



ARDMORE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Transforming Lives Through the Good News of Jesus Christ"

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Ardmore, Pennsylvania

10:30 A.M., JULY 5, 2026

Sixth 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 *An Independence Day Hymn Sing (Please see pages 10-11.)*

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 146)

Rev. Schaunel Steinnagel

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever.

Who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the Lord!

*HYMN 262

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION (Matthew 11)

Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Let us ask God to forgive us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful 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 a 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, the light of the world. Amen.

[SILENT PRAYER]

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Romans 8)

The Apostle Paul writes, "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death."

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.

*RESPONSE, Hymn 561, v. 4

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

AMERICA

**Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing;**

**Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from your mouth.
Make us hungry for this heavenly food,
that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.**

FIRST READING, Exodus 16:1-4

The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim; and Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. The whole congregation of the

Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.

ANTHEM, Solo

At the River

American, arr. Aaron Copeland

Kathy Wagner, *Mezzo-soprano*

Shall we gather by the river,
Where bright angels' feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?
Soon we'll reach the shining river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease,

Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace.
Yes we'll gather by the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river
That flows by the throne of God.
(Robert Lowry)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND READING, Romans 7:7-24a

What then should we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet, if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” But sin, seizing an opportunity in the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died, and the very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. For sin, seizing an opportunity in the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and just and good.

Did what is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, working death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in

fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

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

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“Who Will Rescue Me?”

Rev. Jason Grimes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 329

Break Thou the Bread of Life

BREAD OF LIFE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (A Brief Statement of Faith; BOC: 10.4.10.6)

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying,
“Come, Lord Jesus!”

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PREPARING TO MAKE OUR OFFERING TO GOD (Psalm 24)

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world. And those who live in it.

Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

OFFERTORY, Solo

Wayfaring Stranger

American, arr. Richard Walters

I am a poor wayfarin' stranger
While trav'lin' through this world of woe,
Yet there's no sickness, toil, or danger
In the bright world to which I go.
I'm goin' there to see my father,
I'm goin' there no more to roam.
I'm only goin' over Jordan;
I'm only goin' over home.
I know dark clouds will gather 'round me.
I know my way is rough and steep,
But golden fields lie out before me
Where God's redeemed shall ever sleep.

I'm goin' there to see my mother.
She said she'd meet me when I come.
I'm only goin' over Jordan;
I'm only goin' over home.
I'll soon be free from ev'ry trial,
My body sleep in the churchyard.
I'll drop the cross of self-denial
And enter on my great reward.
I'm goin' there to see my Savior,
To sing his praise forevermore.
I'm only goin' over Jordan;
I'm only goin' over home.

*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 564

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

MATERNA

*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

Variations on 'America'

Wilbur Held



This Sunday's flowers are given to the glory of God,
and in loving memory of
our parents
by William Mentzer and Marsha Core.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered during VBS 2026!

Both kids and volunteers had a great week of learning about God and growing in our faith. We are especially grateful to our VBS director Raisa Stephens for her hard work and leadership. Check out this week's e-newsletter for pictures and a recap!



APC & APWPS Inaugural Golf Outing

Monday, September 14, 2026 at Jeffersonville Golf Club

Registration is now open for golfers! Please share this invitation with any golfers you know who would like to participate and support the mission of APC & APWPS.

Not a golfer? We are also looking for sponsorships and volunteers. Do you know a business who would like to sponsor a hole and advertise? Do you have season tickets or a vacation home rental that you would like to donate for the silent auction?

Please go to www.ardmorepres.org/golf2026 to register to play and for details on sponsorship and volunteer opportunities.

This Week at APC

- Sun., July 5** 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School (Mill Creek Room)
10:30 a.m. Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service
In-Person & Livestreamed at ardmorepres.org/live
11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time
- Mon., July 6** 1:00 p.m. Prayer Group (Zoom)
- Wed., July 8** 11:15 a.m. Meditative Walk at Stoneleigh (Weather Permitting)
- Sun., July 12** 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School (Mill Creek Room)
10:30 a.m. Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service
In-Person & Livestreamed at ardmorepres.org/live
11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time

Guest Musician

This Sunday, we welcome guest soloist, Kathy Wagner.

Mezzo-soprano Kathy Wagner is alto section leader in the adult choir of St. David's Episcopal Church (Wayne). There she also directs the children's choir and leads the annual youth and children's musical. With over 35 years of teaching experience at all grade levels, she currently teaches music at the Philadelphia Academy Charter School. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us!



We are no longer accepting item donations for Ghana.

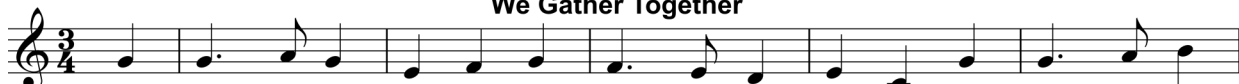
Thank you to everyone who so generously donated. If you would still like to help, we are currently accepting monetary donations to help with shipping costs. Any extra funds will be used to purchase food to send with our shipment.



To donate please send a check to the church office, place it in the offering plate, or donate at ardmorepres.org/giving and write "Ghana" in the notes section. Thank you for your support!

An Independence Day Hymn Sing

We Gather Together



1..We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing; He chas - tens and
3..We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant, And pray that thou
has - tens his will to make known; The wick - ed op - press - ing now cease__ from dis -
still our de - fend - er wilt be. Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape__ trib - u -
tress - ing. Sing prais - es to his name;__ he for - gets not his own.
la - tion; Thy name be ev - er praised!__ O__ Lord, make us free!

My Country, 'Tis of Thee



1...My coun - try, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of lib - er - ty, Of thee I sing;
3...Let mu - sic swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees Sweet free - dom's song;
Land where my fa - thers died, Land of the pil - grims' pride,
Let mor - tal tongues a - wake, Let all that breathe par - take,
From ev - ery__ moun - tain - side Let free - dom ring.
Let rocks__ their__ si - lence break, The__ sound pro - long.

O God of Earth and Altar



1..O God of earth and al - tar, Bow down and hear our cry; Our earth - ly rul - ers
2..From all that ter - ror teach - es, From lies of tongue and pen, From all the eas - y
fal - ter, Our peo - ple drift and die; The walls of gold en - tomb us, The
speech - es That com - fort cru - el men, From sale and pro - fa - na - tion Of
swords of scorn di - vide; Take not Your thun - der from__ us, But take a - way our pride.
hon - or and the sword, From sleep and from dam - na - tion, De - liv - er us, good Lord!

Lift Every Voice and Sing



1..Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of

lib - er - ty. Let our re - joic-ing rise high as the lis - tening. skies; Let it re-sound loud as the
roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope that the pres-ent has brought us; Fac - ing the
ris-ing sun of our new day be - gun, Let us march on, till vic-to - ry is won.

This Is My Song

1...This is my song, O God of all the na-tions, A song of peace for
2...My coun-try's skies are blu-er than the o - cean, And sun-light beams on
lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the coun-try where my heart is;
clo-ver-leaf and pine. But oth - er lands have sun-light too, and clo-ver,
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine; But oth - er hearts in
And skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine. So hear my song, O
oth - er lands are beat-ing With hope and dreams as true and high as mine.
God of all the na-tions, A song of peace for their land and for mine.

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

1...E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm has bound the rest - less wave, Who
4...O Trin - i - ty of love and power, All trav - elers guard in dan - ger's hour; From
bade the might - y o - cean deep Its own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O
rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro - tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus
hear us when we cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
ev - er - more shall rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.



Lift your prayers this week for: The Family of Betty Birdsall, 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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