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“Transforming Lives Through the Good News of Jesus Christ”

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Ardmore, Pennsylvania

10:30 A.M., APRIL 25, 2021

Fourth 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

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*Standing for those who are able.

People's response in bold type.

GATHERING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE *Variations on "Be Thou My Vision"* Charles Callahan (1990)

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH Rev. Jason Grimes

MINUTE FOR MISSION: TWC & Sanctuary Village Rev. Schaunel Steinnagel

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 27) John DiNome

One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after:

To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord.

"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"

Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

MUSICAL REFLECTION *Christ Arose!*

CALL TO CONFESSION (from Psalm 34)

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Let us admit our sins before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, who sent Christ to make intercession, have mercy on us as we confess our sin. Jesus taught the meaning of faith, yet we are full of mistrust and are suspicious of your grace. While you have the power to transform people's hearts, we doubt the stories our friends offer about the way you have encountered their lives. Forgive the way we fail to listen, for we are ignoring your voice speaking to our unchanged hearts. Through the living Christ, we are ready to encounter you through word and deed. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Romans 8 & II Corinthians 5)

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. 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 20:26)**

Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Church, let us bear witness to the resurrected Christ by standing and passing the peace.

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 - afraid, 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

Living God, help us to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING, Isaiah 43:8-13

Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes,
who are deaf, yet have ears!

Let all the nations gather together,
 and let the peoples assemble.
 Who among them declared this,
 and foretold to us the former things?
 Let them bring their witnesses to justify them,
 and let them hear and say, "It is true."
 You are my witnesses, says the LORD,
 and my servant whom I have chosen,
 so that you may know and believe me
 and understand that I am he.
 Before me no god was formed,
 nor shall there be any after me.
 I, I am the LORD,
 and besides me there is no savior.
 I declared and saved and proclaimed,
 when there was no strange god among you;
 and you are my witnesses, says the LORD.
 I am God, and also henceforth I am He;
 there is no one who can deliver from my hand;
 I work and who can hinder it?

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM, Duet

Praise Ye

Giuseppe Verdi, arr. Young (1974)

Jim Longacre, *Tenor*; Tom Sitzler, *Baritone*

Praise ye, O praise and glorify,
 Praise ye the Lord Almighty,
 Glorify the Lord Almighty,
 Praise His Holy name.

Bless and adore His Holy name.
 Praise ye the Lord Jehovah,
 O magnify His name, adore the Lord,
 O bless His holy name.

SECOND READING, John 20:24-31

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them
 when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he
 said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in
 the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them.

Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Belief and the Eyewitness”

Rev. Jason Grimes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MUSICAL REFLECTION *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Supplemental Liturgical Resource 1:139)

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day; and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. 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 *How Oft, O Lord, Thy Face Hath Shone* Arr. Alfred Fedak (2000)
David Brown, Violin

How oft, O Lord, thy face hath shone On doubting souls whose wills were true! Thou Christ of Peter and of John, Thou art the Christ of Thomas too.	When thou didst thine appearance make, He saw, and hailed his Lord Divine. He saw thee ris'n; at once he rose To full belief's unclouded height; And still through his confession flows To Christian souls thy life and light.
He loved thee well, and firmly said, "Come, let us go, and die with him;" Yet when thine Easter news was spread, 'Mid all its light his faith was dim.	O Savior, make thy presence known To all who doubt thy Word and thee; And teach us in that Word alone To find the truth that sets us free. (William Bright)
His brethren's word he would not take, But craved to touch those hands of thine;	

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	<i>Christ Arose!</i>	See page 8
*HYMN	<i>We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight</i>	See page 9

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*HYMN	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	See page 9
POSTLUDE	<i>Alleluia from Exultate, Jubilate</i>	Wolfgang A. Mozart (1773)

Robert Lowry (19th c.)

Christ Arose!

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Robert Lowry (19th c.)

1..Low in the grave he lay: Je - sus my Sav - ior,
 2..Vain - ly they watch his bed: Je - sus my Sav - ior,
 3..Death can - not keep its prey: Je - sus my Sav - ior,

Wait - ing the com - ing day: Je - sus my Lord!
 Vain - ly they seal the dead: Je - sus my Lord!
 He tore the bars a - way: Je - sus my Lord!

Up from the grave he a - rose, With a might - y tri-umph o'er his
 he a - rose!

foes; He a - rose a vic - tor from the dark do - main, And he lives for - ev - er with his
 he a - rose!

saints to reign. He a - rose! He a rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!
 He a - rose! He a - rose!

Henry Alford (1844)

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Samuel McFarland (1816)
Harm. Richard Proulx (1986)

DUNLAP'S CREEK CM



1...We walk by faith and not by sight; No gra-cious words we hear From
 2...We may not touch His hands and side, Nor fol-low where He trod; But
 3...Help then, O Lord, our un-be-lief; And may our faith a-bound To
 4...That, when our life of faith is done, In realms of clear-er light We



Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke; But we be-lieve Him near.
 in His prom-ise we re-joice, And cry, "My Lord and God!"
 call on You when You are near And seek where You are found:
 may be-hold You as You are, With full and end-less sight.

