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Ardmore, Pennsylvania

10:30 A.M., APRIL 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

Worship Service

Welcome to worship at Ardmore Presbyterian Church! We are delighted you are joining us for worship this morning—whether you are physically present with us here in the sanctuary, or whether you’re livestreaming the service from home! The people of God are resilient because Jesus was, is, and will continue to be Lord of the Church. The Holy Spirit gifts Jesus-followers with praise, song, and prayer either in a sanctuary or at home on the computer. Over the centuries, Christians have worshipped in catacombs, homes, prison cells, desert monasteries, gothic cathedrals, country churches, and now, via the Internet. This virus will one day pass, but until that days arrives, let us be encouraged in Christ’s reign. Please find ways to remain connected with each other, your faith, and church. Like those who have gathered for 2000 years in unusual places, let us worship God!

A message from Rev. Jason Grimes

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. Jason Grimes at jgrimes@ardmorepres.org or call 610-642-6650x100.

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 2021

Cathie Calkins
Chip Cobb, Jr.
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Graham Fuller
Isla Grant
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*Standing for those who are able.

People's response in bold type.

GATHERING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE *Christ Is Alive!* (Three variations) Jonathan Reuss (2005)

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH Rev. Jason Grimes

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Isaiah 35) Cathie Calkins

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

Like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way.

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing.

Everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.

They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

MUSICAL REFLECTION *The Day of Resurrection!*

CALL TO CONFESSION (from I Corinthians 15)

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. Friends, let us confess our sins and be raised in Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts. We have heard your Word proclaimed throughout our lives, yet the seed is scattered on rocky soil and cannot take root. We have read your Word throughout our lives, yet the weeds of our decisions consume any growth that may occur. We have recited your Word throughout our lives, yet the business of our culture tramples it underfoot. Forgive the many ways we have not recognized the living Lord in our reading and hearing of Scripture. The ministry of your Word is before us, may the presence of the resurrected Jesus cause our eyes to be opened and hearts warmed so we can forever praise your name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from II Corinthians 5)

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, a new life has begun. Friends, believe the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (from John 20)

Since Christ has opened his heart to us, let us open our hearts to one another, and God will be glorified.

The peace of Christ be with you.

Peace be with you.

(Call two people in our church community today and pass the peace of Christ.)

RESPONSE OF PRAISE, Quartet

Be Not Afraid Jacques Berthier

Be not a - fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris - en, al - le - lu - ia!

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING, Genesis 3:1-7

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God

had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM, Chancel Choir

Abide with Me

Arr. Andrew Gant (1994)

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
I need thy presence every passing hour;
What but thy grace can foil the tempter’s power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.
Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
Heaven’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

(Henry Francis Lyte, 1847)

SECOND READING, Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place

there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 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 took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Burning Hearts and Open Eyes"

Rev. Jason Grimes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MUSICAL REFLECTION *Open My Eyes That I May See*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (the 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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, forever. Amen.

PREPARING TO MAKE OUR OFFERING TO GOD

OFFERTORY, Quartet *Stay with Us* Egil Hovland (1999)

Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us.

Stay with us, it soon is evening, and night is falling.

Jesus Christ, the world's true light!

Shine so the darkness cannot overcome it!

Let your light pierce the darkness and fill your church with its glory.

(Luke 24:29 and *Phos hilaron*, tr. Gracia Grindal)

DOXOLOGY, Quartet

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

We will continue our worship outside on the church lawn!

*HYMN

The Day of Resurrection!

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*HYMN

Open My Eyes That I May See

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GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*HYMN

Christ Is Alive!

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POSTLUDE

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

John Leavitt (1991)

John of Damascus (8th c.)
Tr. John M. Neale (1862)

The Day of Resurrection!

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Henry T. Smart (c. 1835)

1...The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a-broad; The Pass - o - ver of
2...Our hearts be pure from e - vil, That we may see a-right The Lord in rays e -
3...Now let the heavens be joy - ful, Let earth the song be-gin, Let the round world keep
glad - ness, The Pass - o - ver of God. From death to life e - ter - nal, From
ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light; And, lis - tening to His ac - cents, May
tri - umph, And all that is there - in; Let all things seen and un - seen Their
this world to the sky, — Our Christ hath brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.
hear, so calm and plain, — His own "All hail!" and, hear-ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.
notes of glad-ness blend, For Christ the Lord is ris - en, Our joy that hath no end.

