



ARDMORE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Transforming Lives Through the Good News of Jesus Christ"

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Ardmore, Pennsylvania

10:30 A.M., JULY 26, 2026

Ninth 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 questions or 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

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, serve for specific terms of service, and chair committees related to the life and work of the church. 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.

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.

SESSION

Class of 2026

Shirley Fishburne

Personnel

Randy Lawlace

Finance

Gary Lovett

Mission Awareness

Kathy Toal

*Christian Education and
Preschool*

Class of 2027

Holly Frank

Elizabeth Luff

Donald Poorman,
Clerk of Session

Jim Rowe

*Building and Grounds
and Preschool*

Class of 2028

Rick Corl

*Stewardship and
Nominating*

Janice Felix

Worship

Jill Fowler

Catherine Schreiner
Fellowship and Outreach

DIACONATE

Class of 2026

Kofi Owusu

Barb Wood

Barbara McNutt

Class of 2027

Kate Brooks

Alice Miller

Co-Moderator

Anne Warner

Class of 2028

Isla Grant

Co-Moderator

Ryan Krieger

Lynne Leopold-Sharp

*Standing for those who are able.

People's response in bold type.

GATHERING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE, Hymn Sing *All are invited to sing verses 1-2 of suggested hymns.
See Hymnal p. 711 for index of first lines and common titles.*

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

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

Kofi Owusu

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 107)

Don Poorman

O give thanks to the Lord for he is good.
For his steadfast love endures forever.
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so.
For his steadfast love endures forever.
He satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills.
For his steadfast love endures forever.
They cried to the Lord in their trouble
And he saved them from their distress.
Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love.
For his wonderful works to humankind.

*HYMN 466

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

CALL TO CONFESSION (Hosea 14:2)

The prophet writes: Return, O Israel, to the Lord your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity. Take words with you and return to the Lord; say to him, "Take away all guilt; accept that which is good, and we will offer the fruit of our lips."
Let us then approach God with penitence, so that we may receive his mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and just God, we have sinned against you and our neighbors in thought and deed. We have been negligent in doing justice and loving mercy. We have often failed to trust in you as we ought. We think that you are altogether like us. We come to you with a contrite heart, saying, Have mercy upon us. Forgive us for our sins and take away our guilt through your holy child Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

[SILENT PRAYER]

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Romans 5)

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

Believe this good news and give thanks: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (Romans 15)

“Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.”

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

RESPONSE

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful Jacques Berthier



In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful, in the Lord I will re-joice! Look to God, do not be a-
fraid. Lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of all truth, the unfolding of your word gives light and understanding to all.
Open our eyes to behold that light and incline our hearts to walk in it, through
Christ our Lord. Amen

FIRST READING, Isaiah 12

You will say on that day:
I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
and you comforted me.

Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say on that day:

Give thanks to the LORD,
call on his name;
make known his deeds among the nations;
proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

ANTHEM, Solo

Sing Ye a Joyful Song (Biblical Songs)
Tom Sitzler, *Baritone*

Antonin Dvořák

Sing ye a joyful song unto the Lord,
Who hath done marvelous things.
Praise the Lord all the earth!
Sing praises, shout and be joyful.
Let the sea roar and all that is therein,

The round world and all they that dwell there.
Lift your voices, floods and tempests.
Mountains, clap your hands for joy.
Let the fields laugh and sing with waving corn,
And let all the trees of the forest be joyful!
(Psalm 96)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND READING, Mark 6:45-52

Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. After saying farewell to them, he went up on the mountain to pray.

When evening came, the boat was out on the lake, and he was alone on the land. When he saw that they were straining at the oars against an adverse wind, he came towards them early in the morning, walking on the lake. He intended to pass them by. But when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought it was a ghost and cried out; for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Then he got into the boat with them and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

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

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“On Astonishment”

Deacon Kofi Owusu

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 308

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

KINGSFOLD

*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.

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.

PREPARING TO MAKE OUR OFFERING TO GOD (I Chronicles 29)

Lord, who are we that we are able to give so generously?

For all things come from you, and what we now offer is already yours.

OFFERTORY, Solo

Deep River

Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

Deep river, my home is over Jordan.
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.
Oh, don't you want to go, to that gospel feast,
That promised land where all is peace.
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

*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 379

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

The Kingsfold Trumpet

Alfred V. Fedak



This Sunday's flowers are given *to the glory of God*,
by the Birdsall Family,
with thankfulness and appreciation
to **the congregation of Ardmore Presbyterian Church**, for 100
years of fellowship and friendship shown towards our mother,
Elizabeth (Betty) Birdsall.

