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## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*“Transforming Lives Through the Good News of Jesus Christ”*

ARDMORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Ardmore, Pennsylvania

10:30 A.M., MARCH 12, 2023

Third Sunday in Lent

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](mailto: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](http://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 2023

Jody Brumbach  
Elaine Giese  
Donald Poorman,  
*Clerk of Session*

##### Class of 2024

Chip Cobb, Jr.  
John DiNome  
Robie Lawlace

##### Class of 2025

Barry Jeffries  
Frank Miller  
Ben Yurchak

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 2023

Kristy Cobb  
Graham Fuller  
Isla Grant,  
*Moderator*  
Anne Toal McComiskie

##### Class of 2024

Dan Del Duca  
Carol Fritz  
Sarah Schreiner,  
*Co-Moderator*

##### Class of 2025

Jim Coath  
Stephanie McGrory  
Jan Terwiesch

\*Standing for those who are able.

People's response in bold type.

## GATHERING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE

*I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ*  
Shirley Fishburne, Organist

J.S. Bach

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 104)

Robie Lawlace

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

**O Lord my God, you are very great.**

You are clothed with honor and majesty,

**Wrapped in light as with a garment.**

You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills,

**Giving drink to every wild animal; the wild donkeys quench their thirst.**

By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches.

**From your lofty abode you water the mountains;**

The earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

**I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

**Praise the Lord!**

\*HYMN 446

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

AUSTRIAN HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION (Micah 7)

The prophet Micah proclaims, "Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea."

Friends, let us confess our sins before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (James G. Kirk)

**Do not harden our hearts, O God, to the sound of your voice. We confess we do not listen to the Word that you send. You give us Jesus, the Word of Life in our midst. We confess our delay in obeying the direction he brings. You promise the Holy**

**Spirit, a source of counsel and power. We confess ignoring such guidance since we do not respond. Forgive us our sins and help us through Christ to enter the rest you have promised. Amen.**

[Silent Confession]

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Titus 3)

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Friends, believe this good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE (II Corinthians 13)

“Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.”

The peace of Christ be with you.

**Peace be with you.**

\*RESPONSE, Hymn 322

*Spirit of the Living God*

LIVING GOD

**Spirit of the living God, Fall a-fresh on me;**

**Spirit of the living God, Fall a-fresh on me.**

**Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.**

**Spirit of the living God, Fall a-fresh on me.**

#### THE WORD PROCLAIMED

#### UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living through Jesus Christ our savior. Amen.**

FIRST READING, John 4:5-30

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercy and thy loving kindness which  
hath been ever of old.

O remember not the sins and offences of my youth; but according to thy mercy  
think thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SECOND READING, John 4:31-42

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

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

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*“Living Water”*

Rev. Jason Grimes

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN 189

*As Deer Long for the Streams*

ROCKINGHAM

\*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 (I Chronicles 29:14)

Lord, who are we that we are able to give so generously?

For all things come from you and what we now offer is already yours.

OFFERTORY, Quartet

*God is A Spirit*  
from *The Woman of Samaria*

W. Sterndale Bennett

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth:  
for the Father seeketh such to worship him.  
Father, Thou art Lord of all.

\*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 415

*Come, Labor On*

ORA LABORA

\*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*I Call to Thee, Jesus Christ*

Helmut Walcha



This Sunday's flowers are given to the glory of God,  
and in *loving memory of Morgan Reese Schreiner,*  
his parents **Daisy and Morgan,** and his niece **Diane Uhlman**  
by Sarah Schreiner  
*and in celebration of Alice Miller's birthday*  
by Frank Miller.

## Lenten Services at Ardmore Presbyterian Church

### Lenten Meditative Services

Wednesdays in Lent  
(March 1 through April 5) at 7 p.m. in the Chapel

### Palm Sunday Worship

Sunday, April 2 at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

### Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 6 at 7 p.m. in the Chapel  
with Communion

### Good Friday Service

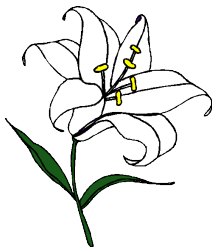
Friday, April 7 at 12 p.m. on the Church Lawn

### Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8 at 10 a.m. on the Church Lawn

### Easter Sunday Breakfast and Worship

Sunday, April 9 at 9 a.m. Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall  
10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary



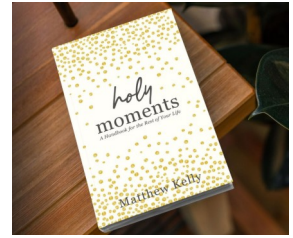
## Easter Lilies

To beautify the Sanctuary at Easter, you may participate by providing lilies in memory of loved ones or to celebrate a special blessing. If you wish to purchase a lily(ies) (\$12 each), please use the sign-up sheet in the back of the church, or the online form, and put your check in the offering plate, or mail it to the church office. Deadline is March 31, 2023.



## One Book, One Church A Community Book Project for Lent

The Christian Education Committee is pleased to offer *Holy Moments* by Matthew Kelly to every family during the season of Lent. Kelly describes a 'holy moment' as "a single moment in which you open yourself to God. . . . You set aside personal preference and self-interest, and for one moment you do what you prayerfully believe God is calling you to do. . . ."



