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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., MAY 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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 and on our YouTube page.

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

In the tradition of the **Presbyterian Church USA**, our church is governed by a group of elders called the Session. Elders are elected by the congregation, and serve for specific terms of service. Together with our pastor, elders are called to exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline, and have responsibilities for the life of the congregation, as well as the whole church.

SESSION

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

Class of 2024

Chip Cobb, Jr.
John DiNome
Robie Lawlace

Likewise, our congregation elects members to serve on the diaconate. It is the duty of deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith. Our deacons visit with members, organize support for those in need, and lead us in celebrations.

DIACONATE

Class of 2022

Jessie DiNome,
Moderator
Maria Helena Fernandez
Elizabeth Luff
Katherine Anne Matt

Class of 2023

Kristy Cobb
Graham Fuller
Isla Grant
Anne Toal McComiskie

Class of 2024

Dan Del Duca
Carol Fritz
Sarah Schreiner,
Co-Moderator

*Standing for those who are able.

People's response in bold type.

GATHERING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE *Concerto for Horn, K. 495 (Andante)* Wolfgang A. Mozart (1786)
Kasey MacAdams, *Horn*

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

MINUTE FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Dan Del Duca

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 46)

Robie Lawlace

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains
shake in the heart of the sea;**

Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with tumult.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the
Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;

God will help it when the morning dawns.

*HYMN 280

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION (Hebrews 10)

Let us draw near to God with sincerity of heart and full assurance of faith, our guilty hearts sprinkled clean, our bodies washed with pure water. Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome on another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 6)

Hear the good news! If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Friends, believe the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (Colossians 3)

“Forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body.”

The peace of Christ be with you.

Peace be with you.

*RESPONSE, All

John Bell (1987) **The Summons** KELVINGROVE 13.13.7.7.13 Traditional Scottish Melody

1..Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?__
5..Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.__

— Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?__
— Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.__

— Will you let my love be shown,___ Will you let my name be known,___
— In your com - pa - ny I'll go___ Where your love and foot - steps show.__

— Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?___
— Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.__

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

FIRST READING, Joshua 3:14-4:7

When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people. Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing toward the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho. While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firmly on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

When the entire nation had finished crossing over the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua, "Select twelve men from the people, one from each tribe, and command them, 'Take twelve stones from here out of the middle of the Jordan, from the place where the priests' feet stood, carry them over with you, and lay them down in the place where you camp tonight.' " Then Joshua summoned the twelve men whom he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe. Joshua said to them, "Pass on before the ark of the LORD your God into the middle of the Jordan, and each of you take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, so that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, 'What do those stones mean to you?' then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off in front of the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the Israelites a memorial forever."

ANTHEM, Chancel Choir

Psalm 23

Paul Basler (1999)

(For text, please see page 435 in the pew Bible.)

SECOND READING, Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, doing the will of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else, but God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace, you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“*But God*”
The Easter Life

Rev. Jason Grimes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 366

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

ST. CATHERINE

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRESENTATION

RENUNCIATION AND AFFIRMATION

† Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

† Who is your Lord and Savior?

† Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

† Will you devote yourself to the church’s teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and the prayers?

*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.

*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 522 *Lord, When I Came Into This Life* LAND OF REST

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Concerto for Horn, K. 465 (Rondo)* Mozart

*Please join us following the service for a reception in the
Mill Creek Room to celebrate our confirmands and their families.*



This Sunday's flowers are dedicated *to the glory of God,*
and in loving memory of
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gebhardtsbauer Sr.
and William Gebhardtsbauer
by the Patterson Family.

Our Confirmands

Lila Spoelker



Lila is currently a 9th grader at Haverford High School. She dances, dances, dances 6 days a week with Radomile Dance Academy and Brandywine Contemporary Company in West Chester. She also sings alto with the HHS Concert Chorale and plays trombone in the HHS Marching and Concert Bands. She is getting pretty proficient with her Quest Virtual Reality headset and loves just hanging out with our cats Zoe and Belle. She can be quiet except when she's around her friends. We are very proud of her and look forward to sharing this day with her.

Our Confirmands (Continued)

Matthew Fuller

Matthew Campbell Fuller was born April 5, 2006 in Cincinnati Ohio. He is currently a sophomore at Radnor High School. Matthew's passion is riding and racing mountain bikes where he competes for the Delco Revolution Team in the Pennsylvania League. Matthew works part-time at Trek Ardmore and has recently joined the Merion Fire Company of Ardmore as a Volunteer Firefighter.