Ghana Project Update

Thank you to everyone who donated clothing, toys, books,
and other needed items for our Ghana project!

Thanks to your generosity, approximately 60 boxes are now
on their way to Ghana.

In about six weeks, the shipment will be distributed by our
pastoral assistant Kofi's mother, Anna, to schools, churches, orphanages, and rural com-
munities across Ghana.

We look forward to sharing photos and updates from the distribution!



Ardmore Rock n' Ride
Sunday, August 9, 2026
10 a.m.-7 p.m.

The annual Ardmore Rock n' Ride bike race will take place on August 9.
This community event benefitting the Narberth Ambulance Emergency Service features
the bike race, concerts, and a family fun zone!

Temporary road closures will take place on Lancaster Avenue (between Ardmore
Avenue and Church Road), Anderson Avenue, Llanfair Road, Church Road, and
Coulter Avenue (through Suburban Square). Please be aware of these closures when
making your way to worship!



**INAUGURAL
GOLF
OUTING**

**September 14,
2026**

**Jeffersonville
Golf Club**

Registration is now OPEN!
[Ardmorepres.org/Golf2026](https://ardmorepres.org/Golf2026)

Registration is now open for our Golf Outing!

Please invite any golfers you know to join us in
supporting the mission of
Ardmore Presbyterian Church and
Weekday Preschool.

Not a golfer? You can still help!

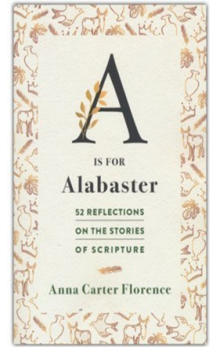
We're seeking sponsors, silent auction donations,
and volunteers.

To register or learn more, visit ardmorepres.org/golf2026.

Summertime and the Reading is Easy!

Summer Book Study with the Adult Sunday School Class

Looking for a flexible summer Bible study? Join the Adult Sunday Morning Small Group (youth are welcome, too!) as we explore *A is for Alabaster: Reflections on the Stories of Scripture* by Anna Carter Florence, professor of preaching at Columbia Theological Seminary.



This collection of (alphabetical!) short reflections (just 3–5 pages each) invites readers to engage with stories and themes from both the Old and New Testaments. Topics include the courageous Abigail, Balaam’s donkey, Goliath, John the Baptist, Walking on Water, and many more. Each reflection stands on its own, making it easy to participate whenever you're in town without feeling like you've fallen behind.

Try this approach as an easy new way to feel close to God’s Word. Books are available for those who wish to participate!

Join us Sundays from 9:00–10:00 a.m. in the Board Room (Library) for coffee, donut holes, and conversation as we explore Scripture together. Questions? Contact Cathie Calkins at catherine.calkins@gmail.com. **This program began on Sunday, July 12.**



Summer Help Needed

Facilities Manager, Bill Waters has begun work on the long list of summer projects to be completed around our campus. If you can help with painting and other small jobs this summer, please contact Bill at wwaters@ardmorepres.org.

This Week at APC

Sun., July 26	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School (Mill Creek Room)
	10:30 a.m.	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service In-Person & Livestreamed at ardmorepres.org/live
	11:45 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Wed., July 29	11:15 a.m.	Meditative Walk at Stoneleigh (Weather Permitting)
Sun., Aug. 2	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School (Mill Creek Room)
	10:30 a.m.	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service In-Person & Livestreamed at ardmorepres.org/live
	11:45 a.m.	Fellowship Time



Children's Church Summer Update

This summer, children will worship in the sanctuary with their parents as we take a summer break from Children's Church during the months of July and August 2026.

Options for parents and their children are:

- For those with small children, you may take them to the nursery accompanied by a parent, where the worship service is broadcast.
- For school age children, there are coloring sheets and books in the Walker Chapel in the sanctuary.
- Parents may also chose to bring a quiet activity for their children to do while sitting in the pew.

We look forward to continuing with the regular Children's Church schedule in September.



Lift your prayers this week for: The Grimes Family, The Birdsall Family, The Cobb Family, The Polhamus Family, The Reynolds Family, Anne Fishburne Hamilton, Ben Frick, Brian Sloss, Cathy Shields, Robin Hill, Judi Tidikis, Jay Palumbo, Walter and Theresa Haenn, Kim O'Rourke, Ross Ellison, Peter Grove, Phil Jeffries, and Overbrook Presbyterian Church.

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