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“Transforming Lives Through the Good News of Jesus Christ”

ARDMORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Ardmore, Pennsylvania

10:30 A.M., OCTOBER 4, 2020

Worship Service

In these challenging and uncertain times, I am hopeful that you can connect with the church community in this new “virtual” way, to be led in the worship of God, to feed your soul and find solace and hope. As those who believe in the resurrection, we are called to be “Easter People.” That means we have hope, even in the midst of difficult times. We act out of God’s love for us in the way we treat others, even when we are feeling scared. Our God is a God of power, and love and hope. God conquered death for us in Jesus Christ—he will continue to be with us today, tomorrow and every day. Hold on to this hope, and if you are struggling, ask for help. From your family, friends, your church family, or from me. You are not alone.
Rev. Diane Jamison Fitch, *Transitional Pastor*

We welcome you warmly to Ardmore Presbyterian Church where we strive to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

We are especially thankful for visitors. If you have a **prayer request**, please email it to Rev. Fitch at pastor@ardmorepres.org or call 610-642-6650x100.

We are worshipping in our sanctuary on Sunday mornings and require that those attending adhere to our safety protocols which can be found at <https://ardmorepres.org/apc-safety-protocols>.

A recording or live streaming of **Sunday’s service** will be posted online at www.ardmorepres.org.

Please spread the word to those who are interested in viewing our virtual worship.

SESSION

Class of 2020

Jody Brumbach
Elaine Giese
Don Poorman,
Clerk of Session
Bill Toal

Class of 2021

Cathie Calkins
Chip Cobb, Jr.
Jill Fowler
Robie Lawlace

Class of 2022

Dick Corl
Jeff Michaelson
Ben Yurchak

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Class of 2020

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Graham Fuller
Elizabeth Luff
Mary Schreiber
Jill Fowler,
Session Representative

Class of 2021

Eliza Brooks
Dan del Duca
Holly Frank
Viola Terwiesch

Class of 2022

Katherine Anne Matt,
Moderator
Jessie DiNome
Howard Donahue
Maria Helena Fernandez

*Standing

People's response in bold type

GATHERING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE *Be Thou My Vision* Arr. Lee Burswold
 Elizabeth Mendoza, *Cello*
 Let Us Break Bread Together Arr. Douglas Wagner
 Handbell Choir

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH Rev. Diane Jamison Fitch

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.

We gather with them in heart and mind.

Around the world the broken body is made whole.

As part of that body we join in its unity.

Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.

We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.

Let us worship together, let us share God's bounty.

And go out to share God's mercy.

Amen!

MUSICAL REFLECTION *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy* John Darwall

CALL TO CONFESSION Robie Lawlace

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O gracious and gentle and condescending God, God of peace, Father of mercy, God of all comfort: we confess before you the evil of our hearts; we acknowledge that we are too inclined toward anger, jealousy, and revenge, to ambition and pride, which often give rise to discord and bitter feelings between others and us. Too often have we thus both offended and grieved you, O long-suffering Father. Forgive us this sin and permit us to partake of the blessing you have promised the peacemakers, who shall be called the children of God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MUSICAL REFLECTION

I Come with Joy

American Folk Melody

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE, Luke 15:11-32—The Prodigal Son

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING, Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM, Solo

I Am the Bread of Life (from *A New Creation*)

René Clausen

Kaitlyn Waterson, *Soprano*

I am the bread of life; whoso comes to me shall never hunger,
And whoso believes in me shall never thirst.

I am the living bread from heaven;
If you eat this bread you shall live forever.

(John 6:35, 51)

NEW TESTAMENT READING, Ephesians 4:1-6

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Table Arguments

Rev. Diane Jamison Fitch

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MUSICAL REFLECTION

One Table Spread
Handbell Choir

D. Kettring, arr. Garletts

One table spread throughout the whole wide earth—The King's own feast!
From every nation men shall come to share, From west and east.
All now is ready, and our Host invites us in:
"Both bad and good are guests. Let us begin."
(Dalton E. McDonald)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . . company of heaven we praise your name and join together, saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ . . . we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here . . . we are bold to pray as Jesus asked us, saying:

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, forever. Amen.

Communion

Prayer

*OUR WORSHIP CONTINUES OUTSIDE

*HYMN

Come Sing, O Church

please see page 7

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

430

Brian Dill, 1988

DARWALL'S 148TH 6.6.6.6.8.8

John Darwall, 1770

1. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
2. Long years have come and gone, And still God reigns su - preme,
3. Let cour - age be our friend, Let wis - dom be our guide,
4. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
Em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
As we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!

