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“Transforming Lives Through the Good News of Jesus Christ”

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Ardmore, Pennsylvania

10:30 A.M., MAY 8, 2022

Fourth 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, Handbell Choir *Jubilate!* Russian Tune, arr. Wagner (1984)
 Sortie in F César Franck, arr. Garletts (2010)

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 FELLOWSHIP Alice Miller

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 68) Cathie Calkins

Blessed be the Lord!

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

Ascribe power to God whose majesty is over Israel; and whose power is in the skies.

Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel; he gives power and strength to his people.

Blessed be God!

*HYMN 121 *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright* PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

CALL TO CONFESSION (Proverbs 28)

The Proverb declares, "No one who conceals transgressions will prosper, but one who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy." Friends, in faith, let us confess our sins before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Even with new life all about us, O God, we quickly forget your power to raise the dead. When met with difficulties or temptations, we behave as if Jesus was never raised from the grave. We are often inert when your Spirit offers opportunities to reflect the light of Christ amid shadows. We feel the future is uncertain, so we teach fear to our children. The mystery of your will is revealed, but we turn away fearing it might conflict with our plans. O Lord, the same power that raised Christ from the grave grants us daily wisdom. Soften our hearts as we seek your mercy, so we might live freely and boldly as disciples of Jesus. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Supplemental Liturgical Resource 1)

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sin, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (Ephesians 4)

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.”

The peace of Christ be with you.

Peace be with you.

*RESPONSE, Children’s & Youth Choirs *Siyahamba* South African

Siyahamb’ ekukhanyen’ kwenkhos’. We are marching in the light of God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of eternity, before you our lips are silenced in awe and wonder. Mere words fail to praise the fullness of your Word for us spoken in Jesus Christ. Let our lives reflect his love and so return to you all praise and glory by all we say and do.

Amen.

FIRST READING, Isaiah 40:25-31

To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see:

Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;

because he is great in strength,

mighty in power,

not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob,

and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the LORD,

and my right is disregarded by my God”?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

ANTHEM, Children's Choir *Hymn-of-the-Month Medley 2021-22*

Sep - *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

[Jan - *Siyahamba*]

Oct - *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy*

Feb - *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Nov - *Lift Up Your Heads*

Mar - *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Dec - *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Apr - *Holy, Holy, Holy*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND READING, Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Be not afraid, for I have redeemed you. Be not afraid, I've called you by name.

My love for you is everlasting, my love for you shall have no end.

When you pass through the waters, I will surround you.

When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er.

When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed.

You are my child, you are my child, you are so precious to me.

(Based on Isaiah 43:1-7)

THIRD READING, Luke 24:44-49

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Power"

Rev. Jason Grimes

The Easter Life

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 324

Open My Eyes That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

*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, Chancel Choir

The Staff of Faith

Craig Courtney (1996)

My faith, it is an oaken staff,
The traveler's well-loved aid;
My faith, it is a weapon stout,
The soldier's trusty blade.
I'll travel on, and still be stirred
By prayerful thought or holy Word;
By all my peril undeterred,
A soldier pilgrim staid.
I have a guide, and in his steps
When travelers have trod,
If there beneath was flinty rock
Or yielding grassy sod,

They cared not, but with force unspent,
Unmoved by pain they onward went,
Unstayed by pleasures, still they bent
Their zealous course to God.
My faith, it is an oaken staff,
O let me on it lean!
My faith, it is a trusty sword,
May falsehood find it keen!
Thy spirit Lord, to me impart,
O make me what Thou ever art,
Of patient and courageous heart,
As all true saints have been.
(Thomas T. Lynch, 19th c.)

*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 420

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

God of Grace (Cwm Rhondda)

Paul Manz (1974)



This Sunday's flowers are dedicated *to the glory of God,*
and to celebrate the life of
James K. Young
 by Debbie, Carolyn, Jenny, and Lilly Young
and in loving memory of our mother and grandmother,
Susan Michaelson
 by Jeff Michaelson, Maria Helena Fernandez, and Gabby.



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 5 and June 12.

Contact Emily in the church office to sign up, or with any questions!
 Call 610-642-6650 (ext.101) or email admin@ardmorepres.org.

Confirmation Sunday and Reception

Next Sunday May 15th, we will welcome our new confirmands, Lila Spoelker, Ellie McGrory, Matthew Fuller and Mark Steinnagel Taylor during service and there will be a reception immediately following in the Mill Creek Room.



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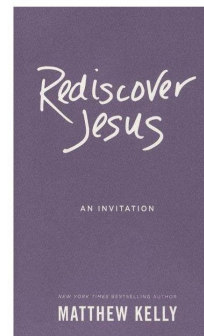
Youth Group Schedule

- **May 8 – No Youth Group (Happy Mother's Day!)**
- **Next Meeting on May 15 at 4 p.m. –** Hiking, games, and Bible time at **Skunk Hollow Park** in Villanova.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Anna at apoorman123@gmail.com or call/text 610-506-8795.

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.

Ardmore Food Pantry



Ardmore Food Pantry is always in need of non-perishable foods such as: Cold cereals, spaghetti sauce, canned meals, soups, peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna and chicken, canned vegetables, canned beans, canned fruit and applesauce (or cups), mac & cheese, crackers (saltines or Ritz), oatmeal packets, granola bars, single serving snacks, bottled salad dressings, mayonnaise (small jars), hot chocolate packets. You can also donate \$25 gift cards to Acme, Giant or

Trader Joe’s. Please leave in the bins in the back of the Sanctuary, or drop off at St. Mary’s Episcopal Church at 36 Ardmore Avenue. The Food Pantry does **not** need more paper bags at this time. Thank you!



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

This Week at APC

Sunday, May 8

Happy Mother's Day!

- 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. Lemonade on the Lawn
 - 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class (Mill Creek Room)
- No Youth Group this Week**

Monday, May 9

- 1:00 p.m. Prayer Group (Zoom)
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83578496052>
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting (Mill Creek Room)

Tuesday, May 10

- 11:15 a.m. **Meditation Walk at Stoneleigh** (*Followed by organ recital in the house at Stoneleigh by Gary Garletts*)
- 2:00 p.m. Safety Task Force Meeting (Zoom)
<https://bit.ly/3CS3tJ5>
- 7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons Meeting (Mill Creek Room)

Thurs., May 12

- 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 15

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Adult Small Group (MCR & Zoom)
- 10:30 a.m. Lord's Day Worship, **Confirmation Sunday**
In-Person & Livestreamed, ardmorepres.org/live
- 11:45 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Group (Skunk Hollow Park, 600 Darby
Paoli Rd, Villanova)
- 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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