Open My Eyes That I May See

Clara H. Scott (1895)

OPEN MY EYES 8.8.9.8. w refrain

Clara H. Scott (1895)

1...O-pen my eyes that I may see Glimps-es of truth Thou hast for me;
2...O-pen my ears, that I may hear Voic-es of truth Thou send-est clear;
3...O-pen my mouth, and let me bear Glad-ly the warm truth ev-ery-where;

Place in my hand the won-der-ful key That shall un-clasp and set me free.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, Ev-ery-thing false will dis-ap-pear.
O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare Love with Thy chil-dren thus to share.

Refrain

Si-lent-ly now I wait for Thee, Read-y, my God, Thy will to see;

O - pen my eyes,
ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
heart,

Christ Is Alive!

Brian Wren (1968); rev.

TRURO LM

Thomas Williams (1789)
Harm. Lowell Mason (19th c.)

1...Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2...Christ is a - live! No long - er bound To dis - tant
3...Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high, Un - touched, un -
4...In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war, Where col - or,
5...Christ is a - live, and comes to bring Good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, But sav - ing, heal - ing,
moved by hu - man pains, But dai - ly, in the
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
this and ev - ery age, Till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, And touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
midst of life, Our Sav - ior in the God - head reigns.
loves the more, And lives, where ev - en hope has died.
o - cean ring With joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

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Zoom Fellowship



Since APC has returned to in-person worship services,
we will no longer be holding Zoom Fellowship after church.
We will continue to meet, masked and distanced, after the service to be
in fellowship with one another. Please join us!



The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, *Ben and Edith Hibbs* and *John and Elinor Rivers*,
by Stephen and Barbara Hibbs
and
in loving memory of *Ruth Elizabeth Jenkins*; her brother,
Holman Jenkins; and her niece, *Caroline Jenkins Kreamer Kravchak*
by their family.

Youth Group Events

April 18th, 2:00-4:30 p.m. Scavenger Hunt (Rain Date: May 2)
Meet at APC Driveway. Drive to UPenn via Carpool to 39th
and Walnut to meet at “The Covenant.” Friends welcome.

Pre-Event Checklist:

1. Device with internet access (fully charged).
2. Free App “Lets Roam” downloaded.

April 25th, 4:00-5:30 p.m. Kickball and ultimate frisbee! Meet in South Ardmore
Park by the bathrooms (Sussex/Athens) Friends are welcome to join!



Thank you!

Dear APC friends,

Thank you very much for the generous gift you collected and sent me. It is much appreciated and will help with our adjustment to budgeting without my usual income. I miss seeing you and staying up to date with your news. I learned a lot during my years at APC, and I will be forever grateful for the time I spent with you. Blessings on you and your families and all that you pursue in following where God leads you.

Sincerely and with love, Raelyn Harman

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

June 21-25



Vacation Bible School will run from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, June 21-25. This will be a week of fun, learning, storytelling, music, and fellowship! Children will need to register for the week so we can be properly prepared for all activities. The Pre-Registration Form can be found [here](#). If you are interested in volunteering to help with VBS this summer, please contact Kaitlyn in the church office. More details to come!

Sanctuary Memorial Flower dedications are needed for the upcoming weeks:

April 25th, May 2nd, 23rd, and June 6th.

Please contact the church office to make arrangements.

Thank you.



Livestreaming Services: Volunteers Needed!

Do you have an interest in technology? Are you looking to become more involved with worship at Ardmore Presbyterian Church? Then, look no further!

APC is looking to expand our Team of dedicated volunteers to oversee the livestreaming of our Sunday worship service. Responsibilities will include initiating the livestream and adjusting the video and sound as necessary before and during the service. Training will be provided, and attendance at every service is not required.



Contact kwatson@ardmorepres.org if you're interested in joining. Thank you!

Current List of Needs for The Well



Thank you for your support of The Well (the women's shelter which is part of the Welcome Church)! Periodically, the list of needs for The Well gets updated. The following is the current list of items that are being requested by The Well: **shelf-stable milk, foil, plastic wrap, and AA & AAA batteries.** Thank you—as always—for all of your help! Any questions, please contact Schaunel Steinnagel, rvschaunel@aol.com, 302-463-0542. Thank you!