In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

This tune in a lower key, 155

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*PREPARING TO MAKE OUR OFFERING TO GOD

*ANTHEM, Chancel Choir *Bread of the Angel Host* César Franck, arr. J. Rutter

Bread of the angel host sent down from God above;
Body of Christ our Lord in token of his love;
O gift most wonderful! Christ as our sacrament:
Humble, lowly, all share his sacred feast.
(*Panis Angelicus*, Thomas Aquinas, tr. Rutter)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN *We Are One in the Spirit* please see page 9

*HYMN *I Come with Joy* please see page 10

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Simple Gifts* Arr. Lee Burswold

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
my brother, *Scott Murdoch* on what would have been his 67th birthday
by Sandra Tiburzio.

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord, -
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)
D^b Fm

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

I Come with Joy

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DOVE OF PEACE 8.6.8.6.6

Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1977

American folk melody
Arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, For - giv - en, loved, and
2. I come with Chris - tians far and near To find, as all are
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, Each proud di - vi - sion
4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His pres - ence, al - ways
5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, We'll go our dif - ferent

free, In awe and won - der to re - call His
fed, The new com - mu - ni - ty of love In
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, And
near, Is in such friend - ship bet - ter known: We
ways, And as His peo - ple in the world, We'll

life laid down for me, His life laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, In Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
stran - gers now are friends, And stran - gers now are friends.
see and praise Him here, We see and praise Him here.
live and speak His praise, We'll live and speak His praise.

Alternate tune: LAND OF REST, 522

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This Week at APC

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| Sunday, Oct. 4 | 9:00 a.m. | Sunday Morning Adult Small Group: Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/890918410 |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Lord's Day Worship |
| | 12:00 p.m. | Zoom Fellowship: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/156738896 |
| | 4:00-6:00 p.m. | Meet at Church, Drive to Rolling Hill Park, 1301 Rose Glen Rd, Gladwyne, PA 19035. Wear hiking shoes, bring water. Eliza willing to drive youth. |
| Monday, Oct. 5 | 1:00 p.m. | Prayer Fellowship (Green Room) https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83578496052 |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Mission Awareness Committee Meeting |
| Tues., Oct. 6 | 7:00 p.m. | Fellowship and Outreach Committee Meeting |
| | Wed., Oct. 7 | 5:00-6:00 p.m. |
| | 6:15-6:45 p.m. | Cherub Choir Zoom Group (see Carol Shih or Twila Garletts for access code) |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Christian Education Committee Meeting |
| Thurs., Oct. 8 | 12:00 p.m. | Thursday Mid-Day Bible Study https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88997166578?pwd=WkJsZGpWYlJnakd3bkRFcDVHSjJyQT09 |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal (PH Front Porch) |
| Sunday, Oct. 11 | 9:00 a.m. | Sunday Morning Adult Small Group: Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/890918410 |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Lord's Day Worship |
| | 12:00 p.m. | Zoom Fellowship: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/156738896 |
| | 6:30-8:00 p.m. | Youth Group: Faith around the Fire Pit (PH) |



The following weeks are available for dedication of our sanctuary flowers:
October 11, 18 and 25. Please contact Raelyn at 610-331-8972 to schedule.



HEARTFELT THANKS! SEPTEMBER ARDMORE FOOD PANTRY UPDATE AND LOOKING AHEAD TO THANKSGIVING OUTREACH

A heartfelt thanks to all in the APC family who have continued to support our neighborhood food pantry over the summer with financial donations, items for filling the prepared bags, handled paper and plastic grocery bags, gift cards and your prayers. Please keep up the good work! Donations were also received from local farmers, Trader Joe's and Lower Merion and Haverford Townships.

On August 24th, 83 bags were distributed and on the highest summer distribution day 104 bags were distributed—that takes a lot of food items and a lot of volunteer hours!!! Pre-packed bags of staple food items are given weekly to each family along with protein items like eggs, hot dogs, chicken, shelf-stable milk and more as well as essential items such as bathing soap, toilet paper, toothbrushes and toothpaste. **Statistics show the AFP has fed 48% more guests in 2020 than in previous summers.** Unemployment and isolation related to the corona virus have had a huge impact on our local families.

