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“Transforming Lives Through the Good News of Jesus Christ”

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Ardmore, Pennsylvania

10:30 A.M., SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Twenty-sixth 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 *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song* Robert Hobby (1996)

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION: PEACEMAKING OFFERING Bill Toal

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 139) Robie Lawlace

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Where can I go from your Spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

For it was you who formed my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works!

MUSICAL REFLECTION *All Creatures of Our God and King* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

CALL TO CONFESSION (from Matthew 11)

Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Let us ask God to forgive us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we struggle to love neighbors because we do not love ourselves. You breathed into dust and created people. When we chose selfishness and sin, you did not abandon us but sent prophets to call us back to your way. In a time of your choosing, the Word became flesh and lived among us, died, and was raised from the grave so we might live in your grace. You love and sacrifice for us while we neglect to care for our physical, mental, and spiritual health. Since all life comes from you, make us better stewards of our mind, body, and spirit through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Psalm 19 and I Peter 2)

The Psalmist writes, “The Law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.” Indeed, Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and be alive to all that is good. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (from Matthew 5)

Forgiven in Christ, we remember his words, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”

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

You Belong to Christ

Robert Hobby (2003)

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

O Lord, the Word is food for our souls. Today, as the Scripture is read, may we hear, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

FIRST READING, Genesis 2:4b-9

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground—then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

ANTHEM, Chancel Choir *O Be Joyful in the Lord* René Clausen (1990)
O be joyful in the Lord, serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before God with a song.
(Psalm 100:1-2)

SECOND READING, I Corinthians 6:12, 19-20

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

THIRD READING, Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *“Stewards of Self”* Rev. Jason Grimes
Fall Series on “Stewardship: Money or Wholeness?”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MUSICAL REFLECTION *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* TRENTHAM

*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, Quartet *The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation* H.W. Zimmermann (1971)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life.

For He will hide me, and He will guide me;

He will set me high upon a rock.

Come hear me, O Lord, whene'er I call You, answer me Lord.

I come to You now, I seek Your face.

Since You have helped me in all my trials,

Do not leave me now, O Lord, my life.

I ask of the Lord for only one thing, this will I seek:

To live in the Lord's house all my life.

In times of trouble He will protect me,

He will keep me safe from ev'ry foe.

(Psalm 27 and Marjorie Jillson, 1971)

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

We will continue our worship outside on the church lawn!

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King

Paul Manz (1975)

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 316

Edwin Hatch, 1886

TRENTHAM SM

Robert Jackson, 1894

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life a - new,
 2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Un - til my heart is pure,
 3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am whol - ly Thine,
 4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I nev - er die,

That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.
 Un - til with Thee I will one will, To do and to en - dure.
 Un - til this earth - ly part of me Glows with Thy fire di - vine.
 But live with Thee the per - fect life Of Thine e - ter - ni - ty.*



The flowers are given *to the glory of God*
 and in loving memory of *Thomas M. Birdsall, M.D.*
 from his family.

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Take My Life

HENDON 7.7.7

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874

H. A. César Malan, 1827

1. Take my life, and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee.
 2. Take my hands, and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love.
 3. Take my voice, and let me sing, Al - ways, on - ly, for my King.
 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with-hold;

Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in
 Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beau - ti -
 Take my lips, and let them be Filled with mes - sa -
 Take my in - tel - lect, and use Ev - ery power as

cease - less praise, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
 ges from Thee, Filled with mes - sa - ges from Thee.
 Thou shalt choose, Ev - ery power as Thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will, and make it Thine;
 It shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is Thine own;
 It shall be Thy royal throne,
 It shall be Thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 At Thy feet its treasure store.
 Take myself, and I will be
 Ever, only, all for Thee,
 Ever, only, all for Thee.



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The Presbytery of Philadelphia and the Session and
Congregation of Ardmore Presbyterian Church joyfully
request the honor of your presence at the
Service of Installation of

Jason Grimes
as
Pastor

Sunday, September 26, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

A reception will follow outside on the church lawn, under
the tent. The service will be livestreamed at
www.ardmorepres.org/live



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Collection Plate

Due to COVID-19, we are currently not passing the collection plate during worship. For anyone who is called to give in-person, the plate is on the table in the Narthex. If you prefer to give online, please scan the QR code (right) to be directed to the 'Giving' page of our website. Thank you for your generosity!



Welcome Art: Art Show A Huge Success

Last Sunday, September 19, APC was host to the kick-off of Welcome Art's Art Show, which was a great success! The show will run after worship on **Sundays, as well as Mondays and Fridays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. through October 3 in the Mill Creek Room.** The show features original paintings, handknit potato chip scarves, paper bead jewelry, and textile art. Welcome Art is a part of The Welcome Church, which APC is proud to support as one of its mission partners. Masks are required to enter the show, and purchases may be made with cash or check. **Please call 302-463-0542 or 610-772-1909 to make an appointment!**



Sanctuary Memorial Flower dedications are needed for the following upcoming weeks: **October 10th, 17th, 24th, and November 14th.** Please contact the church office for more information. Thank you!

