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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Transforming Lives Through the Good News of Jesus Christ”

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Ardmore, Pennsylvania

10:30 A.M., AUGUST 1, 2021

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 day 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.
John DiNome
Robie Lawlace

Class of 2022

Dick Corl
Barry Jeffries
Jeff Michaelson
Ben Yurchak

Class of 2023

Jody Brumbach
Anne Conroy
Elaine Giese
Donald Poorman,
Clerk of Session

BOARD OF DEACONS

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

Class of 2023

Kristy Cobb
Graham Fuller
Isla Grant
Anne Toal McComiskie

*Standing for those who are able.

People's response in bold type.

GATHERING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace

Jean Langlais (1986)

The grace and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Jason Grimes

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 103)

Robie Lawlace

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—

who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the Pit,

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers that do his will.

Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

MUSICAL REFLECTION *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

LAUDA ANIMA

CALL TO CONFESSION (from Romans 5 & Hebrews 4)

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. Let us admit our sins before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you have opened our eyes to grace in Jesus Christ, yet we sometimes blink and lose our way. We are your children through grace, but we seek to earn your love through our labor. When we work for your acceptance, we force others to earn our love and generosity. We have not always loved you or our neighbor with our whole mind, heart, and soul. Forgive us and place us on the road called Straight as we receive your grace and forever sing your praise through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Mark 8)

Friends, hear the good news: “Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he looked intently and his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.” Through the tender mercy of 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, Solo

All Glory Be to God on High

ALLEIN GOTT

All glory be to God on high,
And peace on earth from heaven,
And God’s good will unfaithfully
Be to all people given.

We bless, we worship You, we raise
For Your great glory thanks and praise,
O God, Almighty Father.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

FIRST READING, Exodus 3:1-12

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

THIRD READING, Matthew 9:27-31

As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, crying loudly, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you." And their eyes were opened. Then Jesus sternly ordered them, "See that no one knows of this." But they went away and spread the news about him throughout that district.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Open Our Eyes to Grace"
Summer Series on "Church Emerging"

Rev. Jason Grimes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 324

Open My Eyes That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

*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 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, forever. Amen.

PREPARING TO MAKE OUR OFFERING TO GOD

OFFERTORY, Solo *How Can I Keep from Singing* Lowry, arr. Bullard (2010)

My life flows on in endless song, Above earth's lamentation; I hear the clear though far-off hymn That hails a new creation. Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing; It finds an echo in my soul, How can I keep from singing?	What though the tempest loudly roars, I know my Savior liveth; Although the darkness binds me close, Deep in the night sweet songs he giveth. His inner peace makes fresh my heart, A fountain ever springing; Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, How can I keep from singing? (Robert Lowry, 1869)
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*DOXOLOGY

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

*HYMN 280 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* AMAZING GRACE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* David Cherwien (1998)

	Sanctuary Memorial Flower dedications are needed for the upcoming weeks: August 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th. <i>If you plan to make a dedication for August 15th or 22nd, please contact the church office by <u>August 10th</u> so it can be included in the Bulletin.</i>
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Preschool Registration, 2021-2022 School Year

We are open for registration for the 2021-2022 school year! If you wish to reserve a place for your child(ren) for September 2021, please register on our [website](#). Please note that the cut-off dates comply with Lower Merion School District and provide guidelines for admission:

Age Requirements

Two Day, 2-year-and-7-month-old Program

Monday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Annual Tuition: \$2000.00

2-years-and-7-months-old
before 02/15/21

Three Day, 3-year-old Program

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Annual Tuition: \$3000.00

3-years-old before 09/15/21

Five Day Program

Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Annual Tuition: \$4200.00

4-years-old before 09/15/21

Please reach out to us if you have any questions!

Michelle Butera, *Director* (mbutera@ardmorepres.org)

Irena Reynolds, *Administrator* (preschool@ardmorepres.org)



Sanctuary Village Fundraiser



Sanctuary Village is having a fundraiser, which involves the collection of new or gently used shoes. We are calling the fundraiser “Soles for Souls!” This fundraiser benefits our building a community of Tiny Houses in Philadelphia for people who are experiencing chronic street homelessness.

There will be a container to collect shoes (new or gently used), in the church office. If the container is getting filled, Schaunel Steinnagel will take the shoes and bag them up for collection/storage, so that more shoes can be donated! The collection will run approximately through August and September.

Sanctuary Village will be paid by the pound for the shoes collected. The shoes will be shipped abroad to be sold by small business owners to provide earnings for them as well as affordable shoes for their customers. This is a win-win-win opportunity as it helps Sanctuary Village, these vendors, and the planet by not having unwanted shoes end up in landfills.

Thank you very much!

Any questions, contact Rev. Schaunel Steinnagel, RVschaunel@aol.com, 302-463-0542.



Local Outreach Ministry: Ardmore Food Pantry

The Ardmore Food Pantry is housed at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Ardmore and is asking for staple food items as well as paper bags with handles and reusable plastic bags. Staple food items include: cereals, canned meals, pasta, spaghetti sauce, hearty soups, mac & cheese, bottled dressings, canned tuna, chicken, salmon, granola bars, oatmeal (packets), canned vegetables and beans, sliced bread, snacks, peanut butter & jelly, canned or cups of fruit and applesauce, mayonnaise (smaller sizes), crackers (saltines or Ritz). Non-perishable donations can be left in the St. Mary's cloister at any time. You may also leave items in the APC office or in the narthex (where you enter our sanctuary).

