



Abbott

Memorial Presbyterian Church

May 18, 2025

⁶ "On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸ He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

Isaiah 25: 6-8

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.

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)*

Isaiah 55:1-5

Leader: "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!

People: Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Leader: ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

People: Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Leader: ³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

People: ⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

Leader: ⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,

Together: because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

SONG OF PRAISE

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND THANKS TO OUR GOD

SCRIPTURE READING *Rev. 19:6-9 (The Marriage Supper of the Lamb)*

⁶ Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God
the Almighty reigns.

⁷ Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his Bride has made herself ready;

⁸ it was granted her to clothe herself
with fine linen, bright and pure"—for the fine linen is the righteous
deeds of the saints.

⁹ And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God."

SONG OF PREPARATION

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

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

2 Samuel 9:1-13, pew Bible p.307

9 And David said, "Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?" **2** Now there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba, and they called him to David. And the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" And he said, "I am your servant." **3** And the king said, "Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God to him?" Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan; he is crippled in his feet." **4** The king said to him, "Where is he?" And Ziba said to the king, "He is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar." **5** Then King David sent and brought him from the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar. **6** And Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, son of Saul, came to David and fell on his face and paid homage. And David said, "Mephibosheth!" And he answered, "Behold, I am your servant." **7** And David said to him, "Do not fear, for I will show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan, and I will restore to you all the land of Saul your father, and you shall eat at my table always." **8** And he paid homage and said, "What is your servant, that you should show regard for a dead dog such as I?"

9 Then the king called Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, "All that belonged to Saul and to all his house I have given to your master's grandson. **10** And you and your sons and your servants shall till the land for him and shall bring in the produce, that your master's grandson may have bread to eat. But Mephibosheth your master's grandson shall always eat at my table." Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. *(continued)*

11 Then Ziba said to the king, "According to all that my lord the king commands his servant, so will your servant do." So Mephibosheth ate at David's table, like one of the king's sons. 12 And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Mica. And all who lived in Ziba's house became Mephibosheth's servants. 13 So Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, for he ate always at the king's table. Now he was lame in both his feet.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Chris Garriott

Sitting at the Table of the Lord....Forever

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):

Isaiah 55:6, 7

**⁶ "Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;
⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and
to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."**

(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

Streets of the City

BENEDICTION

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

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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; designate your gift for the General Fund, Deacons Fund, or Ministry Renewal.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED:

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

(pre-school through grade 6)

Sundays at 9:45 a.m.

Please see Pastor Chris or Ann Pfeifer if you can help.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 1st (Sunday) - Fellowship Luncheon in Room 8, following the worship service. Entrees, side dishes, and desserts are welcome but not necessary.

June 6th (Friday) - Memorial Service for Walter Karczmarek. Family and friends are invited to gather at the Schimunek Funeral Home, 9705 Belair Rd., Nottingham, MD 21236 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. with a memorial service to begin at 6:00 p.m. (Interment will be private.)

June 10th (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 June will be held on the 2nd Tuesday.)*

June 19th-22nd - Covenant OPC Church, Glenside, PA - Bryan Selby will bring a team of students and adults to serve Abbott and the community.

June 20th (Friday) - Party in the Park from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Come help us reach out to our neighbors with games, food, music, and fun! Set up on Friday at 4:30 p.m.

WEEKLY EVENTS:

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 neighborhood 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 17th (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.
- Dave and Eileen Karczmarek and Bonnie Paulk on the passing of their father, Walter Karczmarek.

On Friday, June 6th, family and friends are invited to gather at the Schimunek Funeral Home, 9705 Belair Rd., Nottingham, MD 21236 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. with a memorial service to begin at 6:00 p.m. (Interment will be private.)

- Lisa Engers (Tracey Brown's sister) - recovering from back surgery on April 22nd.
- Barb Huhn, for good scans and to gain her strength back, so that she can return to us in person.
- 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 Bonnick, 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 enters the final treatment stage, maintenance, which will go from May to December 2026.

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Please pray for:

- Dave Karczmarek, for complete healing and strength as he continues physical therapy.
- 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.

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Welcome to Abbott.

We're glad we worshiped with you today!

May 18, 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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