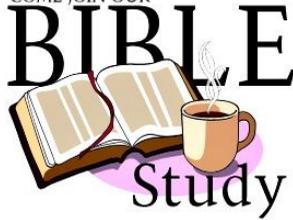
Currently the AFP is well stocked with staple food items and they are looking ahead to Thanksgiving. In the past, bags of items needed to make a traditional Thanksgiving meal along with a \$10 gift card (to purchase a turkey or ham) have been given or delivered to neighbors in need. **This year due to COVID restrictions it has been decided to skip the bags and provide each AFP guest with a \$25 gift card as a way to help them with their purchase of Thanksgiving meal items. (Gift cards will be distributed to guests on November 16th.)** *We ask for your help in securing these gift cards. The goal is to have 150 gift cards by November 13th.* These can be purchased from Acme, Giant, or Trader Joe's and delivered to the offices of Ardmore Presbyterian or St. Mary's Episcopal Church (at St. Mary's cards can be put in an envelope and slipped through the mail slot) or cards can be sent via mail to APC or St. Mary's.

Ardmore Presbyterian Church
5 West Montgomery Avenue
Ardmore, PA 19003

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
36 Ardmore Avenue
Ardmore, PA 19003

If you have questions, feel free to contact Joanne Poorman at 610-525-5023. Please leave a message if I am not at home and I will return your call. Our partnership with the AFP has been a blessing to those of us who volunteer and to each of the families who has had this crucial blessing in their lives.

COME JOIN OUR



BIBLE STUDY

Please join us for Bible Study on **Thursday's at Noon.**
We are studying the book of Jeremiah. Led by Elaine Giese.
Our study will be on Zoom for now.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88997166578?pwd=WkJsZGpWYlJnakd3bkRFcDVHSljyQT09>



CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

PANDEMIC GUIDELINES:

Children are invited to the Walker Chapel in the sanctuary after the Children's Message to quietly read or do art activities.

They may bring items back to their seats with family, or stay socially distanced from non-family members in the chapel.

If children use markers, pencils or crayons, please put them in the shoebox when finished, so they will not be used by another child until the next Sunday.

GOD POSTS:

Leave a post-it note in the barrel each visit to leave a message for God. This can be a thank you, a praise note, a question or a drawing.

Enjoy, The APC Family Ministry Team



APC SUPPORTS “WELCOME ART”

The Welcome Church is excited to share that together with the endorsement of the application by Ardmore Presbyterian Church, The Welcome Church has received a Covenant Grant from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, to support all of the ways we use art within. The Welcome Church and our new “Welcome Art” program will engage people who are experiencing homelessness, people who were homeless, now living in permanent housing, and people who have never been homeless but find themselves with interests, gifts, and/or needs in the arts. Art functions within The Welcome Church both as a source of healing for people whose lives involve physical struggle and a means of sharing incredible gifts and talents. In the midst of COVID-19, we see art among our artists and want to expand opportunities to share art and communication. We look forward to sharing in opportunities to host art shows or hold art classes led by members of The Welcome Church, meeting people in the fullness of their gifts, through engagement with a variety of area churches!

SPECIAL REQUESTS FOR THE WOMEN AT THE WELL

UPDATED

If anyone has any of the following items available to spare, they would be useful donations to The Well, the women’s shelter which is part of The Welcome Church.

1. Individual Microwavable Meals (including Soups and Rice Cups)
2. Cans/Bags of Tuna or Salmon
3. Aluminum Foil, Ziploc Bags
4. Plastic Storage Containers and Microwaveable Cooking Containers
5. Watches (for women who do not have phones; do not have to be new)
6. Headphones/Earbuds
7. CD Player or Radio

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you can help! Thank you very much!

