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“Transforming Lives Through the Good News of Jesus Christ”

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Ardmore, Pennsylvania

10:30 A.M., APRIL 21, 2024

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 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

Stephanie McGrory,
Co-Moderator
Jim Coath
Jan Terwiesch

Class of 2026

Kofi Owusu
Barb Wood
Barbara McNutt

*Standing for those who are able.

People's response in bold type.

GATHERING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE *Sheep May Safely Graze* J. S. Bach, arr. Biggs
 Shirley Fishburne, *Piano*

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 EDUCATION Maggie Reif

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 23) Elizabeth Luff

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for
 Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.**

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in
 the house of the LORD forever.**

*HYMN 276 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

CALL TO CONFESSION (Romans 3)

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have ignored the voice of our Good Shepherd. We have lived for ourselves and turned away from our neighbors. We have refused to bear the troubles of others. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to the promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

[SILENT PRAYER]

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Isaiah 43)

Do not fear, says the Lord,
for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name; you are mine.

God is doing a new thing, now it springs forth!
By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (Romans 14)

“Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.”

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*RESPONSE

Be Not Afraid Jacques Berthier

Be not a - fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris - en, al - le - lu - ia!

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, through your Son you overcame death and opened to us the light of eternity. Enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts with the presence of your Spirit, that we may hear your words of comfort and challenge in the reading of scriptures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING, I John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

ANTHEM, Chancel Choir *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* Arr. John M. Rasley
(For text, please see Hymn 172.)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND READING, John 10:11-18

‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me,

but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

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

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“Beautiful Shepherd”

Rev. Jason Grimes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 366

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

ST. CATHERINE

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACON BARBARA MC NUTT

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE (I Corinthians 12)

There are varieties of gifts,

but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God,

but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way,

but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit

to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ,

and individually members of it.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

*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.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

- † Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
- † Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?
- † Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenants of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
- † Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
- † Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?
- † Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
- † Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
- † Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
- † Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

WELCOME

PREPARING TO MAKE OUR OFFERING TO GOD (Romans 6)

Let us present ourselves to God—

As those who have been delivered from death to life.

OFFERTORY, Quartet

The Lord Is My Shepherd
(For text, please see Psalm 23.)

Thomas Matthews

*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 540

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

RANDOLPH

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Christ, Thou Paschal Lamb

Johann G. Walther



This Sunday's flowers are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of our grandparents,
Alison Walker and Jud Wambold
with much love, by Eva and Grace Drukier
and in loving memory of my mother and father-in-law,
Ernest and Cathryn Hoeldtke,
and my parents,
John and Thyra Gotander,
by Kerstin Hoeldtke.



Festive Choir Service

May 5 during 10:30 a.m. worship

The choirs of APC cordially invite you to a special Festive Choral Service on Sunday morning, during the May 5 worship service!

All our choirs (Chancel, Youth, Children, Cherub, and Handbell) have had a joyful year of rehearsing, music making, and participating in worship—from fall Homecoming to Advent and Christmas, and through Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. They are eager to share several anthems of praise and prayer with APC members and friends during this special service.

Some of the offerings include “*Come, Worship God,*” “*Sing a New Song,*” “*Prayer Litany,*” and “*When in Our Music God Is Glorified.*” Many of the titles will be sung (or rung) by several choirs combined, and a few guest instrumentalists will also join in the celebration!

Elder Don Poorman will offer scripture readings and reflections between the musical selections.

We hope to see many of you there as we praise God through the gift of music!

Meditative Walks at Stoneleigh

Looking for a way to get out into God’s creation this spring?
Join Pastor Jason every Wednesday (weather permitting) at 11:15 a.m.
for a walk and discussion in the beautiful setting of
Stoneleigh: A Natural Garden (1829 County Line Rd, Villanova, PA)

Questions? Contact Pastor Jason at jgrimes@ardmorepres.org.



April is National Donate Life Month

National Donate Life Month (NDLM) was established by Donate Life America and its partnering organizations in 2003.

Observed in April each year, National Donate Life Month helps raise awareness about donation, encourage Americans to register as organ, eye and tissue donors and to honor those that have saved lives through the gift of donation. You can commit now to giving life to others when you die, visit www.donors1.org today to register yourself as an organ donor.



To support NDLM, APC will be **collecting travel size toiletries** for guests staying at the Gift of Life Howie's House in Philadelphia. Since 2011, Gift of Life Howie's House has served as a "home away from home" for transplant patients and their families by providing temporary, affordable lodging and supportive services to those who travel to Philadelphia, for transplant-related care.

Please put donations of *new* travel size toiletries (deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, etc.), as well as toothbrushes and toothpaste, in the bins in the back of the church and in the church office. **We will be collecting these items throughout the month of May!**

Vacation Bible School at APC

It's time for a summer camp adventure with God!

June 17-21, 2024 - 9 a.m. 12 p.m.

Volunteers are needed for this year's VBS! Opportunities include: **decorating team**, **craft station** leaders (either for all 5 days or just part of the week), and adults and older youths who can help **shepherd** kids between stations. For more info, contact Maggie Reif at mreif@ardmorepres.org.



This Week at APC

- Sun., April 21** 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Small Group (Mill Creek Room)
10:30 a.m. Lord's Day Worship (Fourth Sunday in Easter)
 In-Person & Livestreamed at ardmorepres.org/live
11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time
11:45 a.m. Youth Choir (Choir Room)
5:00 p.m. Youth Group (Library)
- Mon., April 22** 1:00 p.m. Prayer Fellowship (Zoom)
- Wed., April 24** 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)
7:00 p.m. Preschool Committee Meeting (Parlor)
- Thurs., April 25** 12:30 p.m. Mid-Week Bible Study (MCR)
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir (Chapel)
- Sun., April 28** 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Small Group (Mill Creek Room)
10:30 a.m. Lord's Day Worship (Fifth Sunday of Easter)
 In-Person & Livestreamed at ardmorepres.org/live
11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time

Fellowship Time Hosts Needed!



The sign-up sheet for hosting our fellowship after worship is up on the bulletin board in the back of the Sanctuary! We need your help to continue this special time together. Everything is provided for hosting, you only need to set-up and serve the refreshments.

Please take a look at the calendar on the board and see what dates work for you!

Questions? Contact the church office at admin@ardmorepres.org.



Lift your prayers this week for: Phil Jeffries and Fluff McKeown as they undergo cancer treatment, Jim Dormond, Steve and Barbara Hibbs, Betsy Reif Soto and her son Ezra Soto, Carolyn Young, the family of Gren Foote, the family of Betty Campbell, the family of Sandy Foote, the Nofer family, David Block's family in Israel, 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 and Debbie Young.

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.

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Ministers: Entire Congregation

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