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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., OCTOBER 20, 2024

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

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 *Sonata II in C Minor* (opening) Felix Mendelssohn

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

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 116) Frank Miller

I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

Because God inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the Lord, "O Lord, I pray, save my life!"

The Lord protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.

Praise the Lord!

*HYMN (see page 8) *What Shall I Render to the Lord* MARTYRDOM

CALL TO CONFESSION (I John 2)

If anyone sins, we have someone who pleads with the Father on our behalf – Jesus Christ, the righteous one. And Christ himself is the means by which our sins are forgiven, and not our sins only, but also the sins of everyone.

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from the past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Great High Priest. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (I Timothy 1 and I Peter 2)

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.

I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (Romans 14)

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

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*RESPONSE, Hymn 527, v. 3

Near to the Heart of God

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There is a place of full release,
Near to the heart of God,
A place where all is joy and peace,
Near to the heart of God

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
Sent from the heart of God,
Hold us, who wait before Thee,
Near to the heart of God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Speak to us, living God, as you have spoken to our ancestors:
through the voices of your prophets,
the breath of your Spirit,
and the life of your Son,
so that we may live according to your Word; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

FIRST READING, Leviticus 9:1-7

On the eighth day Moses summoned Aaron and his sons and the elders of Israel. He said to Aaron, “Take a bull calf for a purification offering and a ram for a burnt offering, without blemish, and offer them before the LORD. And say to the Israelites, ‘Take a male goat for a purification offering; a calf and a lamb, yearlings without blemish, for a burnt offering; and an ox and a ram for an offering of well-being to sacrifice before the LORD; and a grain offering mixed with oil. For today the LORD will appear to you.’ ” They brought what Moses commanded to the front of the tent of meeting, and the whole congregation drew near and stood before the LORD. And

Moses said, “This is the thing that the LORD commanded you to do, so that the glory of the LORD may appear to you.” Then Moses said to Aaron, “Draw near to the altar and sacrifice your purification offering and your burnt offering and make atonement for yourself and for the people, and sacrifice the offering of the people and make atonement for them, as the LORD has commanded.”

ANTHEM, Chancel Choir *The Lord Is a Mighty God* Felix Mendelssohn

The Lord is a mighty God and a mighty ruler over all false idols.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND READING, Hebrews 4:14-5:10, 7:23-28

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness, and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son;
today I have begotten you”;
as he says also in another place,
“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered, and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Furthermore, the former priests were many in number because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but he holds his priesthood permanently because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests humans, who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“The Office of Priest”

Rev. Jason Grimes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 403

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Larger Catechism, BOC: 7.154)

Q. How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

A. **Christ executes the office of a priest, in his once offering himself a sacrifice without spot to God, to be a reconciliation for the sins of his people; and in making continual intercession for them.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

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.

What Shall I Render to the Lord

MARTYRDOM CM

Hugh Wilson (1800)
Ad./harm. R. Smith (1825)

1..What shall I ren - der_ to the Lord, What shall my of - fering be, For
 2..Sal - va - tion's cup my_ soul shall take While to the Lord I pray, And
 3..Not light - ly dost Thou, Lord, per - mit Thy cho - sen saints to die; From
 4..With - in God's house, the_ house of prayer, My soul shall bless the Lord, And

all the gra - cious ben - e - fits God hath_ be - stowed on me?
 with God's peo - ple I will meet, My thank - ful_ vows to pay.
 death thou hast de - liv - ered me; Thy ser - vant, Lord, am I.
 prais - es to God's ho - ly name Let all_ the_ saints ac - cord.



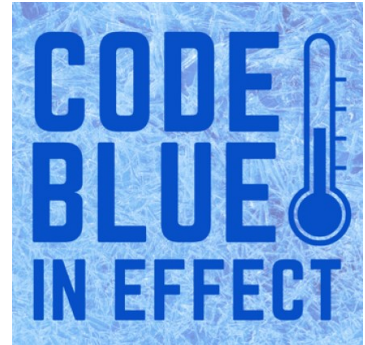
This Sunday's flowers are given
 to the glory of God and loving memory of

my parents and sister

by Carol Fritz.

