



ARDMORE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Transforming Lives Through the Good News of Jesus Christ”

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Ardmore, Pennsylvania

10:30 A.M., AUGUST 16, 2026

Twelfth 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 YouTube page.

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

Partita on "Westminster Abbey"
(Prelude, Chorale, Trio, Meditation)
Carol Feather Martin, Guest Organist

Charles Callahan

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 67)

Kristy Cobb

May God be gracious to us and bless us, and make his face to shine upon us,
That your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the people with equity and
guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

*HYMN 477

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

HANOVER

CALL TO CONFESSION (Hebrews 4)

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weakness, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (James G. Kirk, Adapted)

O God, you spread your table before us and invite us to dine. We judge some unworthy to partake of your feast. You call us and others to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, yet we close the doors of your household to those we deem unfit to come in. You desire mercy, not sacrifice, as a response to your grace. We expect others to be thankful, we accept them at all. Forgive our arrogance in response to your cross. Make us mindful of those whom you call and hold dear; through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

[SILENT PRAYER]

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

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus 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, we are forgiven!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (Romans 15)

“Bear with one another, and if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you.”

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*RESPONSE, Hymn 390, v. 1 & 6 *O Savior, in This Quiet Place*

ST. STEPHEN

O Savior, in this quiet place,
Where anyone may kneel,
I also come to ask for grace,
Believing You can heal.
Of all my prayers, may this be chief:
Till faith is fully grown,
Lord, disbelieve my unbelief,
And claim me as Your own.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

FIRST READING, Isaiah 56:1-8

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

Happy is the mortal who does this,
the one who holds it fast,
who keeps the sabbath, not profaning it,
and refrains from doing any evil.

Do not let the foreigner joined to the LORD say,
“The LORD will surely separate me from his people”;
and do not let the eunuch say,
“I am just a dry tree.”

For thus says the LORD:

To the eunuchs who keep my sabbaths,
who choose the things that please me
and hold fast my covenant,
I will give, in my house and within my walls,
a monument and a name
better than sons and daughters;
I will give them an everlasting name
that shall not be cut off.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Thus says the LORD God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

ANTHEM, Solo

My Heart Ever Faithful (Cantata 68)
Jessica Gambino, *Soprano*

Johann S. Bach

My heart ever faithful,
Sing praises, be joyful,
Thy Jesus is near!

Away with complaining,
Faith ever maintaining,
My Jesus is here.
(Christiana M. von Ziegler)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND READING, Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"Dog?"

Rev. Jason Grimes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 439

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

*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 (James 1)

Every generous act of giving
is itself a gift from God above.

OFFERTORY, Solo

I Am the Vine

Mark Patterson

As Jesus spoke to his disciples, he said, "Do not be afraid.
I give you peace; through me the love of God abides in you each day.
I am the vine, you are the branches, abide in me as I abide in you,
and you will bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit.
The love of God will shine forth in you."
"As the Father has loved me so I have loved you,
remain in me and keep my commands.
And this I command you: love one another that your joy may be full."
(Based on John 15:5-17)

*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 280

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

*Partita on “Westminster Abbey”
(Etude, Voluntary)*

Charles Callahan



This Sunday's flowers are given to the glory of God,
and in loving memory of my grandparents
Rev. and Mrs. Henry W. Miller and
Mr. and Mrs. E. Day Ressler
by Sarah Schreiner.



Registration is open for our Inaugural Golf Outing

This special event will support the mission and community impact of Ardmore Presbyterian Church and Weekday Preschool.

Join us for a memorable day on the course while supporting programs that nurture children, families, and our community!

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.

Questions? Contact Chip Cobb at chip.cobb@76wealthpartners.com.

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

Homecoming Sunday and Church Picnic

September 13, 2026

Church picnic follows after worship.

Join us for fellowship and fun!





Guest Organist

Carol Feather Martin, a native of North Carolina, graduated from Oberlin Conservatory with a BM in piano performance and MM degree in Organ Performance and Collaborative Performance from Catholic University. For thirty five and a half years Carol served as Director of Music and Arts and Organist at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Arlington, Virginia where she worked with all ages of singers, handbell ringers and instrumentalists. For ten years, she was the Artistic Director of Virginia Bronze, an auditioned community handbell ensemble. She is an Artist Instructor of piano for Mason Community Arts Academy (sponsored by GMU). Through the years, Carol's diverse musical tastes have served her well as she has arranged music and uniquely constructed programs for various ensembles and guest artists. She is a champion of newly composed and American music as well as standard repertoire and transcriptions. In her free time, Carol enjoys reading, gardening, working crossword/jigsaw puzzles, and designing and creating metal jewelry.

Guest Soloist

Jessica Gambino has been performing liturgical music for the past four years. She is currently the soprano section leader at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ardmore, and directs the children's choir there. She earned her B.M. in music education with a voice concentration from Temple University in 2024, and sings with a couple choirs around the Philadelphia area, including Epiphany Singers in Center City, and Elevation in Wilmington, DE.



During the summer months, the **Ardmore Food Pantry** receives far less donations than other times of the year. As more people are away, donations drop, but the need does not. Please help AFP re-stock their shelves!

They are currently in need of personal hygiene items like tooth brushes, tooth paste, bars of soap, shampoo and conditioner, etc.

You can drop donations off in the APC church office or the back of the sanctuary, or at the food pantry at 36 Ardmore Ave.

This Week at APC

Sun., Aug. 16	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School (Library)
	10:30 a.m.	Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service In-Person & Livestreamed at ardmorepres.org/live
	11:45 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Mon., Aug. 17	11:15 a.m.	Prayer Group (Zoom)
Wed., Aug. 19	11:15 a.m.	Meditative Walk at Stoneleigh (Weather Permitting)
Sun., Aug. 23	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School (Library)
	10:30 a.m.	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service In-Person & Livestreamed at ardmorepres.org/live
	11:45 a.m.	Fellowship Time

Teachers' Teammates School Supply Drive

Every fall, APC supports our Mission Partner Teachers' Teammates with a school supply donation drive. Teachers' Teammates is a non-profit organization that collects school supplies to distribute to the students and teachers in under-resourced schools in Delaware County.



We will be collecting new or like-new school and office supplies until September 30. Most needed items include:

- 2-pocket folders
- Binders
- #2 Pencils, colored pencils, and erasers
- Glue sticks and bottles
- Crayons and markers (washable, high lighters, dry erase)
- Notebooks and filler paper
- Backpacks and pencil pouches

Learn more about Teachers' Teammates, and view a full list of donation needs at teachersteammates.org.



Lift your prayers this week for: Janet Abel, 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, 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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