



"Transforming Lives Through the Good News of Jesus Christ"

ARDMORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Ardmore, Pennsylvania

10:30 A.M., MARCH 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

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 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. The ministry of a deacon is first and foremost one of care. Care for those both within and beyond the community of faith. Our deacons visit with members, organize support for those in need, and assist in the care of our church property.

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

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Théodore Dubois

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

Mark 11:1-11

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 118)

Elizabeth Hamilton

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.
This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

*HYMN 88

All Glory, Laud and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

(Wave palms as children and Choir process in.)

CALL TO CONFESSION (Colossians 1)

"Through Jesus, God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross."

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We often speak when we should be silent, and silent when we should speak. We are pleased with your mission when it coincides with our agendas, but we run from your presence when you do not serve our interests. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as messengers of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

[SILENT PRAYER]

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Ephesians 2)

The Apostle Paul writes, “God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.”

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (Colossians 3)

“Bear with one another, and if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you.”

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*RESPONSE, Hymn 84, v. 1-2 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

RATHBUN

In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o’er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o’ertake me,
Hopes deceive and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me:
Lo! It glows with peace and joy.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, whose Word silences the shouts of the mighty: Quiet within us every voice but your own. Speak to us through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ that by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may receive grace to show Christ’s love in lives given to your service. Amen.

GOSPEL READING, Mark 14:1-11, 43-51

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said, ‘Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.’

While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, ‘Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.’ And they scolded her. But Jesus said, ‘Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and

you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.'

Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

ANTHEM, Combined Choirs *Sing Hosanna, Sing Hosanna* Beethoven, arr. Lowe

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,	No rich robes of gold.
Run to greet the King of kings.	The Savior King comes humbly
Here he comes, the Son of David,	As has been foretold.
Who for us salvation brings.	He is crowned with love,
Prepare the way! Prepare the way!	Robed in holiness.
See the people pressing forward,	He blesses us with hope and peace,
Looking, searching, shouting, singing,	And new life he offers to us all.
Asking "Will he be wearing	Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Kingly robes and crown?"	Run to greet the King of kings.
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,	Here he comes, the Son of David,
And wave palms to greet your king.	Who for us salvation brings.
Toss your bright bouquets of flowers,	Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice!
And let songs of triumph ring.	Sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King.
But no jewels nor crown,	(Helenclaire Lowe)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL READING CONTINUED, Mark 14:43-52

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.' So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, 'Rabbi!' and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.'

All of them deserted him and fled.

A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

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

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“A Confusing Week”

Rev. Jason Grimes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 89

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

*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.

PASSION SUNDAY LITANY

Our Redeemer suffered death,
was buried and rose again for our sake.
With love let us adore him, aware of our needs.

[Silent Prayer]

Christ our teacher,
for us, you were obedient, even to death:

Teach us to obey God's will in all things.

Christ our life,
by dying on the cross
you destroyed the power of evil and death:

Enable us to die with you, and to rise with you in glory.

Christ our strength,
you were despised,
and humiliated as a condemned criminal:

Teach us the humility by which you saved the world.

Christ our salvation,
you gave your life out of love for us:

Help us to love one another.

Christ our Savior,
on the cross, you embraced all time
with your outstretched arms:

Gather all the scattered children of God into your realm.

Jesus, Lamb of God,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

grant us peace.

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.

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, Chancel Choir

Benedictus and Hosanna

Houston Bright

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

(Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.)

*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.

*HYMN 101

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Psalm Prelude, Op. 32, No. 1

Herbert Howells

“This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD,
and was saved from every trouble.” (Psalm 34:6)

Shirley Fishburne, *Organ*



This Sunday's flowers are given *to the glory of God,*
and *in memory of my father*

James Talarico, Jr.

from his loving daughter,

Jane T. Boyle.

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, March 28 at 7 p.m. in the Chapel
with Communion

Good Friday Service

Friday, March 29 at 12 p.m. on the Church Lawn

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30 at 10 a.m. on
the Church Lawn

Easter Sunday Breakfast

Sunday, March 31 at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Easter Sunday Worship

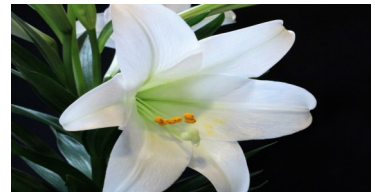
10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary



Holy Week

Easter Lily Dedications

Please remember dedications are due on Monday, **March 25th**. You can dedicate a lily by filling out an order form slip found at the end of the Sanctuary pews, and dropping it in the offering plate or bringing it to the church office.



Donation is \$13 per lily.



APC Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Join Admore Presbyterian Church on Saturday, March 30 at 10 a.m. for this FREE community event! Our egg hunt is designed for elementary school age kids and will be held on our church lawn. Join us for fun, fellowship, and snacks! ***Don't forget to bring your own basket!*** Thanks to everyone who volunteered to fill eggs for the hunt. **Return filled eggs to the church office by today or tomorrow.** Questions? Reach out to us at admin@ardmorepres.org or 610-642-6650.



Flowering the Cross on Easter Sunday

On Good Friday, we behold the empty cross and remember Christ's sacrifice. On Easter morning, we again behold the cross, but this time adorned with flowers, in celebration of Christ's resurrection!

Please bring cut flowers with you to worship on Easter Sunday morning. (Don't worry, there will be extra if you forget!) Before you enter the Sanctuary, please add your flowers to the cross stationed outside the main entrance.



Ardmore Food Pantry

The shelves of the Ardmore Food Pantry are empty! Our neighbors are in need of our help. Non-perishable foods such as: cereals, spaghetti sauce and pasta, hearty soups, peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna and coffee are the most needed items. 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 outside the main office. Thank you!

Middle School Youth Group Dinner Hosts Needed

Our middle school youth group meets every other week where they explore the Bible and enjoy an evening of fellowship, music, crafts and games. We are looking for dinner hosts to provide a meal (either dropped off or joining the children for the meal) for approximately 8-10 middle schoolers and 2 adult volunteers on the following dates:

April 7, April 21, May 5, May 19, and June 2

If you would like to provide the youth group with a meal, or know a middle school student interested in participating, please contact our Children's Ministry Coordinator, Maggie Reif at mreif@ardmorepres.org.



This Week at APC

Sun., March 24	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Small Group (Mill Creek Room)
	10:30 a.m.	Lord's Day Worship In-Person & Livestreamed at ardmorepres.org/live
	11:45 a.m.	Fellowship in the Narthex
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group (Library)
Mon., March 25	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Group (Zoom)
Wed., March 27	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 (Choir Room)
Thurs., March 28	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service (Chapel)
	8:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Fri., March 29	12:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service (Church Lawn)
Sat., March 30	10:00 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt (Church Lawn)
Sun., March 31	EASTER SUNDAY. He Has Risen! He Has Risen Indeed!	
	9:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
	10:30 a.m.	Lord's Day Worship



New Members

If you are interested in making APC your church home,
where you can have your faith in Christ nurtured and
participate in the life and ministry of the church, please contact
Pastor Jason at jgrimes@ardmorepres.org.



Lift your prayers this week for: **Children Suffering from Anxiety, Country of Ukraine, Covenant Presbyterian Church in Nashville, Gary Garletts, Gun Violence, 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, Victoria Dean, 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, Joyce and 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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