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“Transforming Lives Through the Good News of Jesus Christ”

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Ardmore, Pennsylvania

10:30 A.M., AUGUST 7, 2022

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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
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

By the Waters of Babylon

Johann S. Bach (1740)

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 126)

Don Poorman

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

*HYMN 481

Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show

LLANFAIR

CALL TO CONFESSION (Jeremiah 31)

The Prophet Jeremiah proclaims, "This is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. I will forgive their evil deeds, and I will remember their sin no more."

In penitence and faith, let us confess our sins to almighty God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have not shared words of life, and we have refused to bear the troubles of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, poor, and oppressed. O God, in your great mercy forgive our sin and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (I Peter 1)

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.” Friends, in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (Psalm 29:11)

“May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!”

The peace of Christ be with you.

Peace be with you.

*RESPONSE, Hymn 228, v. 1 and 6 *O Thou, My Soul, Return in Peace* MARTYRDOM

O thou, my soul, return in peace
To thine untroubled rest,
For thee the bounty of the Lord
Abundantly hath blest.

Within God's house,
the house of prayer,
My soul shall bless the Lord,
And praises to God's holy name
Let all the saints accord.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of mercy, grant that the Word you speak this day may take root in our hearts, and bear fruit to your honor and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

FIRST READING, Psalm 137

By the rivers of Babylon—
there we sat down, and there we wept
when we remembered Zion.

On the willows there
we hung up our harps.

For there our captors
asked us for songs,
and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying,
“Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”

How could we sing the LORD’S song
in a foreign land?
If I forget you, O Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither!
Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth,
if I do not remember you,
if I do not set Jerusalem
above my highest joy.

Remember, O LORD, against the Edomites
the day of Jerusalem’s fall,
how they said, “Tear it down! Tear it down!
Down to its foundations!”
O daughter Babylon, you devastator!
Happy shall they be who pay you back
what you have done to us!
Happy shall they be who take your little ones
and dash them against the rock!

*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, Duet *Poor Wayfaring Stranger* American, arr. Althouse (1998)

I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger
A traveling through this world of woe.
But there's no sickness, toil, nor danger
In that fair land to which I go.
I'm going there to see my father.
I'm going there, no more to roam.
I'm just a going over Jordan.
I'm just a going over home.

I know dark clouds will gather
'round me;
I know my way, so rough and steep.
Yet beauteous fields lie just before me,
Where God's redeemed their
vigils keep.
I'm going there to see my mother,
She said she's meet me when I come.
I'm just a going over Jordan.
I'm just a going over home.
(American Folk Ballad)

*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 441

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on "Llanfair"

Emma Lou Diemer (1984)



This Sunday's flowers are given
to the glory of God,
and in loving memory of
Edna M. Gray
a beloved member of this congregation
for 74 years.

Final Summer Hymn Sing Prelude!

We hope you are enjoying our summer
hymn-sing preludes!
Our final one will be
Sunday, August 28 at 10:15 a.m.
Please come ready to request your favorites!



“All in the Family” Summer Music

While our choirs enjoy a well-deserved summer break, APC members and friends will hear music sung and/or played by family groups—spouses, siblings, or parent and child. This week, we are excited to welcome Dorothy Cardella and Jim Longacre!

Dorothy Cardella has performed extensively in Opera, Operetta and Musical Theatre throughout the United States and abroad. She has performed with the Lake George Opera, Berkshire Opera, Sarasota Opera, Opera Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Opera Theatre, Four Corners Opera, Opera Delaware, Rome Festival Opera, Concert Operetta, Eugene O’Neill Theatre Center, Bristol Riverside Theatre and Media Theatre. Dorothy is a member of the Philadelphia Symphonic Choir, the Philadelphia Chorale, and is a soloist at Philadelphia area churches. She has made solo debuts at Carnegie Hall and with The Philadelphia Orchestra at the Mann Music Center. She is Co-Founder with her husband Jim Longacre, of Touch of Classics! Entertainment, Victorian Carolers during the holiday season, and producing staged Operas, Operettas, and Musical Revues ranging from “The Swinging Forties” to “The Best of Broadway,” including most recently “Benjamin Franklin and Friends!” Dorothy has stage directed and choreographed numerous Philadelphia area musical productions.