Ellie McGrory



Ellie is an 8th grade at Haverford Middle School and was baptized here at Ardmore Presbyterian in 2008. Ellie enjoys participating in activities at APC and is looking forward to being a counselor for VBS this summer. Ellie is a family-oriented, friend and sweet-loving person who enjoys playing lacrosse with both the middle school team and the Blaze, being in modern dance class at Radomile Academy, playing the trumpet in the Middle School band, and being a Girl Scout. Ellie's been looking forward to her confirmation day for some time now, and who knew it would be just one day before her 14th birthday, so two reasons to celebrate and give thanks to God.

Mark Steinnagel Taylor

Mark is currently a 10th grader at Harriton High School where he runs Cross Country and Track. Earlier this month, he completed the Broad Street Run. This summer he will travel to France for hiking and exploring.





Lemonade on the Lawn

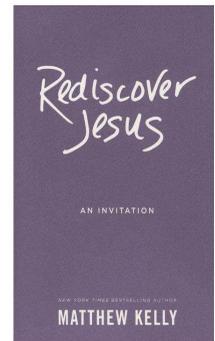
Volunteers are needed to host Lemonade on the Lawn immediately following church on Sundays. Your responsibilities include setting up the table, snacks, and drinks and greeting people after church.

That's it! The Fellowship and Outreach Committee will provide all basic supplies, but you are welcome to add your own contributions if you wish. Sign up with a buddy or as a family!

Email Emily in the church office at admin@ardmorepres.org or call her at 610-642-6650 (ext. 101) if you are interested in hosting.

Rediscover Jesus: An Invitation Lunch and Discussion after Worship on May 22, 2022

Come to rediscover friendships and make new friends at a boxed lunch hosted by the Christian Education Committee and share your thoughts, or just listen as we talk about our favorite insights into our "God of Surprises" that we found from reading Matthew Kelly's "Rediscover Jesus." Whether it's from the Prologue question "When was the last time someone confused you for Jesus" or the chapter on 'Miracles Abound' or 'The Jesus Question,' what is it that you will remember the most about this book? There are still a few books available if you are interested and you can find a copy in the back of the Sanctuary, in the church office, and at various locations throughout APC. We look forward to seeing you there.



Please RSVP to Emily in the church office by email (admin@ardmorepres.org) or phone call (610-642-6650, ext. 101) if you plan to come, so that we can plan for food.

This Week at APC

Sunday, May 15	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Adult Small Group (MCR & Zoom) https://us02web.zoom.us/j/890918410
	10:30 a.m.	Lord's Day Worship, In-Person & Livestreamed at ardmorepres.org/live
	11:45 a.m.	Confirmation Reception (MCR)
	4:00 p.m.	Youth Group at Skunk Hollow Park (600 Darby Paoli Rd., Villanova)
	7:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Chat (Zoom) https://bit.ly/3u3zf1S
Monday, May 16	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Group (Zoom) https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83578496052
Tuesday, May 17		Election Day - Polling (Mill Creek Room)
	11:15 a.m.	Meditation Walk at Stoneleigh
	2:00 p.m.	Safety Task Force Meeting (Zoom) https://bit.ly/3CS3tj5
	7:15 p.m.	Building & Grounds Committee Meeting (Zoom) https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89818788994
Wednesday, May 18	1:00 p.m.	APMO Meeting https://bit.ly/3KONn5Z
Thurs., May 19	12:30 p.m.	Thursday Mid-Day Bible Study (MCR and Zoom) https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88997166578
	7:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chapel)
Sunday, May 22	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Adult Small Group (MCR & Zoom)
	10:30 a.m.	Lord's Day Worship In-Person & Livestreamed, ardmorepres.org/live
	11:45 a.m.	Lemonade on the Lawn
	7:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Chat (Zoom) https://bit.ly/3u3zf1S



Lift your prayers this week for: APC Safety Task Force, Children Suffering from Anxiety, Country & People of Ukraine, Gun Violence, 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 Fisher, Sandy Foote, Holly Frank, Twila Garletts, Claire Hammonds, Julie Patterson, Chris Rowe, Mary Schreiber, Kathy Toal. Prayers for those grieving the loss of someone they love. Friends/Family: Baby Taos, John Beerbower, Brooks Family, Fuller Family, Drew Elliott, Ross Ellison, Fisher Family, Dr. David Githii, Paul Goetsch, Dilshani Grimes' Mother, Barbara Hayward, Howard and Bayliss Family (Pearlie Diesinger's Family), Ingeborg (Christian Terwiesch's Mom), Light It Up Green for Pediatric Cancer, John Polhamus (Emily's Dad), Mary Scattergood, Schreiber Family. 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, Gift of Life Home, 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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