



Abbott

Memorial Presbyterian Church

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“In the resurrection we have the presence of the future. The power by which God will finally destroy all suffering, evil, deformity, and death at the end of time has broken into history now and is available—partially but substantially—now. When we unite with the risen Christ by faith, that future power that is potent enough to remake the universe comes into us.”

—Dr. Tim Keller—

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 able)* Psalm 118:14,15,17,19-21,24

Leader: He has risen!

People: He has risen indeed!

Leader: ¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

People: ¹⁵ **Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the Lord does valiantly..."**

Leader: ¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

People: ¹⁹ **Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

Leader: ²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord; he righteous shall enter through it.

Together: ²¹ **I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: He has risen!

People: He has risen indeed!

SONG OF PRAISE

Christ the Lord is Risen Today (Hymnal p.198)

CONFESSION 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.**

Leader: He has risen!

People: He has risen indeed!

**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

Christ and Christ Crucified

TESTIMONY OF GOD'S GRACE - Blanca Tapahuasco

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH, CITY, AND WORLD 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**

Luke 24:13-35 (pew Bible p.1051)

13 That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. 16 But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. 18 Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" 19 And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. 22 Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, 23 and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." 25 And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

28 So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, 29 but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. 31 And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. 32 They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" 33 And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, 34 saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" 35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Chris Garriott

Taking a Hike with Jesus

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 130:1-4

“Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.”

(Silently confess your sins.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 1:9

“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

In Christ Alone

BENEDICTION

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

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).

HELP WANTED: CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER/TEACHERS for pre-school through grade 6 on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. Please see Pastor Chris if you can help.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 2nd & 3rd - A Praying Life Conference at Abbott (Friday 6-9:30 pm; Saturday 8am-12:30 pm): - A FREE conference designed to help us grow in our connecting and depending on the Lord in prayer. Fliers are in the narthex to sign up and to invite friends. Let Pastor Chris know if you want to be on the conference team. Various team jobs: door greeters, registration and book table, set up and tear down for refreshments, continental breakfast on Saturday morning. More information and online registration: <https://shorturl.at/aaOV3>. If you do not have online access, see Pastor Chris or Debbie Halterman.

May 4th (Sunday): Fellowship Luncheon in Room 8, following the worship service. Entrees, side dishes, and desserts are welcome but not necessary.

May 13th (Tuesday) - Open Session Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in Room 8. Come share your ideas as we seek to grow as a church. *(Due to conflicting schedules, the session meeting for May will be held on the 2nd Tuesday.)*

May 10th (Saturday) - Men's Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. Free breakfast and prizes.

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 - at 9:45 a.m., pre-school through grade 6 in Room 8.

TUESDAY:

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

THURSDAY:

Bible Study at 11:30 in Room 8. We are looking at the Gospel running through the book of Genesis in a 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 - May 3rd (every other Saturday) at 1:30 pm; join in for some hoops. Some friends from Redemption City Church will join us. Spread the word, this is fun and a great connection.

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.
- Jerel Flynn and the Flynn Family - Bereavement on the passing of his mother, Violet Flynn.
- Lisa Engers (Tracey Brown's sister) - having back surgery on April 22nd.
- Barb Huhn, for good scans and for her strength to return.
- Lawrence Choate for strength, comfort and healing of his heart failure, relief from pain, and wisdom for the doctors who are treating him.
- Joann Choate, battling stage 4 cancer; for scans to continue being negative for cancer.
- Cleo Garriott (Pastor Chris' mother) and her husband, Charles, as he tends to her caregiving.
- Anadia Bonnicks, for increased strength following her completion of out-patient treatments. Praise for recent clear scans.
- 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.
- Walter Karczmarek is at Perry Point VA Medical Center. Cards can be addressed to:
Mr. Walter Karczmarek
Perry Point VA Medical Center
361 Boiler House Road
Building 19H, Room 158
Perry Point, MD 21902

(Prayer list continued on p.13)

Please pray for *(continued)*:

- Dave Karczmarek, for complete healing and strength as he continues physical therapy.
- Debbie Halterman - 2nd cataract surgery on April 30th, and a good endoscopy report on April 25th. Praise for successful cataract surgery on April 16th.
- Dawn Brewer with knee and back pain, and cellulitis.
- Kathy Williams (Guy Williams' wife) with liver disease.
- Lydia Frasca with pain from stage 4 cancer, and Dave as he cares for her.
- Ongoing health concerns for these members and friends: Larry Halterman, Phyllis Brown, Charles Brown, David Files, Lorraine Sapp, Billie Mitchell.
- 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 that this group continues to grow.
- Latino neighbors and the house church ministry of Bill and Aida Medina.
- Peace in the Middle East.
- Missionaries that we support, listed below.
- Those in our military, police, and fire departments.
- Leaders in our community, City, State, and Nation.

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

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!

April 20, 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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