

ARDMORE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Transforming Lives Through the Good News of Jesus Christ"

ARDMORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Ardmore, Pennsylvania
10:30 A.M., NOVEMBER 1, 2026
All Saints Sunday
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 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Barbara Harbach

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 34) Jill Fowler

I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.
Look to God and be radiant; so your face shall never be ashamed.
O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

*HYMN 423 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* DUKE STREET

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 in time of need.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up people to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that, joined with those from ages past who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. Amen.

[SILENT PRAYER]

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Isaiah 43)

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.

Beloved people of God, believe the good news: through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (II Corinthians 4)

"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, Hymn 466, v. 5 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

Glory to God and praise and love
Be now and ever given
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heaven.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Faithful God, how blessed are those
who hunger and thirst for righteousness.
Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit
so that we may glorify you
in the company of the faithful;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING, Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

ANTHEM, Chancel Choir *How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place* Johannes Brahms

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!
For my soul, it longeth, yea, fainteth for the courts of the Lord;
My soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God.
O blest are they that dwell within Thy house;
They praise Thy name evermore!
(From Psalm 84)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND READING, I John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

MESSAGE *"God Will Shelter Them"* Rev. Jason Grimes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 510 *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* QUEBEC

*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 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 116)
What shall we offer for God's goodness to us?
Let us lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord

OFFERTORY, Quartet *The Souls of the Righteous* Stanley Marchant

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and there shall no torment touch them.
In the sight of the unwise, they seemed to die,
but they are at peace. (Wisdom 3:1-2)

*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 526 *For All the Saints* SINE NOMINE

*CHARGE AND BLESSING (I Peter 1 & Revelation 22)
Prepare your minds for action;
discipline yourselves;
set all your hope on the grace
that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed.

Amen.

Jesus says, "Surely I am coming soon."
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
The grace of the Lord Jesus
be with all the saints.

Alleluia!

*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN

POSTLUDE *For All the Saints* Charles Callahan



This Sunday's flowers are given *to the glory of God,*
in loving memory of
Bill Diesinger
by his wife, Pearlie Diesinger
and in memory of
family and friends at home and abroad,
by the Sheronas Family.

Communion



We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper today.
Let us be in prayer as we prepare to receive the Holy Spirit and be reminded of Jesus's life, death, and resurrection.

If you or someone you know, would like to eat bread and drink from the cup, but cannot be in our sanctuary during service, please contact the church office at 610-642-6650.

Dine & Donate at Not Your Average Joe's – November 5

Enjoy a delicious meal while supporting Ardmore Presbyterian Weekday Preschool! Join us on **Thursday, November 5**, at Not Your Average Joe's in Suburban Square for a Dine & Donate fundraiser**. Available all day for lunch or dinner,** this is an easy and delicious way to give back to our preschool community!

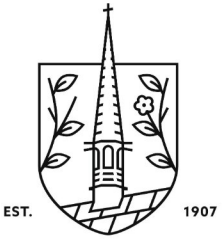
15% of your bill will be donated directly to APWPS. To participate, simply present the fundraiser flyer (pick one up in the back of the sanctuary!) or mention the Ardmore Preschool fundraiser when ordering.

Gather your family and friends, enjoy a meal out, and help support our preschool and its students. Thank you for your support!



Men's Bible Study
Saturdays at 9 a.m. in the Library

Our new Men's Bible Study got underway last week, and the group has decided to meet every Saturday at 9:00 a.m. in the church library. All men are welcome to join for a time of fellowship, discussion, and Bible study. You don't need to attend every week to participate, so feel free to join whenever your schedule allows!



The Call
Congregational Meeting
November 15, 2025

Our annual congregational meeting on November 15 immediately following worship. We will elect our new church officers and receive the budget, so please plan to stay after worship for this short but important meeting!

Confirmation Luncheon

Please join us after worship on **Sunday, November 22** after worship, for a special luncheon celebrating six of our young people as they take an important step in their faith journeys through confirmation at Ardmore Presbyterian Church!



During confirmation, these youth will publicly profess their faith and affirm their commitment to the life of our church. We are grateful to share in this meaningful milestone and invite our church family to be part of the celebration.

Come enjoy fellowship, celebrate their faith, and show your support as these young people continue to grow in their relationship with God and our church community. We look forward to celebrating together!

Interested in becoming a member of Ardmore Presbyterian Church? Please contact Pastor Jason at jgrimes@ardmorepres.org.

Live More.
Love More.
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Thank You for Your Pledge!

Thank you to everyone who has returned their annual pledge forms! If you haven't received a form, you can contact the church office or pick one up at the back of the sanctuary.

You can also pledge on our website at **ardmorepres.org/giving.**

If you have any questions about the pledge process or new options mentioned on the form, please contact Rick Corl at rick@corl.com. We are grateful for your generosity and continued support of our church and its ministries!

Monday Morning Office Volunteer Needed



We're looking for a volunteer to help in the church office on Monday mornings with greeting visitors, buzzing people in, and light office tasks. Interested? Contact Emily at epolhamus@ardmorepres.org.

This Week at APC

Sun., Nov. 1	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School (Mill Creek Room)
	10:30 a.m.	Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service In-Person & Livestreamed at ardmorepres.org/live
	11:45 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	11:45 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Mon., Nov. 2	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Group (Zoom)
	7:00 p.m.	Mission Awareness Committee (MCR)
Tues., Nov. 3	**Election Day- Polling in Fellowship Hall (All day.)**	
	6:30 p.m.	Fellowship and Outreach Committee Meeting (Library)
Wed., Nov. 4	11:15 a.m.	Meditative Walk at Stoneleigh (Weather Permitting)
	5:00 p.m.	Wednesday PLUS (Choir Room)
	6:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education Committee Meeting (Library)
Thurs., Nov. 5	12:30 p.m.	Mid-Day Bible Study (Mill Creek Room)
	7:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chapel)
Sat., Nov. 7	9:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (Library)
Sun., Nov. 8	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School (Library)
	10:30 a.m.	Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service In-Person & Livestreamed at ardmorepres.org/live
	11:45 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	11:45 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class (Mill Creek Room)



Lift your prayers this week for: Aili McMillan, John Hague, The McKoy Family, The Gray Family, Janet Abel, Anne Fishburne Hamilton, Ben Frick, Brian Sloss, Cathy Shields, Robin Hill, Judi Tidikis, Jay Palumbo, Walter and Theresa Haenn, Kim O'Rourke, and Phil Jeffries.

Ongoing Prayers for: John Abrams, John Beerbower, Kate Brooks, Victoria Dean, Jessie DiNome, 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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