West Kensington Ministry: Golf Outing

Please consider joining us for the 3rd Annual West Kensington Ministry Golf Outing on Monday, September 27, 2021 at Jeffersonville Golf Club at 10:30 a.m. (shot-gun start). Sign-in/registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

A donation of \$150 per player is required to participate, which includes lunch, green fees, a putting contest, door prizes, and much more. Register at www.westkensingtonministry.com and contact Chad Pilling (pillingcb@gmail.com) for more information. We hope you will join us! Check out the [flyer](#) for full details!



Communion

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Sunday, October 3. Let us be in prayer as we prepare to receive the Holy Spirit and be reminded of Jesus's life, death, and resurrection. If you would like to eat bread and drink from the cup, but cannot be in our sanctuary on October 3, please contact the church office and we will arrange a time for you to receive the Sacrament. We want you to be in communion with us!

Youth Group Returns!

This past week, our youth learned that Christians are like candied apples: made up of the same stuff on the inside, but look different on the outside! We looked for places in the Bible where apples are mentioned, and learned how we can be better Christians. We hope to see you this Sunday, September 26, at 4-5:30 p.m. at the Parish House as we explore the Fruit of the Spirit and decorate the campus with lights for Pastor Jason's installation reception! If you need more information, contact Eliza Brooks, ebrooks35@gmail.com.



Meditative Walks at Stoneleigh Have Resumed

APC community and friends are invited to walk together at [Stoneleigh](#) in Villanova on Wednesdays, from 11:15-12:00. Come join us—and don't forget your mask! In the event of inclement weather, call the church office to confirm whether the walk is still on.

APC Book Group Returns!

Our next great read is, *“Love is the Way: Holding On To Hope in Troubling Times,”* by Bishop Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church: “Walk the path of love with one of the warmest, most beloved spiritual leaders of our time, and learn how to put faith into action.” We'll be meeting on **Tuesday, September 28, at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.**



Bishop Curry gives us a message of hope in an inspirational road map for living the way of love illuminated by moving lessons in his own life. The way of love is essential for addressing the seemingly insurmountable challenges facing the world today. Discover gifts needed to live the way of love with an unwavering regard for human dignity. (Excerpted from Amazon description)

Books are on the Book Group shelf in the Narthex. Just sign out, read, and return to the shelf to be shared by September 28. Contact the Church Office if you need to have one delivered.



Help in Times of Crisis

Have you been feeling overwhelmed by the state of the world? Feeling like there is little you can do to help those who are suffering in the wake of disaster after disaster? APC's Mission Awareness Committee has put together this [flyer](#) to serve as a resource to outline all of the organizations through which you may help our brothers and sisters around the world who have been directly impacted by the earthquake in Haiti, Hurricane Ida, and the Afghan refugee crisis.

Preschool Plant Sale This Weekend



Just as they did in the Spring, Ardmore Presbyterian Weekday Preschool will be hosting another fundraiser through Taddeo's Greenhouses on September 24-26. Don't miss your chance to purchase fall mums and décor and support our beloved preschool! Simply present this [flyer](#) at checkout to participate. Thank you so much!



“Christianity: An Evidence-Based Faith” Adult Sunday School Class led by Ben Yurchak

Have you ever wondered how God fits into a modern understanding of how our world was formed and how life began? For a while, it has been either a 'Creation Theory' or a 'Random Accident Theory.' This class will focus on scientific evidence and include consideration of biblical evidence and primitive cultural traditions. No scientific background required! Class began on Sunday, Sept. 19, at 9:00 a.m. in the Mill Creek Room and continues for 4 weeks (masks required) or via Zoom using the link for Adult Sunday School found in the bulletin and Friday email. We hope you will join us!

IHN: Fall Opportunity

Interfaith Hospitality Network of the Main Line

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

APC is again invited to help St. Mary's Episcopal Church with assisting families who are staying with IHN. The hosting week is Sept. 26, 2021. Donations are requested and can be brought to St. Mary's between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. on Monday, September 27 or Friday, October 1. Please sign up for what you plan to bring.

Requested items include: gift cards to Walmart, Giant, and/or CVS; snacks that do not require refrigeration; beverages (water and no-sugar-added juices); Size 3T & 4T diapers; and easy-to-heat dinners for a family of 2 (currently a grandparent and an 11-year-old boy, no casseroles).

