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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., JANUARY 19, 2025

Second Sunday after Epiphany

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 our 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

Voluntary on "St. Agnes"

Flor Peeters

Aria

Flor Peeters

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 104)

Robie Lawlace

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great.

You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.

You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use.

And wine to gladden the human heart,

oil to make the face shine,

and bread to strengthen the human heart.

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom, you have made them all.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

*HYMN 276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

CALL TO CONFESSION (Jeremiah 31)

This is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. I will forgive their evil deeds, and I will remember their sins no more.

In penitence and faith, let us confess our sins to our merciful God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty God, by your power Christ is raised from the dead to rule this world in love. We confess that we have not fully believed in him, but fall into doubt and fear. Gladness has no home in our hearts, and gratitude is slight. Mortality governs our lives more than resurrection. Forgive our hopelessness and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ, who was dead but lives and will one day make all things new. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Romans 8 & II Corinthians 5)

Hear the good news! Who is in the position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Friends, believe the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (II Corinthians 13)

“Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.”

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*RESPONSE, Hymn 368, v. 2 *I've Got Peace Like a River* PEACE LIKE A RIVER

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| I've got joy like a fountain, | I've got joy like a fountain, |
| I've got joy like a fountain, | I've got joy like a fountain, |
| I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul. | I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul. |

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, your Word is more precious than fine gold,
and sweeter than purest honey.
As we turn to your Scripture,
send your Holy Spirit to infuse your Word with truth and grace—
So that the good news of your love
will shine before our eyes and delight our senses,
so that, we cannot help but respond with
faith, wonder, and trust;
through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

FIRST READING, Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

ANTHEM, Chancel Choir

Praise

Alec Rowley

Shirley Fishburne, *Organist*

To the Master of music and loveliness: praise, power, dominion forever.
To the Lord of the Word of Creation be praise, power, dominion forever.
To the Maker of movement, color and light: praise, power, dominion forever.
To the Builder, Designer, Creator, be praise, power, dominion forever.
To the Theme of all song, Inspiration of Love: to the Artist of Life,
To the Greatest and Least: praise, power, dominion forever.
For He is the greatest upon His high throne,
And He was the least as the child of a maiden:
Praise then to Jesus whose Mother was Mary,
And praise now to Christ who is God in the midst of us.
Lord of all beauty, adoring we come to Thee:
Give us Thyself both in time and eternity.
Lord of all beauty, adoring we come to Thee,
Offering all that we are or can hope to be.
(Aidan Clarke)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND READING, John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"The First Sign"

Rev. Jason Grimes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 302

I Danced in the Morning

SIMPLE GIFTS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Romans 8)

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For we are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

THE 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.



This Sunday's flowers are given to the glory of God,
and in celebration of
my son-in-law Geoff Hayden's birthday today
by Shirley Fishburne.

APC's Annual Souper Bowl Sunday Luncheon February 9 after Worship



Start collecting your canned good donations and working on your soup recipes! The *Souper* Bowl Sunday luncheon will take place on **February 9** immediately following worship (and will end long before kick-off!).

Last year we met (and exceeded!) Pastor Jason's challenge, so this year he has upped the ante, and challenged us to bring in **600 lbs.** of non-perishable food for the Ardmore Food Pantry! Bring your donation items to church on February 9, our kids will collect donations during the service.

You are invited, but not required, to bring a crockpot of soup, a salad, or bread to share for the luncheon.



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER
ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

Support for California Wildfire Victims Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Southern California is facing multiple uncontrolled fires, exacerbated by strong winds and dry conditions. Tens of thousands of residents have been forced to evacuate, and more than 57,000 homes are threatened.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is in communication with the affected presbyteries to offer resources in the aftermath of the fires. If you would like to make a donation to PDA to support their efforts, you can write a check to APC or make a donation through our website at ardmorepres.org/giving. **Please be sure to designate your gift, by writing "California" in the memo line or notes section of the online donation form.**

Triennium 2025

Calling all high school age youth and adults interested in working with youth! The first informational gathering for Triennium 2025 will be held at the Salt and Light Church in Southwest Philly on **Sunday, January 26th at 2 pm.**



The Presbyterian Youth Triennium (PYT) is an ecumenical event hosted by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church that gathers high school age young people every 3 years. It is a well-planned and thoughtfully led event focused on worship, disciple making, Christian compassion & justice, and biblical/theological education. It is also a catalyst for many young people to take the next steps in their faith.