Meditative Walks at Stoneleigh in Villanova



APC community and friends are invited to walk together at [Stoneleigh](#) on Wednesdays, from 11:15 until Noon. Come on out and join us—and don't forget your mask! In the event of inclement weather, please call the church office to confirm whether the walk is still on.

APC Book Group

Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion

by Father Gregory Boyle

Tuesday, April 27, 7:30 p.m. on Zoom

Please join APC's Book Group as we delve into this amazing book about a pastor (Boyle) working in a neighborhood with the highest concentration of murderous gang activity in Los Angeles. Described by author Anne Lamott as, "an astonishing book . . . about suffering and dignity, death and resurrection, one of my favorite books in years. It is lovely and tender beyond my ability to describe and left me in tears of both sorrow and laughter," this is one you don't want to miss! Click [here](#) or contact Maria Helena Michaelson for the Zoom link, and we hope to "see" you there!



Cards and Notes From the Deacons!

The Deacons have been busy in March and April sending cards and notes to the APC community. Over 200 cards and handwritten notes have been mailed as part of the Deacons' ongoing outreach to our congregation during these challenging times. Pictured right is Eliza Brooks preparing several of her messages to be mailed.



Our source for contact information to reach the APC family is the online Instant Church Directory that you can link to from the APC website. We ask that you keep your information current so we are sure to reach you with future mailings. If you know of anyone who would benefit from extra outreach by the Deacons, do not hesitate to send a text to Jessie DiNome at 215-803-1405.

We hope everyone stays safe and can join the multitude of worship and fellowship options (in-person, live streaming, posted recordings) noted each week in the In-Person Sunday Worship e-mail and Worship Folder.

May the peace of Christ be with you,
APC Board of Deacons

COVID-19 Vaccination Information

All Pennsylvanians 16 and older are now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine!



Click [here](#) to register for the vaccine through **Montgomery County**, and [here](#) to schedule your vaccine through **Delaware County**.

If you or a family member have been having trouble scheduling a vaccine or finding an appointment, please contact the church office and we are happy to help you.

This Week at APC

Sunday, April 18	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Adult Small Group (Zoom) https://us02web.zoom.us/j/890918410
	9:30 a.m.	Youth Ringers Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	Lord's Day Worship, In-Person (& Livestreamed) https://ardmorepres.org/live
	2:00 p.m.	Youth Group, Driveway
	7:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Chat https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85940579693
Monday, April 19	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Fellowship https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83578496052
Tuesday, April 20	2:00 p.m.	Safety Task Force Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81117187799
	7:15 p.m.	Building & Grounds Committee Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89818788994
Wednesday, April 21	11:15 a.m.	Stoneleigh Meditative Walk
	5:00 p.m.	Wed. PLUS (Children's Choir & Activity), Lawn
	6:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	6:15 p.m.	Cherub Choir Zoom Rehearsal (Contact Carol Shih or Twila Garletts for Zoom link)
Thursday, April 22	12:00 p.m.	Thursday Mid-Day Bible Study https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88997166578
	6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Lawn
Sunday, April 25	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Adult Small Group (Zoom) https://us02web.zoom.us/j/890918410
	9:30 a.m.	Youth Ringers Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	Lord's Day Worship, In-Person (& Livestreamed) https://ardmorepres.org/live
	4:00 p.m.	Youth Group, South Ardmore Park
	7:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Chat https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85940579693



Lift your prayers this week for: APC Safety Task Force, Children Suffering from Anxiety, Our Church Family, Pastor Jason Grimes & Family, World Leaders & Health Care Workers, Dr. David Githii, Braden Whinney. Prayers for those suffering from Covid-19. Ongoing Prayers for: Kate Brooks, Jessie DiNome, Rosemary Fischer, Sandy

Foote, Twila Garletts, Claire Hammonds, Julie Patterson, Christopher Rowe, Mary Schreiber, Kathy Toal. Prayers for those grieving the loss of someone they love. Friends/Family: John Beerbower, Brooks Family, Audrey Charlton, Fischer Family, Green Light Movement, Walter Haen, Barbara Hayward, Joyce (Jason Grimes' Mother), Cil McKibben, Ramsey Family, Mary Scattergood, Schreiber Family, Kossi & Josephine Sedzro. Prayer for those in care facilities. 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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