Call for Volunteers! Code Blue Emergency Shelter

Lower Merion faith communities are once again coordinating a Code Blue Shelter to house up to five men on nights when the real feel is 32° or below. The shelter will run from November 2024 through March 2025 when Montgomery County officially declares a Code Blue.



Montgomery County defines Code Blue as “when the temperature and/or wind chill is expected to be at or below 32° Fahrenheit for two or more hours.”

Code Blue shelters open at 9:00 p.m. and close at 6:00 a.m. Host churches will provide snacks at night and a breakfast sandwich to guests in the morning.

APC will host the Code Blue Shelter in the Mill Creek Room as needed during the month of December and we need your help!

Volunteers work in teams of two over two shifts each night: 8:30 p.m. -1:30 a.m. and 1:30 - 6:30 a.m. Volunteers will welcome those brought to the shelter by LMPD and other service providers and offer monitoring and assistance as needed. Volunteers have 24-hour access to support professionals who can assist by phone and respond on-site as needed.

Individuals with clinical and/or social work experience (social workers, nurses, physicians, clinical counselors, EMTs, etc.) are encouraged to volunteer, but all 18 and over are welcome.

All volunteers must provide a criminal background check (documentation on file from last year is still valid) before their first shift. Details for obtaining your background check will be provided after you sign up. There will be volunteer training specific to each location. The first is Tuesday, October 22, 7:00 p.m. at Ardmore United Methodist Church.

If you have questions and/or would like to volunteer, please contact the Code Blue team at CodeBlueLM@gmail.com

Support for Hurricane Relief



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER
ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

In the aftermath of Hurricanes Helene and Milton, our prayers and hearts are with those who have been impacted. If you would like to help with recovery, you can make a donation through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's hurricane response. You can place your donation in the offering plate or donate on our website at ardmorepres.org/giving.

Please be sure to indicate that your donation is for PDA on the offering envelope, check, or notes section of the website.

Calling all Singers!

Jim Longacre, our long serving tenor section leader in the APC Chancel Choir would like to offer voice lessons to youth ages 14 + and adult members of APC at a discounted rate.

Jim is a celebrated opera singer, historical re-enactor and voice teacher. He has served on the voice faculty of the University of the Arts, and has sung with opera companies across the United States.

If you would like to study voice with Jim at a rate of \$30 for an hour lesson, or \$15 for a half hour, please reach out to him at jamesrlongacre@gmail.com



Help Ardmore Food Pantry

Ardmore Food Pantry needs heartier meals and ingredients for their guests.

They are in particular need of: Hearty Canned Soups, Spaghetti Sauce and Pasta, Instant Mashed Potatoes and Coffee. Items that are always needed are cereal, canned tuna and chicken, and peanut butter.

You can drop food pantry donations off at APC or directly at St. Mary's Church on Ardmore Avenue in the Pantry Drop-Off Shed located to the right of the Parish Hall. Monetary donations are always appreciated.



This Week at APC

- Sun., Oct. 20** 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 on the Lawn
11:45 a.m. Youth Choir (Choir Room)
- Mon., Oct. 21** 1:00 p.m. Prayer Fellowship (Zoom)
7:00 p.m. Preschool Committee Meeting (Zoom)
- Wed., Oct. 23** 11:15 a.m. Meditative Walk at Stoneleigh (Weather permitting)
5:00 p.m. Wednesday PLUS (Choir Room)
Cherub Choir (Playground or Mill Creek Room)
6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)
- Thurs., Oct. 24** 12:30 p.m. Mid-Day Bible Study (Mill Creek Room)
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chapel)
- Sun., Oct. 27** 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 on the Lawn
11:45 a.m. Youth Choir (Choir Room)



Prayer Group

Prayer Group meets on Mondays at 1 p.m. on Zoom. The group prays together for the church, world concerns, and personal pleas.

If you would like to join, contact Pastor Jason at jgrimes@ardmorepres.org.



Lift your prayers this week for: Ross Ellison, John Abrams, John Polhamus, the Kimrey Family, Phil Jeffries, Fluff McKeown, Jim Dormond, Steve Hibbs and Family, Carolyn Young, the Hsia family 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 Family, Mary Scattergood, the Schreiber Family, Betsy Reif Soto and her son Ezra Soto, 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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