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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Transforming Lives Through the Good News of Jesus Christ”

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Ardmore, Pennsylvania

10:30 A.M., MAY 12, 2024

Ascension 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

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

Toccata in F Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

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

ASCENSION LITANY

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with songs of joy.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

God is ruler over all the earth;
the Lord reigns on a holy throne.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

God put this power to work in Christ,
raising him from the dead.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

God has highly exalted him,
giving him the name above all names.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Jesus Christ is Lord!

Glory to God in the highest.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Almighty God,
your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ,
ascended far above the heavens
that he might fill all things.
Mercifully give us faith to trust
that, as he promised,
he abides with us on earth to the end of time;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*HYMN 142

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

CALL TO CONFESSION (Hebrews 4)

Barry Jeffries

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (I Peter 5)

The God of all grace, who calls us to eternal glory in Jesus Christ, will restore, support, and strengthen us.

In the name 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.

Alleluia! King eternal,	Thou within the veil hast entered,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;	Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,	Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
Earth Thy footstool, heaven Thy throne.	In the eucharistic feast.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God Most High, reigning in glory, send down your Spirit of wisdom to shine in your heavenly Word, so that we may worship you with joy, continually blessing your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING, Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

ANTHEM, Chancel and Youth Choirs

Taste and See

Michael Helman

*Taste and see,
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Bread of life, cup of salvation,
Come to the banquet of love.*
Lord, you write your name upon our hearts;
Praise and thanks we give to you.
Come and share the Word of life and love;
Gracious God, we give you glory.

Lord, you rule o'er all creation,
Tending all with loving hand.
You gave us your Son the Bread of Life;
Loving God, we give you glory.
Praise to you, O God, Creator.
Praise to Christ, Redeemer, King.
Praise the Spirit who brings unity.
Triune God, we give you glory!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND READING, Luke 24:44-53

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"What's Up With the Ascension?"

Rev. Jason Grimes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 516

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation O QUANTA QUALIA

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Philippians 2:5-11)

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.



This Sunday's flowers are given to the glory of God
and to celebrate the life of

Jim Young

by Debbie, Carolyn, Jenny and Lilly Young

and in loving memory of our mother and grandmother,

Susan Michaelson

by Jeff, Maria Helena Fernandez, Gabby and Noah Michaelson.

To The Church Triumphant

Barbara Hibbs

July 18, 1937 – May 6, 2024

Barbara Hibbs entered the Church Triumphant last week
on May 6.

Barbara joined Ardmore Presbyterian Church 67 years ago,
in 1957. Barbara was a beloved member of our church
family and will be greatly missed.



**A Service of Witness to the Resurrection for Barbara will be held on Saturday,
May 18, 2024 at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary of APC.**

Thank You



Many thanks to members of all APC choirs for making last
week's choral festival such a joyous and inspiring worship
service.

APC is also grateful to S. Paul's Lutheran Church (Ardmore)
for use of their djembe, and St. David's Episcopal Church
(Wayne) for use of their F3 handbell.

Job Opening: Children's Ministry Coordinator



Our beloved Children's Ministry Coordinator Maggie Reif will be headed to law school this fall!

While we are very happy for her, and will still see her around APC, this means we are seeking a new CE Coordinator. Please see the job description below and feel free to share with anyone you think might be interested!

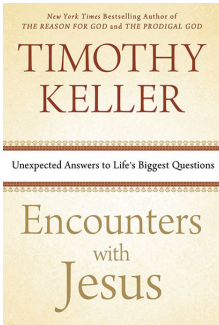
Ardmore Presbyterian Church is seeking a part time Children's Ministry Coordinator. The starting date is flexible, but no later than September 1, 2024. Responsibilities include leading and/or coordinating children's activities for special events throughout the year such as Vacation Bible School, the annual Easter Egg Hunt, the Harvest Festival, Advent Family Night, bi-weekly middle school youth group, and weekly children's church. To submit an application, **contact Shirley Fishburne, Personnel Chair, at shirleyfishburneapc@gmail.com**.



Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting Next Week

We're five weeks out from the start of Vacation Bible School with 47 children already signed up to attend! There will be short planning meeting next Tuesday, May 14 at 6:00 p.m. over Zoom.

There's still plenty of time to get involved, so if you're interested in volunteering during the week of VBS or beforehand to help set-up, we hope to see you there! If you aren't able to attend the meeting, please reach out to Maggie Reif at mreif@ardmorepres.org.



Encounters with Jesus Pentecost Luncheon after worship on Sunday, May 19

The Christian Education Committee invites you to a luncheon discussion about the Adult Small Groups' favorite chapters of Timothy Keller's book, *Encounters with Jesus*. The class found the last 5 chapters of this book, particularly moving, involving pivotal events in Jesus' life that help us to understand the sheer beauty of who Christ was, and what he has done for us. Keller encourages the reader to think of Jesus not primarily as a teacher, but as a savior, who did for us what we could not hope to do for ourselves.

Copies of the book are available in the back of the of the Sanctuary, with a bookmark denoting what parts will be discussed at the lunch. Please feel free to pick one up!

Accessing Our Church Directory

Did you know that you can access and update our church directory at home? We use a program called **Instant Church Directory** to manage our directory. You can create a log-in for this page and view the directory at any time, and even update your own information.

On the bottom center of ardmorepres.org there is a link labelled "Church Directory" that will take you to the Instant Church Directory log-in page. If you have created an account before, use that to log-in. If you haven't, please create your log-in account.

In order for Instant Church Directory to recognize you as a member of APC, and grant access to our directory, you will need to create your login using the same email address you submitted to the directory. If you don't know, or need to change your email address in the directory, please contact Emily.

You are of course welcome to pick up a hard copy of our church directory from the office or we can mail you one! Contact Emily at admin@ardmorepres.org or 610-642-6650 to request a copy, request updates, or with any questions!



This Week at APC

Sun., May 12	9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Small Group (Mill Creek Room)
	10:30 a.m. Lord's Day Worship (Ascension Sunday) In-Person & Livestreamed at ardmorepres.org/live
	11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time
Mon., May 13	1:00 p.m. Prayer Fellowship (Zoom)
Tue., May 14	6:00 p.m. VBS Planning Meeting (Zoom)
	6:00 p.m. Diaconate Meeting
Wed., May 15	11:15 a.m. Meditative Walk at Stoneleigh (Weather permitting)
Thurs., May 16	12:30 p.m. Mid-Week Bible Study (MCR)
	7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir (Chapel)
Sun., May 19	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 Time
	12:00 p.m. Encounters with Jesus Pentecost Luncheon (MCR)
	5:00 p.m. Youth Group (Library)

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.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Ministers: Entire Congregation

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