Please feel free to pick up a book (you can find them in the back of the Sanctuary, in the Church Office, and many places throughout the building) and take one to read with a friend. We will host a luncheon discussion after Easter!



## We Need Your Help with the Easter Egg Hunt!

The Fellowship Committee asks for your assistance in preparing for our Easter Egg Hunt this year. You can help by picking up a bag full of (15) plastic Easter eggs from the back of the Sanctuary or the Church Office, and filling them with goodies!

Suggested treats include:

- Small individually wrapped candy
- Small toys (from the dollar store or similar)
- Stickers
- Temporary tattoos
- Any kind of similar small items.

Bags of eggs will be available for pick-up in the back of the Sanctuary this Sunday, March 12. Please return them to church by Palm Sunday (April 2). Questions? Contact Jody Brumbach at [brumbach2@verion.net](mailto:brumbach2@verion.net). Thank you for your help!



## PC(USA) Offers Assistance for Earthquake-Ravaged Syria and Turkey

With more earthquakes causing destruction in Syria and Turkey, our support (through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) is needed more than ever. You can join APC in donating funds to PDA who are on the ground, providing aid. Bring your donations to church on Sunday, and be sure to write “Turkey and Syria” on the memo line or envelope, or donate online at our website, [ardmore-pres.org/giving](http://ardmore-pres.org/giving) and write the same in the notes section.

### Sunday Morning Adult Small Group Study

## The Gospel of John

During this study, the group will explore this wonderful work, guided by Wright’s *The Gospel of John for Everyone*, which provides a highly accessible analysis of the book.

Please join us for coffee, tea, donut holes and stimulating discussion on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. in the Mill Creek Room for this group study. All are welcome, even if you are unable to attend all Sundays.

Questions? Please reach out to Cathie Calkins at [catherine.calkins@gmail.com](mailto:catherine.calkins@gmail.com).



SUNDAY MORNING  
ADULT SMALL  
GROUP



## Stoneleigh Walks Resume!

Meditative Walks at Stoneleigh will resume on Wednesday, March 8! Join Pastor Jason every Wednesday at 11:15 a.m. for a walk and discussion in the beautiful setting of God’s creation at Stoneleigh (1829 County Line Rd, Villanova, PA). All are welcome!

## Flower Dedications

Our 2023 flower schedule is up in the back of the sanctuary. Check the schedule to sign up for an open date or confirm that your annual dates are reserved. Questions contact the church office at [admin@ardmorepres.org](mailto:admin@ardmorepres.org) or 610-642-6650.

## This Week at APC

<b>Sunday, March 12</b>	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Small Group (Mill Creek Room) <i>The Gospel of John</i> Discussion
	10:30 a.m.	Lord's Day Worship In-Person & Livestreamed at <a href="http://ardmorepres.org/live">ardmorepres.org/live</a>
	11:45 a.m.	Fellowship in the Narthex Youth Choir (Choir Room)
<b>Monday, March 13</b>	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Group (Zoom)
	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting (MCR)
<b>Tuesday, March 14</b>	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education Comm. Mtg. (Mill Creek Rm)
<b>Wednesday, March 15</b>	11:15 a.m.	Meditative Walk at Stoneleigh
	5:00 p.m.	Wednesday PLUS with Children's Choir (Choir Room) Cherub Choir (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Meditative Service (Chapel)
<b>Thursday, March 17</b>	12:30 p.m.	Bible Study (Mill Creek Room and Zoom)
	7:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chapel)
<b>Sunday, March 19</b>	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Small Group (Mill Creek Room) <i>The Gospel of John</i> Discussion
	10:30 a.m.	Lord's Day Worship In-Person & Livestreamed at <a href="http://ardmorepres.org/live">ardmorepres.org/live</a>
	11:45 a.m.	Fellowship in the Narthex Youth Choir (Choir Room)

## Benefit Concert for The Welcome Church



Christ's United Presbyterian Church will host a benefit concert for The Welcome Church on Sunday, March 19 at 3 p.m. This concert will feature opera singer, actor, director, playwright and composer Hazelita Fautroy. Christ's United Presbyterian Church is the host church for the Welcome Church's women's shelter, The Well, and is located at 1020 South 10th Street in South Philadelphia. A free will offering will be collected to benefit The Welcome Church.



Lift your prayers this week for: **Children Suffering from Anxiety, Country of Ukraine, Kevin Fowler and Family, Gary Garletts, Gun Violence, Louise Foote Houck, Hurricane and Tornado Victims, Our Church Family, People of Syria and Turkey, Courtney Zvara (friend of John Abrams), 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, Julie Patterson, Chris Rowe, Mary Schreiber, Kathy Toal. Prayers for those grieving the loss of someone they love. Friends/Family: John Beerbower, Brooks Family, Drew Elliott, Ross Ellison, Fisher Family, Dr. David Githii, Paul Goetsch, Dilshani and Jason Grimes' Mothers, Barbara Hayward, Howard and Bayless Family (Pearlie Diesinger's Family), Light It Up Green for Pediatric Cancer, Mary Scattergood, Schreiber Family, Toal 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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