To sign up or for questions contact Schaunel Steinnagel, rvschaunel@aol.com or Dennis Wood, dennis.wood@comcast.net.

Bertucci's

Sanctuary Village Fundraiser: Restaurants for Roofs



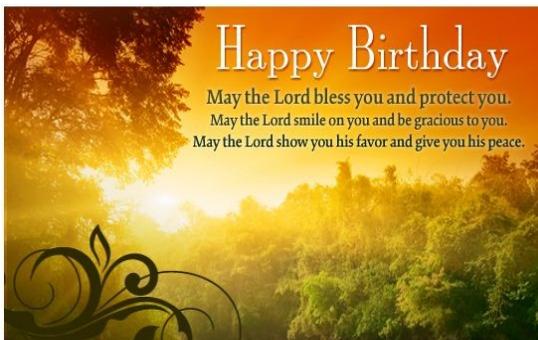
For the month of October, Sanctuary Village will be holding different fundraising opportunities at various restaurants. Sanctuary Village is working towards building a community of Tiny Houses in Philadelphia for people experiencing chronic street homelessness. Some yummy opportunities to participate in *Restaurants for Roofs* include:

- Eat at or order from any Bertucci's restaurant on Thursday, October 14, and 15% of your order goes to Sanctuary Village (Mention Code #569-183-714 or show [flyer](#)).
- Eat at or order from Chipotle in Ardmore between 4-8 p.m. on Saturday, October 23, and 33% goes to Sanctuary Village (Mention Code #8TZ6VYZ or show [flyer](#)).

Any questions, please contact Schaunel Steinnagel, rvschaunel@aol.com, 302-463-0542.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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|----|------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1 | Alli Butera | 16 | Chris Rowe |
| 1 | Jim Dormond | 16 | Paige Yurchak |
| 1 | Jeff Shaver | 18 | Mark Nakahara |
| 2 | Cindy Goble | 20 | Ann Flannery |
| 2 | Jeff Vicki | 21 | Samantha Schreiber |
| 2 | Jennifer Whinney | 22 | Annie Vicki |
| 4 | Josie Del Duca | 24 | John Abrams |
| 6 | Tyler Flynn | 24 | Scarlett Latshaw |
| 8 | Lucille Hannigan | 24 | Carter McIntyre |
| 9 | Phoebe Harris | 26 | Kerstin Hoeldtke |
| 12 | Anna Wolverton | 26 | Gwen Pfister |
| 13 | Madison Dillon | 27 | Ben Grimes |
| 13 | Casey McIntyre | 30 | Kristy Cobb |
| 14 | Pat Corl | 30 | Arnold Stewart |
| 16 | Ashley McGrory | 31 | Dick Corl |
| | | 31 | Harry Hannigan |



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, Sept. 26	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
	11:45 a.m.	Youth Choir (Lawn)
	4:00 p.m.	Youth Group (Parish House)
	6:00 p.m.	Service of Installation for Pastor Jason In-Person & at https://ardmorepres.org/live
Monday, Sept. 27	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Group https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83578496052
	4:30 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88656875953
Tuesday, Sept. 28	2:00 p.m.	Safety Task Force Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81117187799
	7:00 p.m.	APC Book Group: "Love Is The Way" https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89234475372
Wed., Sept. 29	11:15 a.m.	Meditative Walk at Stoneleigh in Villanova
	5:00 p.m.	Wed. PLUS: Children's and Cherub Choirs (Lawn/Playground)
	6:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thursday, Sept. 30	12:00 p.m.	Thursday Mid-Day Bible Study https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88997166578
Saturday, October 2	9:00 a.m.	Elders & Deacons Fall Retreat (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, October 3	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
	4:00 p.m.	Youth Group (Parish House)
	7:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Chat https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85940579693



Lift your prayers this week for: APC Safety Task Force, Jody Brumbach, Children Suffering from Anxiety, Holly Frank, Our Church Family, Pastor Jason Grimes & Family, World Leaders & Health Care Workers. Prayers for those suffering from Covid-19 and long term effects. Ongoing Prayers for: Kate Brooks, Jessie DiNome, Rosemary Fischer, Sandy Foote, Twila Garletts, Claire Hammonds, Julie Patterson, Mary Schreiber, Kathy Toal. Prayers for those grieving the loss of someone they love. Friends/Family: John Beerbower, Austin Beltante, Jessica Benizio, Brooks Family, Fischer Family, Dr. David Githii, Green Light Movement, Dilshani Grimes' Mother, Michael James, Olivia Kelly (Elizabeth Rickenbach's mother), Massey Family, Andrew Mead, Patty Mihok, Nerva Milano's Family, Mary Scattergood, Schreiber Family, Marene Walden (Michelle Butera's mother), Anne Warner's cousins, 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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