For more information, visit presbyterianyouthtriennium.org or contact the church office at admin@ardmorepres.org.



Courageous Conversations about Gun Violence Prevention:

A 6 session Adult Sunday School Class

Sundays at 9 a.m., Jan. 19, 26 and Feb. 2, 9, and 26

Rev. Schaunel Steinnagel will facilitate a six-session gathering, utilizing a curriculum from the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship, *“Courageous Conversations about Gun Violence Prevention.”*

The purpose of the “Courageous Conversations” is to learn and talk together about gun violence prevention and consider how God may be calling the Church to respond. It is not a debate. A conversation Covenant will be created by the group.

You can join this class at any point! Each session includes discussion about a particular aspect of gun related issues, so you don't need to attend every week if you can't.

The dates of this study will also overlap with Martin Luther King Day Weekend.

“I'm tired of violence, I've seen too much of it.” —Martin Luther King, Jr.



APC Art Supply Cupboard and Framing Class

APC's program in partnership with the Ardmore Food Pantry offering art supplies and art classes

APC has launched a new program in partnership with the Ardmore Food Pantry to offer art classes and programs to people served by the food pantry. Pantry guests are taking classes at the Main Line Art Center, and through the supply cupboard, are offered art supplies to continue creating.

They also have an opportunity to make wooden frames for their art at a framing class taught by Sherina Poorman here at APC. The framing class kicked off this week with 7 participants!

There are two ways you can get involved:

- Bake some cookies or other treats for fellowship before and after the class.
- Join the class! Along with our guests, you can learn how to make custom wooden frames, and enjoy fellowship and fun together.

If you are interested in getting involved with this exciting new program, please contact Sherina Poorman at sherinacpoorman@gmail.com.

Help our neighbors in need by donating to the Ardmore Food Pantry.

As we move into colder months, the Ardmore Food Pantry needs heartier meals and ingredients for their guests.



This week, they are in particular need of:

- Black and Kidney Beans
- Spaghetti Sauce and Pasta
- Heaty Canned Soups
- Cereal
- Peanut Butter

You can drop food pantry donations off at APC in our narthex or the pink bin just inside the church office entrance. Donations can also be dropped off directly at St. Mary's Church on Ardmore Avenue, in the Pantry Drop-Off Shed located to the right of the Parish Hall.

This Week at APC

- Sun., Jan. 19** 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Small Group (Green Room)
9:00 a.m. Conversations about Gun Violence (MCR)
10:30 a.m. Second Sunday after Epiphany Worship Service
In-Person & Livestreamed at ardmorepres.org/live
11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time
11:45 a.m. Youth Choir (Choir Room)
- Mon., Jan. 20** 1:00 p.m. Prayer Fellowship (Zoom)
- Tues., Jan. 21** 7:00 p.m. Church Officer Training (MCR)
7:15 p.m. Building and Grounds Committee (Zoom)
- Wed., Jan. 22** 11:30 a.m. Meditative Walk at Stoneleigh (Weather permitting)
5:00 p.m. Wednesday PLUS (Choir Room)
6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)
- Thurs., Jan. 23** 12:30 p.m. Mid-Week Bible Study (MCR)
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir (Chapel)
- Sun., Jan. 26** 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Small Group (Green Room)
9:00 a.m. Conversations about Gun Violence (MCR)
10:30 a.m. Third Sunday after Epiphany Worship Service
In-Person & Livestreamed at ardmorepres.org/live
11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time
11:45 a.m. Youth Choir (Choir Room)

Office Closed

Please note, the office will be closed on

Monday, January 20th
for Martin Luther King Day.

If you have an immediate need, please email
admin@ardmorepres.org.





Lift your prayers this week for: William Blumeris, Bob Gilbert, Walter and Theresa Haenn, Kim O'Rourke, Ross Ellison, Peter Grove, John Abrams, John Polhamus, the Kimrey Family, Phil Jeffries, the Hsia family and the community of Overbrook Presbyterian Church.

Ongoing Prayers for: John Beerbower, Kate Brooks, Victoria Dean, Jessie DiNome, Jim Dormond, Rosemary Fisher, Twila Garletts, Paul Goetsch, Lucille Hannigan, Steve Hibbs, the Howard Family, Sujatha Manawadu, Julie Patterson, Chris Rowe, Mary Schreiber, the Schreiber Family, Boots Sheckard, Kathy Toal, Adrienne Wood, and Carolyn 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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