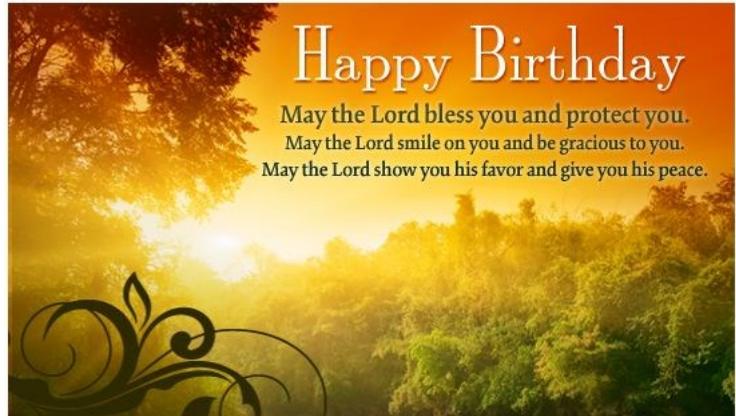
Sincerely, Schaunel Steinnagel for

The Welcome Church, Rvschaunel@aol.com, 302-463-0542



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 | Alli Butera Jim Dormond Jeff Shaver | 26 | Kerstin Hoeldtke Gwen Pfister |
| 2 | Cindy Goble Jeff Vicki Jennifer Whinney | 30 | Kristy Cobb Colin Kelly Arnold Stewart |
| 4 | Josie del Duca Dana Rogers | 31 | Dick Corl Harry Hannigan |
| 5 | Stephen Nelb | | |
| 6 | Tyler Flynn | | |
| 8 | Lucille Hannigan | | |
| 9 | Phoebe Harris | | |
| 11 | Diane Leiper | | |
| 12 | Allie Sergio | | |
| 13 | Anna Wolverton Madison Dillon Casey McIntyre Emma Moyer | | |
| 14 | Pat Corl | | |
| 16 | Ashley McGrory Chris Rowe Paige Yurchak | | |
| 18 | Mark Nakahara | | |
| 20 | Ann Flannery Ben Seltz | | |
| 21 | Samantha Schreiber | | |
| 22 | Annie Vicki | | |
| 23 | Addison Hall | | |
| 24 | John Abrams Scarlett Latshaw Carter McIntyre | | |



*We'd like to list all of our members' and friends' birthdays
and can only do so if we know when they are.*

Please email

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Lift your prayers this week for: **Our Church Family, Pastor Nom. Com., World Leaders & Health Care Workers, Spencer Collman, Dafney Dorsario, Dr. David Githii, Joe Hartnett, Bruce Kozak, Julie Patterson, Kossi and Josephine Sedzro.**

Ongoing Prayers for: **Kate Brooks, Rosemary Fischer, Sandy Foote, Twila Garletts, Claire Hammonds, Mary Schreiber, Kathy Toal.** In prayer for all who are grieving the loss of someone they love. Friends/Family: **Pastor Diane's mother Polly Jamison, Irena Reynold's (Preschool Administrator's) brother-in-law Mike.** APC mission partners: APC Preschool, Ardmore Food Pantry, Caring Hands Ministry (in India), First Place, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Kuwadzana Presbyterian Church (in Zimbabwe), Maternity Care Coalition, Medical Benevolence Foundation, Pre-Med Hospice Ministry, Teachers' Teammates, The Welcome Church, Welcoming the Stranger, and West Kensington Ministry.

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Our Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world.

Thank you for your participation
in the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!