APC Book Group: Save the Date

APC BOOK GROUP is back!

We are meeting September 28 at 7:00 p.m.
under the tent if weather permits.

Multiple copies of the book,

LOVE IS THE WAY by Bishop Michael Curry

will be available to pick up and share beginning the first Sunday in August in the Narthex of the Sanctuary. More information to follow.

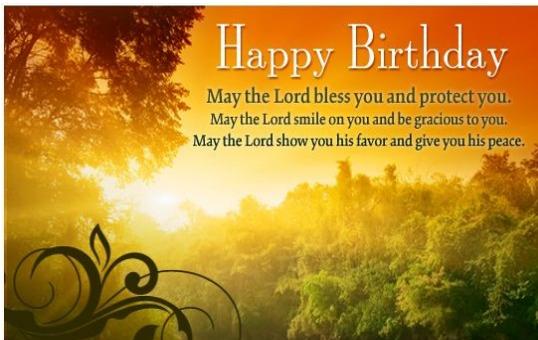


Welcome Natalie McQuiston, *Soprano*

Natalie McQuiston, Soprano, has been singing and performing in the Philadelphia area for over ten years. She has sung with the Chester County Choral Society and Chamber Ensemble led by Gary Garletts for five years. She has also performed with the Mendelssohn Club of Philadelphia for three years. Additionally, she has served in many sacred settings: as a cantor and section leader at St. David's Episcopal Church in Wayne; at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in West Chester; and at Our Mother Of Good Counsel Parish in Bryn Mawr. Before exploring her singing career, Natalie sang with Loyola University Maryland's chapel and chamber choirs, as well as with their all-women *a cappella* group, The Loyola Belles. Natalie currently lives in East Falls, PA and works as a Philanthropic Services Specialist for Vanguard Charitable Endowment Program.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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| 4 Katie Borsuk | 15 Andrew Seltz |
| 4 Jimi Engler | 16 Mary Anne Potter |
| 4 Pyper Heins | 17 Bill McIntyre |
| 7 Bruce Heins | 18 Phyllis Meyers |
| 7 Elizabeth Rickenbach | 19 Eddie Rochon |
| 8 William Dinucci | 23 Craig Toerien |
| 9 Wambui Njonjo | 24 Calla Davey |
| 11 Adam Taylor | 24 Kira Svenning |
| 12 Anna Frick | 25 R.K. Cobb |
| 12 Sarah Schreiner | 26 Kim Karson |
| 12 Lily Wolverton | 28 Betty Campbell |
| 13 Holly Frank | 28 Lynn Hepp |
| 13 Thomas Harnett | 30 Denny Nicholson, Jr. |
| 14 Elizabeth DeVitis | 30 Nina Spoelker |
| 15 Michelle Butera | 30 Melisa Straub |
| 15 Sky Dillon | 31 Chris Moyer |



*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.*

Thank you!

This Week at APC

Sunday, August 1	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Adult Small Group https://us02web.zoom.us/j/890918410
	10:30 a.m.	Lord's Day Worship, In-Person (& Livestreamed) https://ardmorepres.org/live
	11:30 a.m.	Lemonade on the Lawn
	7:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Chat https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85940579693
Monday, August 2	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Group https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83578496052
	7:30 p.m.	Mission Awareness Committee Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87456110680
Tuesday, August 3	2:00 p.m.	Safety Task Force Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81117187799
	7:00 p.m.	Fellowship & Outreach Committee Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88185484735
Wed., August 4	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84385007639
Thursday, August 5	7:30 p.m.	Ardmore Pres. Manual of Operations Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86450496304
Sunday, August 8	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Adult Small Group https://us02web.zoom.us/j/890918410
	10:30 a.m.	Lord's Day Worship, In-Person (& Livestreamed) https://ardmorepres.org/live
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Lift your prayers this week for: APC Safety Task Force, Children Suffering from Anxiety, Lower Merion Firefighters and Families, Our Church Family, Pastor Jason Grimes & Family, World Leaders & Health Care Workers. Prayers for those suffering from Covid-19 and from long term effects. Ongoing Prayers for: Kate Brooks, Jessie DiNome, Rosemary Fischer, Sandy Foote, Twila Garletts, Claire Hammonds, Janet Jennings, Julie Patterson, Christopher Rowe, Mary Schreiber, Kathy Toal. Prayers for those grieving the loss of someone they love. Friends/Family: John Beerbower, Austin Beltante, David Block, Brooks Family, Fischer Family, Dr. David Githii, Green Light Movement, Walter Haenn, James and Sara Hodsdon, Michael James, Joyce (Jason Grimes' Mother), Massey Family, Andrew Mead, Maria Helena Michaelson's Brother and Family, Patty Mihok, Mary Scattergood, Schreiber Family, Gloria Yeboah. Prayer for those in care facilities. Prayer for those in the military. 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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