Do You Run When the Storm Hits?

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 51:1-4a

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.**

**² Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. ³ For I know
my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. ⁴ Against you, you
only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight..."**

(Silently confess your sins.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

2 Corinthians 5:21

**²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might
become the righteousness of God.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

SONG OF RESPONSE

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

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).

SUNDAY:

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

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

Sunday school youth & pre-school classes for grades 1-6 in Room 8 with Ann Pfeifer.

Fellowship Luncheon - The 1st Sunday of every month in room 8, following the worship service. Entrees, side dishes, and desserts are welcome but not necessary. The next luncheon is on March 2nd.

Women's Fellowship Luncheon - Sunday, March 23rd in room 8, following the worship service. Mark your calendar. More information to come!

TUESDAY:

Neighborhood Bible Study & Pizza - at noon in the Eastern Avenue library with friends we have gotten to know.

Open Session Meeting - The 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm in Room 8. The next meeting is on March 4th. Come share your ideas as we seek to grow as a church.

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. 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. Miseker 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 Miseker at 443-949-4129.

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WEDNESDAY, *continued*

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. The next meetings will be on Wednesday, March 12th and Wednesday, March 22nd, both at 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY:

Bible Study at 11:30 in Room 8. We will be looking at the Gospel running through the book of Genesis in a new series called The Promised One.

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.

FRIDAY:

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

SATURDAY:

Basketball in the Abbott Gym - Feb. 22nd (every other Saturday) at 1:30pm; join in for some hoops on March 8th. Some friends from Redemption City Church will join us. Spread the word, this is fun and a great connection.

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
- Bruce & Pat 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.
- Patrina and Jerel Flynn, bereavement on the passing of Patrina's mother.
- Zachary Halterman (Debbie's son) for healing from a diverticulitis attack. He will see a gastroenterologist this week to discuss possible surgery for this recurring condition.
- Cleo Garriott (Pastor Chris' mother) and her husband, Charles, as he tends to her caregiving.
- Anadia Bonnick, for her strength to return from her completion of out-patient radiation treatments
- 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 - Praise the Lord that Dave has moved from the hospital to the rehab building at Bayview and is walking with the use of a walker. Continue to pray for his complete healing and for him to be able to return home soon.
- Walter Karczmarek, for continued healing and strength.

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Please pray for *(continued)*:

- Phyllis Brown (Tracey's mother) in-patient rehab. Pray for strength and healing and no more pain.
- Dawn Brewer with knee and back pain, and cellulitis.
- Barb Huhn for clear CT scan results when she sees the doctor this week; 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 comfort and healing of his heart failure, an embolism, and pain in his feet.
- Joann Choate, battling stage 4 cancer; for scans to continue being 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. Praise the Lord the this group continues to grow.
- Men's Bible Study small group at Jacob Files' house in the Dundalk neighborhood.
- 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.

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!

February 23, 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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