James R. Longacre is the tenor soloist here at APC. He has performed various works in the operatic, operetta, oratorio, orchestral and musical theatre repertoires with Opera Delaware, Chattanooga Opera, Michigan Opera Theatre, Metropolitan Opera Guild, Opera Company of Philadelphia, Arden, Wilma and Walnut Street Theatres to name a few. Mr. Longacre was one of the soloist’s on the PBS Nationally Televised “Placido Domingo: The Tenor, The Teacher.” He made his solo Carnegie Hall debut in Dello Joio’s “Canticle for the Child,” and his Avery Fisher Hall debut as tenor soloist in Bach’s “Magnificat in D” under the baton of John Rutter. Mr. Longacre has taught voice at his alma mater, Milton Hershey School, and maintains a private vocal studio in Philadelphia. He is co-founder of Touch of Classics! Vocal Entertainment with his wife, Dorothy Cardella, and often portrays Dr. Benjamin Franklin.



This month is APC's opportunity to assist families who are experiencing homelessness through Family Promise of the Main Line (formerly Interfaith Hospitality Network).

We serve as a support congregation to St. Mary's Episcopal Church of Ardmore in this important mission.

During August, the families are staying at various locations, through Family Promise placement. Assistance is needed to supply requested food items/meals, by dropping them off on **Monday, August 22 and Friday, August 26, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church from 1-2 p.m.**

Requested items for the August 22 & 26 drop-offs are:

- Healthy Snacks
- Juice Boxes
- Gatorade (Blue, Purple, Pink)
- Lunch Foods (juice boxes, small bags of chips, fruit, etc.)
- Gift Cards

Dinners are also needed for three families on each date (August 22 and 26)

- Family 1 is a family of 5 (3 children, ages 8, 10, & 12), does not eat pork, and has access to a full kitchen.
- Family 2 is a family of 4 (3 children, ages 3, 6, & 9), has no food restrictions, and has access to a full kitchen.
- Family 3 is a family of 2 (pregnant mother and 9 year old child), does not eat pork or most beans, and has access to only a microwave and a toaster oven.

Information on specific favorite meals is also available. If you would can bring any of the requested items on either of these days, please contact Schaunel Steinnagel (rvschaunel@aol.com; 302-463-0542), to confirm.

This Week at APC

- Sunday, August 7** 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Adult Small Group
(MCR & Zoom)
10:30 a.m. Lord's Day Worship
In-Person & Livestreamed at ardmorepres.org/live
11:45 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn
(Hosted by Barbara McNutt, thank you!)
- Monday, August 8** 1:00 p.m. Prayer Fellowship (Zoom)
- Tuesday, August 9** *Church Office Closes at 12:30 p.m.*
- Wednesday August 10** *Church Office Closes at 12:30 p.m.*
7:00 p.m. Christian Education Meeting
- Friday, August 12** *Church Office Closes at 12:30 p.m.*
- Sunday, August 14** 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Adult Small Group
(MCR & Zoom)
10:30 a.m. Lord's Day Worship with Communion
In-Person & Livestreamed at ardmorepres.org/live
11:45 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn
(Hosted by Isla Grant)



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Lift your prayers this week for: **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: John Beerbower, Brooks Family, Robert Davidson (David Block's Friend), Drew Elliott, Ross Ellison, Fisher Family, Dr. David Githii, Edna Gray's Family, Paul Goetsch, Dilshani Grimes' Mother, Barbara Hayward, Howard and Bayliss Family (Pearlie Diesinger's Family), Kellylyn Nicholson and son Rhys, Light It Up Green for Pediatric Cancer, John Polhamus (Emily's Dad), Rochon Family, 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, Family Promise of the Main Line, 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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