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## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

ARDMORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Ardmore, Pennsylvania

10:30 A.M., FEBRUARY 18, 2024

First 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 2024

Chip Cobb, Jr.  
Harry Hannigan  
Robie Lawlace  
Jim Rowe

Class of 2025

Pat Corl  
Barry Jeffries  
Frank Miller  
Ben Yurchak

Class of 2026

Shirley Fishburne  
Randy Lawlace  
Gary Lovett  
Kathy Toal

Donald Poorman,  
*Clerk of Session*

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 2024

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

Class of 2025

Jim Coath  
Stephanie McGrory,  
*Co-Moderator*  
Jan Terwiesch

Class of 2026

Kofi Owusu  
Barb Wood

\*Standing for those who are able.

People's response in bold type.

## GATHERING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE

*Sonata V in C Major: Largo (BWV 529)*

Johann S. Bach

Shirley Fishburne, *Organist*

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

\*LITANY FOR LENT

Frank Miller

For forty days and nights, the rain fell,  
and the waters covered the face of the earth.

**Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.**

For forty years the people wandered,  
seeking the land of God's promise.

**Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.**

Moses spent forty days on the mountain,  
learning the commandments of God.

**Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.**

Elijah traveled forty days in the wilderness  
to hear the voice of God in silence.

**Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.**

Jonah cried out to the people of Nineveh:  
Repent, or in forty days you will perish.

**Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.**

Jesus fasted and prayed for forty days  
and was tested by the devil.

**Lead us, O Lord from death to life.**

Eternal God,  
as we are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ,  
so give us the grace of repentance  
that we may pass through the grave with him

and be born again to eternal life.  
For he is the One  
who was crucified, dead, and buried,  
and rose again for us,  
Jesus our Savior.

**Amen.**

\*HYMN 87

*The Glory of These Forty Days*

ERHALT UNS, HERR

#### CALL TO CONFESSION (Hebrews 4)

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weakness, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves as pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

[Silent Prayer]

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Romans 5)

The Apostle Paul writes, “God’s love has been poured into your hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Friends, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE (Isaiah 66)

“Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream.”

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

The one is blest who, fearing God,  
Walks not where sinners meet,  
Who does not stand with wicked ones,  
And shuns the scorners' seat.

That one is nourished like a tree  
Set by the river's side;  
Its leaf is green, its fruit is sure:  
The works of such abide.

## THE WORD PROCLAIMED

### UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us, by your Word, through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### FIRST READING, Colossians 2:6-7

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

### ANTHEM, Chancel Choir

*Kyrie Eleison (Missa Brevis, K. 275)*

W. A. Mozart

*Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.*

(Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Maggie Reif, Children's Ministry Coordinator

### THIRD READING, Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of

God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

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

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

*"Growing Self"*

Rev. Jason Grimes

Part I of the Lenten Series on "Growth in Christ"

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN 439

*In Christ There is No East or West*

ST. PETER

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION- Finn David McComiskie for baptism, and

Whitney Drukier, Janice and Nolan Felix for membership.

### 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?

† Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

† 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 (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.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER 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.**

BAPTISM

WELCOME

**Elder:** Finn, through your baptism you have been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church. Whitney, Janice, and Nolan, by professing your faith publicly, you have expressed your intention to grow in the covenant God made with you in your baptism.

**People:** Finn, through your baptism you have been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church. Whitney, Janice, and Nolan, by professing your faith publicly, you have expressed your intention to grow in the covenant God made with you in your baptism.

PREPARING TO MAKE OUR OFFERING TO GOD (II Peter 3)

Jesus says: *Where your treasure is,  
There your heart will be also.*

OFFERTORY, Quartet

*Ave verum corpus* (K. 618)

Wolfgang A. Mozart

Jesus, Lamb of God, Redeemer,  
Born the blessed Virgin Mary's Son,  
Who upon the cross a victim  
Hast man's salvation won,

From whose side, which man had pierced,  
Flowed the water and the blood,  
By thy sacred body broken  
Be in life and death, our food.

\*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 498

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

KINGDOM

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*The Glory of These Forty Days*

Gerald Near



**Celebrate with us!**

Join us after worship for a reception hosted by our Fellowship and Outreach committee to welcome and celebrate our new members!



This Sunday's flowers are given *to the glory of God*

*and in loving memory of*

**my brother, Michael Bischoff**

*and in celebration of*

**my niece Raquel Bischoff's 25th Birthday.**

by Viola Terwiesch





# Our Lenten Journey

## Ardmore Presbyterian Church

### 2024

### Wednesday Lenten Worship

*Sermon Series on Jonah*

Wednesdays, February 21 through March 27 at 7 p.m.

