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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 22, 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Worship Service

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

Toccata in F
Lord Jesus Christ, With Us Abide

Hans F. Micheelsen (1965)
Helmut Walcha (1954)

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 (Psalm 18)

John Abrams

I love you, O Lord, my strength.

The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer.

My God, my rock in whom I take refuge.

My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised.

The Lord lives! Blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation.

*HYMN 229

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

CALL TO CONFESSION (Matthew 11)

Jesus says, "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 (James G. Kirk) (In Unison)

O God, sustained by your mercy we make bold to confess our sin. We expel strangers and deny hospitality. We judge others all too freely. Our hasty words cause conflict and tension. We are disturbers of your peace. As you sent Christ to reconcile your people, forgive the failings of our unredeemed humanity and show us once again the image of your Son, who loved his enemies and taught us to do the same. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Jeremiah 31 & Hebrews 10)

The Lord spoke through the Prophet Jeremiah saying, "I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sins no more." Friends, through Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven and forgotten.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (Romans 12)

“Do not repay anyone evil for evil but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.”

The peace of Christ be with you.

Peace be with you.

*RESPONSE, Hymn 241 (v. 1)

Behold the Goodness of Our Lord

CRIMOND

Behold the goodness of our Lord, how blest it is to be
A company of God’s beloved, in holy unity.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit, illumine the sacred page, we pray, that our minds may be open to receive your Word, our hearts taught to love it, and our wills strengthened to obey it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING, Isaiah 28:14-17

Therefore hear the word of the LORD, you scoffers
who rule this people in Jerusalem.

Because you have said, “We have made a covenant with death,
and with Sheol we have an agreement;
when the overwhelming scourge passes through
it will not come to us,

for we have made lies our refuge,
and in falsehood we have taken shelter”;

therefore thus says the Lord God,
“See, I am laying in Zion a foundation stone,
a tested stone,

a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation:

‘One who trusts will not panic.’

And I will make justice the line
and righteousness the plummet;
hail will sweep away the refuge of lies,
and waters will overwhelm the shelter.

ANTHEM, Chancel Choir *Let All the World in Every Corner Sing* Erik Routley (1976)
(For text, please see Hymn 468.) Arr. David Giardinieri (2001)

SECOND READING, Ephesians 2:11-22

So then, remember that at one time you gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us, abolishing the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone; in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Are the Stones Plumb?”
The Easter Life

Rev. Jason Grimes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN (see page 8)

Rock of Ages

TOPLADY

*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.

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

Chosen and Thankful

Jane Marshall (1995)

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
clothe yourselves with compassion,
kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.
Bear with one another and 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 the one body.

And be thankful.

(Colossians 3:12-17)

*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 438

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Toccata and Variations on CRIMOND

Barbara Harbach (2000)



This Sunday's flowers are dedicated

to the glory of God,

and in loving memory of

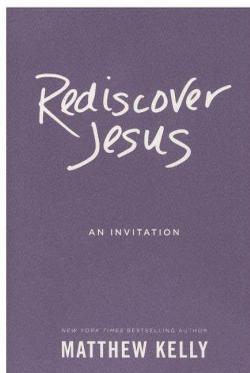
of my daughter

Kristine Ingrid Hoeldtke

and my parents

John and Thyra Gotander

by Kerstin Hoeldtke.



Today after worship! *Rediscover Jesus* Lunch and Discussion

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 book *Rediscover Jesus*. Please feel free to come even if you did not RSVP. We look forward to seeing you there!

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

TOPLADY 7.7.7.7.7

1..Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee; Let the
 2..Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy law's de - mands; Could my
 3..Noth - ing in my hand I bring, Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling; Na - ked,
 4..While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When my eye - lids close in death, When I

wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed, Be of
 zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow, All for
 come to Thee for dress, Help - less, look to Thee for grace; Foul, I
 soar to worlds un - known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne, Rock of

sin the dou - ble cure, Cleanse me from its guilt and power.
 sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
 to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

Sanctuary Flowers

Dedicating sanctuary flowers is a lovely way to remember a loved one, or celebrate a special person or event! The cost is \$55 and you can choose to take your flowers home after the service, or the deacons can distribute them.

