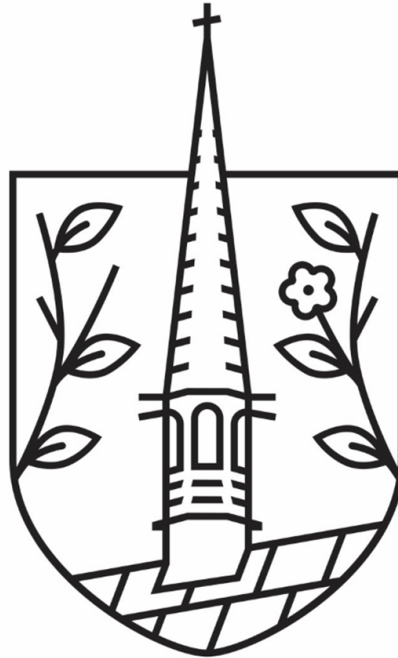


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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Transforming Lives Through the Good News of Jesus Christ”

ARDMORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Ardmore, Pennsylvania

10:30 A.M., MAY 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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, Handbell Choir *Grazioso* Arnold B. Sherman

The grace and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH Donald Poorman

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP, *Come Worship God This Holy Day* German, arr. Bedford
Youth Choir

Come worship God this holy day,
Come lift your voice to praise and pray.
Come bring your gifts of joy and love
To honor God who reigns above.
Come worship God with tuneful voice,
Come join with others to rejoice.

Come sing glad hymns and psalms of praise,
And let us all our voices raise.
Come worship God with one accord,
Come hear the preaching of the Word.
Come read the Scriptures good and true,
That God's great love might shine in you.
(Michael Bedford)

*HYMN 150 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* MADRID

CALL TO CONFESSION (Romans 5 and Hebrews 4) Kristy Cobb

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us.
Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.

Let us admit our sins before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, have mercy on us as we confess our sin. We too often enter these doors expecting our needs to be met by a divine wonder-worker. We forget worship is our time to "make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!" You are our maker. You overcame death so we might be forgiven and live with you now and forevermore. You enliven our existence and comfort us through your Holy Spirit. Forgive our misguided understanding of worship and let us sing your praises in response to the grace we have already received through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Philippians 3)

Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith. Beloved people of God, believe the good news: through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (Romans 15)

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that, you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*RESPONSE, Hymn 106, v. 1 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* ALLELUIA NO. 1

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His Name.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Calm us now, O Lord, into a quietness that heals and listens. Open wounded hearts to the balm of your Word. Speak to us in clear tones so that we might feel our spirits leap for joy and skip with hope as your resurrection witnesses; through Jesus Christ our savior. Amen.

FIRST READING, Exodus 15:1-2, 25b-26

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song unto the LORD:

“I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

The LORD is my strength and my might,
and he has become my salvation;
this is my God, and I will praise him,
my father’s God, and I will exalt him.

There the LORD made for them a statute and an ordinance and there he put them to the test. He said, ‘if you will listen carefully to the voice of the LORD your God, and do what is right in his sight, and give heed to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will not bring upon you any of the diseases that I brought upon the Egyptians; for I am the LORD who heals you.’”

ANTHEM, Children's Choir *Sing, Dance, Clap Your Hand* Hebrew, arr. Ziegenhals

O Israel, remember well who brought you to this land,
And Israel, rejoice and tell the wonder of God's hand.
When Moses lifted up his rod the waters to divide,
God led you safely through the sea to reach the other side.
When you were faint with hunger God sent manna from above,
And water from the rock gushed forth to nourish you with love.
O Israel, lift up your voice in thanks and endless praise.
Be glad, rejoice and covenant to serve God all your days.
O Israel, renew yourself, obey the Lord's command.
Sing, dance, clap your hands, obey the Lord's command.
Sing, dance, clap your hands, shout to the Lord, your God.
(Bob Russ and Harriet Ziegenhals)

SECOND READING, Mark 10:13-16

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

ANTHEM, Children's Choir *We, the Children, Lift Our Voices* Swedish, arr. Hopson

We, the children, lift our voices, With a song, each heart rejoices. Sing we praise to God who made us, In whose arms so gently holds us. Moon and stars in their own courses Tell the might that God enforces. Nestling birds, they tell the story, Tell of God's own care and glory. When the night is dark and dreary, When the days are long and weary,	God is there beyond all knowing, Love and goodness ever showing. For such love and tender caring, All through life we must be sharing Songs of thanks be ever raising, To our God with endless praising. <i>Laudate Dominum,</i> <i>Laudate Dominum.</i> <i>God is the song and the joy of our life.</i> (Hal H. Hopson)
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THIRD READING, Psalm 96:1-6, 11-13 (read responsively)

O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

**Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.
For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.**

For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.
Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

**Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar and all that fills it;
let the field exult and everything in it.**

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for he is coming,
for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

ANTHEM, Chancel and Youth Choirs *Sing a New Song* H. Schütz, arr. C. Jennings

Sing a new song to God the Lord,
Sing and give praise with one accord.
For His salvation He doth give,
That, through His mercy, we may live.
Worship the Lord in holiness,
Hymns of great joy to Him address.
Honor His works and bless His name,
His grace and truth to all proclaim.