Irish poem; tr. Mary Byrne (1905)
vers. Eleanor Hull (1912)

Be Thou My Vision

Irish ballad
Harm. David Evans (1927)

SLANE 10.10.10.10



1...Be Thou my vi-sion, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all
 2...Be Thou my wis-dom, and Thou my true word; I ev-er
 3...Rich-es I heed not, nor vain, emp-ty praise; Thou mine in-
 4...High King of Heav-en, my vic-to-ry won, May I reach



else to me, save that Thou art: Thou my best thought, by
 with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my soul's shel-ter, and
 her-i-tance, now and al-ways; Thou and thou on-ly,
 heav-en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what-



day or by night, Wak-ing or sleep-ing, Thy pres-ence my light.
 thou my high tower, Raise thou me heaven-ward, O Power of my power.
 first in my heart, High King of Heav-en, my treas-ure thou art.
 ev-er be-fall, Still be my vi-sion, O Rul-er of all.

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.

Sanctuary Memorial Flower dedications are needed for the upcoming weeks:

May 2nd, 23rd, June 6th and 13th.

Please contact the church office to make arrangements.

Thank you.



To the Church Triumphant: [Spencer Collmann](#)

(April 29, 1924 - January 17, 2021)

Youth Group Events

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!

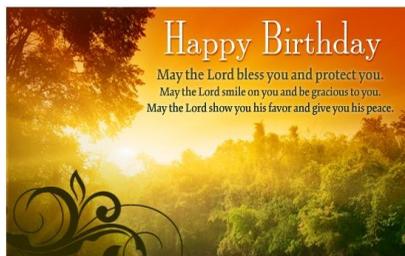
May 2nd, 4:00-5:30 p.m. Hike at Rolling Hill (Gladwyne)!
Meet at Rolling Hill. Friendly dogs welcome.

May 9th, Mother's Day – NO MEETING! We will resume activities on May 16th.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1 Tara Boyle | 21 Anna Seltz |
| 3 Elle Dormond
Jan Terwiesch | 23 Kevin Flannery
Peggy Leneis
Matthew Nelb
Viola Terwiesch |
| 4 Madeline Potter | 24 Vea LePard
Patty Turner |
| 6 Tony Fragale III | 25 Cathy Calkins
Francesca Capriotti
Julie Patterson |
| 7 Abigail Stewart
Jenny Young | 27 Ben Wolf |
| 11 Courtney Reeder | 29 Trevor Njonjo |
| 12 Stephanie McGrory
Craig Pfister | 30 Laura Rossio |
| 13 Drew Fowler | 31 Jim Coath
Sandy Tiburzio |
| 16 Ellie McGrory
Heath Rickenbach | |
| 17 Madeline Taylor | |
| 19 Vivien Pollard | |



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

kwaterson@ardmorepres.org or

call 610-642-6650, x101.



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 outside, masked and distanced, after the service to be in fellowship with one another. Please join us!

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!

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Interfaith Hospitality Network of the Main Line

an Affiliate of  Family Promise
Ending Homelessness One Family at a Time

The next opportunity to help out with the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) is the week of May 10, 2021. Due to COVID-19, families are still not coming to stay at different church buildings; however, donations are requested and can be brought to St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Ardmore, between **2 and 3 p.m. on Monday, May 10 or Friday, May 14** (the items will be transported from there to IHN).

There is currently one family (a mother with a three-year-old), who are staying at the IHN Day Center in Norristown. Due to allergies in the family, meals may not be needed (but a second family may still arrive, and then some meals would be needed; details to come).

Current needs include: soy milk, almond milk, wheat bread (not "honey"), Gatorade, Pedialyte, protein shakes (for children), water, juices (without added sugar), dairy-free cheese, dairy-free yogurt, and gift cards ("Visa" preferred).

To sign up to bring something and/or get further details, please contact Schaunel Steinnagel, rvschaunel@aol.com or 610-658-2636, (home) or 302-463-0542 (cell).

Thank you very much for your help in fighting hunger and homelessness on the Main Line!

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 the church office 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

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

This Week at APC

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
Monday, April 26	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Fellowship https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83578496052
Tuesday, April 27	2:00 p.m.	Safety Task Force Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81117187799
	7:30 p.m.	APC Book Group – “Tattoos on the Heart” https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82354268521
Wednesday, April 28	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 (Last of Season) (Contact Carol Shih or Twila Garletts for Zoom link)
Thursday, April 29	12:00 p.m.	Thursday Mid-Day Bible Study https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88997166578
	6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Lawn
Sunday, May 2	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Adult Small Group (Zoom) https://us02web.zoom.us/j/890918410
	9:30 a.m.	Youth Ringers Rehearsal, Sanctuary (Last of Season)
	10:30 a.m.	Lord's Day Worship, In-Person (& Livestreamed) https://ardmorepres.org/live
	4:00 p.m.	Youth Group, Rolling Rock
	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. 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, Mary Scattergood, Schreiber Family, Kossi & Josephine Sedzro, Gloria Yeborah. 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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