WAYS TO GIVE



Through your congregation



Donate by credit card online at <http://pcusa.org/peace-global>



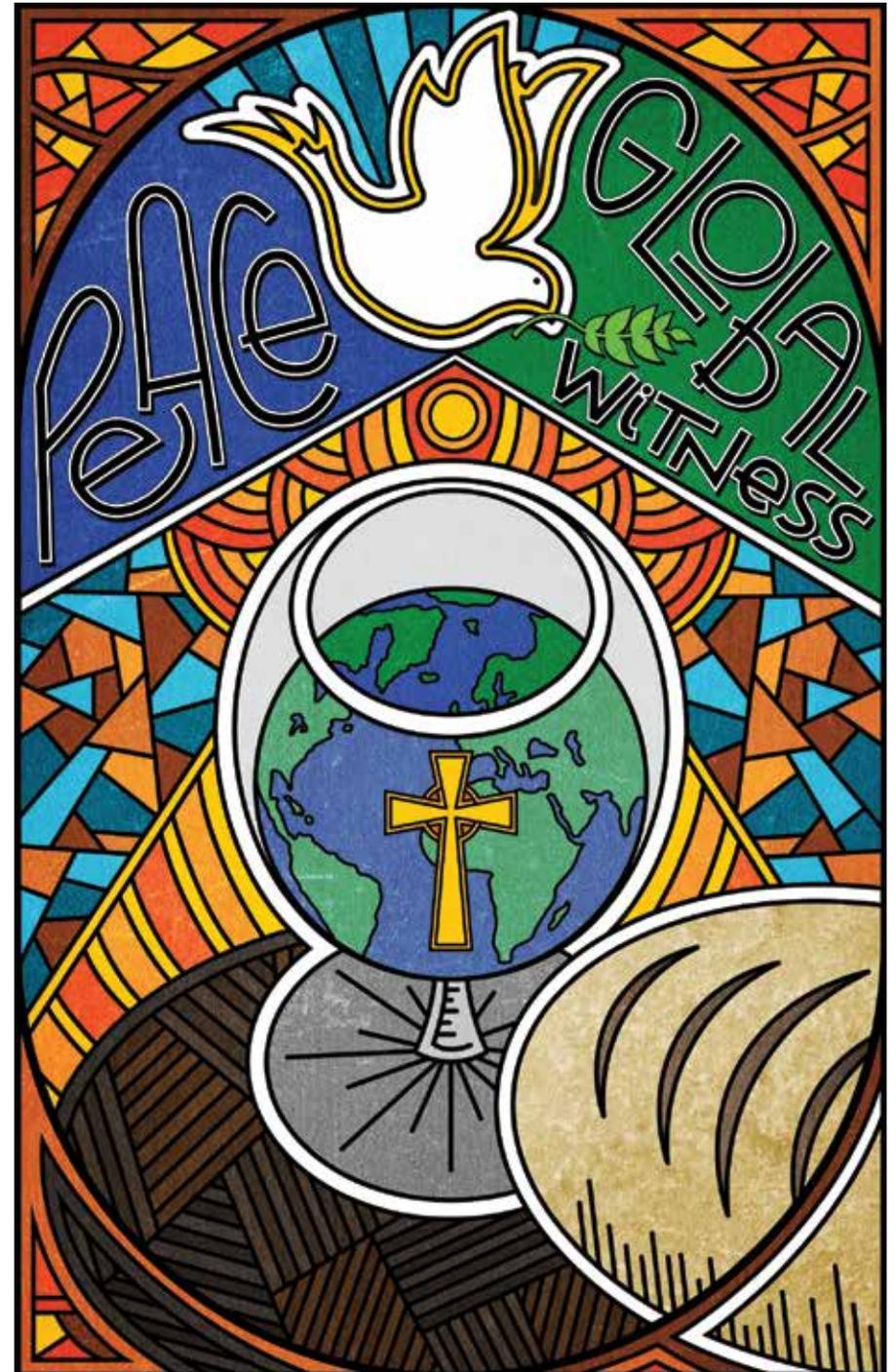
Text PEACE to 56512 to learn more about
and give to peacemaking efforts around the globe.



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
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The Peace & Global Witness Offering is one of four annual special offerings. The church-wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in the twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.

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SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

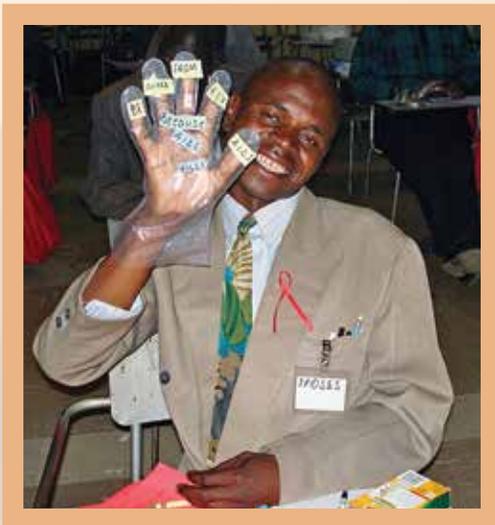


“HIV & AIDS IS STILL A WORLDWIDE ISSUE,”

says Phyllis Wezeman who is a member First Presbyterian Church of South Bend, Indiana. She leads Malawi Matters—a nonprofit that develops and facilitates HIV and AIDS education with the people of Malawi, Africa. Nearly 40 million people are living with HIV/AIDS around the globe; with 26 million of those cases in the sub-Saharan countries of Africa.

“It’s a mission lived in harmony with Malawians,” Wezeman explained. “Our program brings meaningful training at a grassroots level in multiple ways from designing lessons based on storytelling, music, and art to equipping leaders with the information and supplies they need to help their residents understand this disease. We do all of this and more while building relationships that involve everyone in the process of learning and caring for one another.”

Malawi Matters’ HIV and AIDS education is reducing discrimination, overcoming stigma, and connecting people to treatment.



MALAWIMATTERS.ORG

PEACE IS ACTIVE,
NOT PASSIVE;
PEACE IS DOING,
NOT WAITING.

Your gifts will help more people experience the freedom and dignity that Christ wants for everyone. Let us offer the peace of Christ in all times and all ways.

Thank you for your participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

25%

of this Offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community.

25%

of this Offering will go to our mid council, joining with other congregations in our area to support peacemaking work in our region.

50%

of this Offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

The Peace and Global Witness Offering provides the means that allows us to offer ourselves to the pursuit of ending violence and bringing about reconciliation, no matter where it occurs in the world.