Heaven above and earth below,
Ocean and field His glory show.
All of God's creatures sing His praise,
Let us now too our voices raise.
Glory and thanks to Him belong,
Honor Him evermore in song.
(Psalm 96, para. C. Jennings)

FOURTH READING, John 14:1-3, 6

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

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

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM, Youth Choir *Where My Father Lives* M. D. Ridge, arr. Inwood
*Where my Father lives there is room for all; there is room for all where my Father lives,
And a place for you will be waiting there. Come to me: I will bring you home.*
I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
Have faith in God; have faith in me. Know wherever I am, you will also be.
If you love me and keep my commands, I will not leave you orphaned: I will return.
Peace I leave, my peace I give. God's own Spirit will guide you throughout your life.

MEDITATION *"Let All Creation Sing"* Elder Donald Poorman

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Deacon Kofi Owusu
. . . 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.

THE PRAYER OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI (read responsively)

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;

Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O Diving Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,

To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

ANTHEM, Chancel and Children's Choirs *Prayer Litany* Helen Kemp

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace day by day.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love,

And where there is despair, may I sow hope.

Where there is darkness, let me sow light,

And where there is sadness, may I sow joy!

And Lord, of thee three things I pray:

To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,

And follow thee more nearly, day by day.

(Francis of Assisi, Richard of Chichester)

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, Combined Choirs *As the Deer* M. Nystrom, arr. D. Wagner

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you;

You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.

I want you more than gold or silver, only you can satisfy;

You alone are the real joy-giver and the apple of my eye.

You're my friend and you are my brother, even though you are a king;

I love you more than any other, so much more than anything!

You alone are my strength, my shield, to you alone may my spirit yield;

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you!

(Martin Nystrom, based on Psalm 42)

*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 264

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

ENGELBERG

Arr. C. Thomas Schwalm

(Congregation please sing first stanza, seated, and final stanza, standing.)

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE, Chancel and Youth Choirs *I Have Been Anointed* Steven C. Warner

I have been anointed,
With the song of the Lord!
A song of love and compassion,
A song to set me free!
God is my rock of salvation!
A beacon for my soul!
Praise to the rock and the wellspring,
Creator of my Soul!

My heart knew darkness,
My soul was filled with despair,
Lifeless and silent,
No music anywhere,
And then my Lord and companion,
He filled my waiting soul:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
For God has made me whole!
(Steven C. Warner)



We give thanks to God for the ministry of our choirs! We appreciate the leadership of Chancel, Youth, Children's, Cherub, and Handbell Choirs. Special thanks to Carol Shih (cherub choir director), Shirley Fishburne (organ and piano), and guests Carolyn Giardini (flute), Ross Beauchamp (cello), and Rebecca Romussi (percussion).

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

and to celebrate our son

Jan's 25th birthday

by Viola and Christian Terwiesch.



Ardmore Food Pantry Creative Arts Festival

Thursday, May 9 at 4 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church



The Ardmore Food Pantry is becoming much more than a food pantry! AFP aims to become a center with opportunities for their guests far beyond food offerings. Over the last few months, AFP has hosted several free self-expression workshops exploring performance, writing, art, music and more. This arts festival is a chance for participants to share their talents, and highlight AFP's new vision with the community!

Please come out to support our neighbors!

Church Directory



Update

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 reach out to our Church Admin, 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!

NOW COLLECTING

Donations for Gift of Life, Howie's House

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.



To support the mission of Howie's House, APC will be collecting travel size toiletries for guests to use during their stay, now through the end of May.

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 outside of the church office. We will be collecting these items throughout the month of May!

This Week at APC

- Sun., May 5** 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Small Group (Mill Creek Room)
10:30 a.m. Lord's Day Worship (Sixth Sunday of Easter)
 In-Person & Livestreamed at ardmorepres.org/live
11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time
5:00 p.m. Youth Group (Library)
- Mon., May 6** 1:00 p.m. Prayer Fellowship (Zoom)
- Tue., May 7** 5:00 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting (MCR)
6:30 p.m. Fellowship and Outreach Committee (MCR)
- Wed., May 8** 11:15 a.m. Meditative Walk at Stoneleigh (Weather permitting)
- Thurs., May 9** 12:30 p.m. Mid-Week Bible Study (MCR)
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir (Chapel)
- Sun., May 12** 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Small Group (Mill Creek Room)
10:30 a.m. Lord's Day Worship (Seventh 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, 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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