Sanctuary flowers are currently needed for the following dates:

June 12 & 26.

Contact Emily in the church office to sign up, or with any questions!

Call 610-642-6650 (ext.101) or email admin@ardmorepres.org.





To The Church Triumphant: Curt Wilson

“I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”—John 11:25-26

Curt entered the church triumphant on Sunday, May 15, 2022. Curt was a faithful member of our church for 15 years. He participated with the handbell choir and Sunday Morning Adult Small Group.

We will celebrate Curt’s life during a Service of Witness to the Resurrection on Saturday, June 4. More details to follow.

New Members

This year on Pentecost (June 5) APC will welcome new members into our congregation! Becoming a formal member of APC means you can participate in the governance of our church and serve our congregation as an Elder or Deacon if you choose.

If you are interested in making this your church home
(and we hope you are!),
please contact Pastor Jason at jgrimes@ardmorepres.org.



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.

Welcome Home Kit

When people who are a part of The Welcome Church or who are referred by a partner agency are moving from homelessness into permanent housing, The Welcome Church likes to give a Welcome Home Kit, which provides the basics for bedroom, bathroom, and kitchen for the new home (see list of items below). The kit serves a number of purposes. First, if someone has been living on the streets for an extended period of time, they are not going to have access to household items. Second, we celebrate with the person their new beginning with a “new housing shower.” Third, giving the Welcome Home Kit allows a way to open and continue contact with the person who has now moved inside, as people can suddenly feel very alone, when they are no longer with the community they have known. The Welcome Church has a wait list. Please bring items from the list below to the donation bin in the back of the Sanctuary or outside the church office. Thank you! New items are requested.



- Dishes: set of 4-8, including glasses
- Utensils: set of 4-8
- Pots/pans: 2 frying pans, 2 pots, 1 soup pot
- Dish towels/dish cloths
- Bath towels/wash cloths (4 each)
- Bed linens (queen size): 2 sets (fitted & flat)
- Blanket
- Pillows: 2 (new)
- Toiletries
- Shower curtain/liner
- Bathroom accessories
- Waste baskets (2)
- Kitchen garbage can
- Ice cube trays: 2
- Plastic food storage containers



Vacation Bible School Registration is OPEN!

Spread the word! Registration is now open for VBS,
June 20-24, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Our theme this year is “Make Waves” where kids will learn that what you do today can change the world around you. Together we can “make waves” because Jesus’ Spirit lives inside us!

Download the registration form at ardmorepres.org/vacation-bible-school.
Volunteers needed! Contact Emily at epolhamus@ardmorepres.org.

This Week at APC

Sunday, May 22	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.	<i>Rediscover Jesus</i> Luncheon and Discussion (MCR)
	7:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Chat (Zoom) https://bit.ly/3u3zf1S
Monday, May 23	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Group (Zoom) https://us02web.zoom.us/j/890918410
	4:30 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting (Zoom) https://bit.ly/3vuUrhQ
Tuesday, May 24	2:00 p.m.	Safety Task Force Meeting (Zoom) https://bit.ly/3CS3tJ5
Wednesday, May 25	11:15 a.m.	Meditation Walk at Stoneleigh
Thurs., May 26	12:30 p.m.	Thursday Mid-Day Bible Study (MCR and Zoom) https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88997166578
	7:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir Final Rehearsal (Chapel)
Friday, May 27		Last day of school, Ardmore Presbyterian Weekday Preschool
Sunday, May 29	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Adult Small Group (link above)
	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 (link above)



Summer Hymn-Sing Preludes Return!

APC is pleased to resume summer hymn-sing preludes, on the last Sundays of May, June, July, and August. The first one is next Sunday, May 29, at 10:20 a.m. Please come ready to request your favorites!



Lift your prayers this week for: APC Safety Task Force, Children Suffering from Anxiety, Country & People of Ukraine, Gun Violence, Our Church 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), Howard Ramsay, Mary Scattergood, Schreiber Family, Toal Family, Curt Wilson's 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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