*Chapel*

### Sunday Worship during Lent

*Sermon Series on Growth*

Sundays, February 18 through March 31 at 10:30 a.m.

*Sanctuary*

### Maundy Thursday Service

March 28 at 7 p.m.

*Chapel*

### Good Friday Service

March 29 at 12 p.m.

### Easter Morning Breakfast

March 31 at 9 a.m.

*Fellowship Hall*

### Easter Morning Worship Service

*Christ is Risen!*

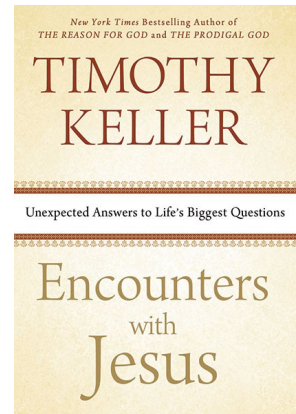
March 31 at 10:30 a.m.

# Sunday Morning Adult Small Group Study for Lent

## *Encounters with Jesus* by Timothy Keller

### How Jesus Saves us:

- He overcomes evil for us
- He intercedes for us
- He obeys perfectly for us
- He leaves earth to reign for us
- He leaves heaven to die for us



Every Sunday in Lent at 9 a.m. in the Mill Creek Room, the Adult Sunday Morning Small Group will be holding a 6-week study of *'Encounters With Jesus, Part 2'*, a series of talks given by Timothy Keller in New York City, to show, through some of the pivotal events in Jesus' life, the "sheer beauty of who Christ is and what he has done," feeling that these events provide the best descriptors of experiences of God.

Keller writes: "We are changed/saved, not by what we do, but by what Jesus has done for us." He argues that the events of Jesus' life can "move us from an acquaintance with Jesus as a teacher and historical figure to a life-changing encounter with Him as redeemer and savior." We hope you will join us!

## Congregational Meeting

February 25, 2024



There will be a congregational meeting after worship next week on February 25 to present the 2023 Annual Report and 2024 Budget. Please plan to stick around for worship for the meeting!

## This Week at APC

- Sun., Feb. 18**      9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Small Group (Mill Creek Room)  
10:30 a.m. Lord's Day Worship (First Sunday in Lent)  
In-Person & Livestreamed at [ardmorepres.org/live](http://ardmorepres.org/live)
- Mon., Feb. 19**      1:00 p.m. Prayer Fellowship (Zoom)
- Tues., Feb. 20**      7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting (Library)  
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting (Parlor)  
7:15 p.m. Building and Grounds Committee Meeting (Zoom)
- Wed., Feb. 21**      11:15 a.m. Meditative Walk at Stoneleigh (Weather permitting)  
5:00 p.m. Wednesday PLUS (Choir Room)  
Cherub Choir (Mill Creek Room)  
6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)
- Thurs., Feb. 22**    12:30 p.m. Mid-Week Bible Study (MCR)  
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir (Chapel)  
7:15 p.m. Building & Grounds Committee Meeting (Zoom)
- Sun., Feb. 25**      9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Small Group (Mill Creek Room)  
10:30 a.m. Lord's Day Worship (Second Sunday in Lent)  
In-Person & Livestreamed at [ardmorepres.org/live](http://ardmorepres.org/live)  
11:45 a.m. Congregational Meeting  
11:45 a.m. Youth Choir (Choir Room)

### **Church Office Closed**

Monday, February 19, 2024

Please note that the Church Office will be closed on Monday, February 19 in observance of President's Day.





**Lift your prayers this week for:** David Block's family in Israel, Phil Jeffries and Debbie Young as they continue cancer treatment, Emily Polhamus and Bill Waters, Mary Schreiber on the birth of her grandson, the family of Sandy Foote, the Nofer family, Jim Dormond, Betsy Reif Soto and her son Ezra Soto, the family of Betty Campbell, and the community of Overbrook Presbyterian Church.

**Ongoing Prayers for:** Lucille Hannigan, Boots Sheckard, Kate Brooks, Victoria Dean, Jessie DiNome, Rosemary Fisher, Holly Frank, Twila Garletts, Julie Patterson, Chris Rowe, Mary Schreiber, Adrienne Wood, Kathy Toal, Jim Dormond, John Beerbower, Paul Goetsch, Sujatha Manawadu, the Howard and Bayless Families, Mary Scattergood, the Schreiber Family.

We pray for God's provision of healing and wholeness for those who suffer, and God's grace for those who are homebound or living in care facilities. We pray for God's guidance here at APC, with the Church Universal, and all our mission partners. Finally, we lift up our continued prayers for our nation and our world.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

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