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Class of 2026: Karen Collins Rich Heddy Denise Schaefer Ann Marie Wiedemann	Class of 2027: Colin Brearley Mark Setaro Patti Stanley Osama Sudah	Class of 2028: Brad Drew Kevin Heide Ashley LeBrun Richard Young
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Class of 2026: Vicki Elkins George Pirocchi Phil Rondinelli Pam Wargo	Class of 2027: Rob Albright Emma Crane Ed Velez Peggy Sue Wright	Class of 2028: Kirk Bullock Jean Buscaglia-Yurkiewicz Ingrid Kowalski Sue Mikolon
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6/15/2025

Allentown Presbyterian Church

"I am the vine, you are the branches;
if you abide in me you will bear much fruit." (John 15:5)
*In response to the grace of God, our mission is to grow a
community of fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ to
produce abundant spiritual fruit for the Kingdom of God.*

Welcome/Announcements

Rev. Dr. Stephen Heinzl-Nelson

Call to Worship

Isaac Meerleo

Leader: Today we honor the fathers and father-figures among us—
those who have given us strength, wisdom, and love.

People: **We give thanks for their example and sacrifice.**

Leader: We also come to worship the One who calls us to follow Him
— not for worldly gain, but for eternal life.

People: **For what does it profit us to gain the whole world,
if we forfeit our soul?**

Leader: Let us seek the things that last: faith, hope, and love.

People: **Let us stand and worship the God who is Father to us all.**

Song How Great Thou Art

Luke Ellis

Confession

God of grace, We confess that we often pursue what will not last.
We chase success, control, and approval— and ignore the quiet call of
your Spirit. We forget that real strength is found in love, and true
legacy is rooted in faith. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to remember
what matters most. Teach us to walk humbly, to lead with
compassion, and to love with courage. Hear us as we pray...

Song 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Children's Message

J.C. Fowler

Scripture Mark 8:34-37

Sermon What Is Our Worth?

Rev. Dr. Stephen Heinzl-Nelson

Dave Schaefer Scholarship

Offering Gratitude

Doxology

Prayers

Closing Song I Give You My Heart (This Is My Desire)

Benediction

Welcome

Welcome to worship at APC!

We are a 304-year-old church with a youthful spirit and a sense that God is always "doing a new thing" in our midst. We're so glad that you have said yes to God's invitation to be a part of it this morning.

Welcome to our Guests: If you are looking for a church family or just visiting, we welcome you. As a child of God you belong here. Please fill out the Connect Card located in front of you and place it in the offering plate so we can send you some information about APC. If you have questions about APC, call the office (609-259-7289) or speak with one of the Pastors following Worship.

Nursery Care is provided for infants through age 3, from 9:15am-10:45pm. KinderWorship is available during worship for children Ages Pre-K (4) thru 1st Grade after the Children's Message.

Coloring books and crayons are located in the back of the sanctuary for our youngest worshippers.

Prayer Requests: If you have requests, please see one of the Pastors or any of our Elders or Deacons. You can also scan the QR code to submit a prayer request.

Restrooms: Are located next door through Schulte Hall and the Potter Room and also downstairs next to the Nursery.



Sundays at APC

Worship | 9:30am (online & in-person)

Summer Sermon Series: That's a Great Question.

Jesus was a rabbi, a teacher. One of the most impactful ways to teach is to ask great questions. Jesus asked great questions-lots of them. By one count there are over 40 questions asked by Jesus. Questions invite students to think and grow. Join us this summer at APC as we wrestle with some of the probing questions asked by the Master teacher-Jesus.

Summer Adult Education | 6/15, 6/29, 7/13, 8:25-9:20am at Crossroads

- *Doing Life with Your Adult Children* by Jim Burns
- This book dives into the heart of generational tensions, boundary-setting, and the pivotal shift from authority figure to trusted advisor. With empathy and insight, Burns equips parents to foster a balanced, respectful connection, emphasizing love and support without overreach, from young adults to grandkids!
- Join us at Crossroads for breakfast and great discussions.

Coming Up

- **Game Night | Friday June 20, July 18, Aug 15, 7-9pm in the Cornell House**
 - Hosted by the Mental Health Matters ministry
 - Light refreshments will be provided. Open to everyone ages 18+.
- **Vacation Bible School | June 23-27, 6:15-8:45pm**
 - TRUE NORTH...Trusting Jesus is a Wild World!
 - This is for children entering PreK (4) - 6th grade
 - FREE! All are welcome!
 - Participants and volunteers should use the QR to register!
- **Crossroads Day Camp | August 25-29, 9-4pm**
 - For all incoming 6th - 8th graders
 - Faith, Fun, and Fellowship!
 - Scan the QR for more info and to register by 8/1
 - Questions? Contact Isaac Meerleo



Giving at APC

Thank you to everyone who has continued to give!
Below are a variety of ways that you can give to APC.



Scan the QR code or visit allentownpresbyterian.org/give

Text to Give: Gifts can be submitted by text using credit/debit cards or ACH bank transfers. Text: *GIVE2APC* To: 1-888-364-4483

Mail a Check:

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Did you make a pledge for 2025? Scan the QR or go to our website to learn how to edit your existing donation or set up a new one!

Kneeling Notes

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Congratulations to Rachael (Holtsclaw) & Eric Paul on their marriage!

Members - Tom Tellefsen; Dave Zarish; Nate Ugi; Kirsten Howell; Dave & Barbara Gray; Carolyn German; Lydia Boruta; Ida & Ken Ruch; Ruth & Ed Demarest; The Lotitos; Roberta Holmes; Kathy Plotner

Friends - Cindy Weber (Dawn Koetting's cousin); Rich Mouw; Rita Rufner; Elaine (Janet Jackson's sister); Liz Healy (friend of Rachel Scaturro); JJ Jesson; Miriam Bajzath (Jim Bajzath's mother); Emily Worden (Friend of Melissa Mandeville); Dan Zander (Joe Bocchini's cousin); Cheryl Lotito, Audra Sussman, Thomas Lotito, Mike Woods (friends and family of the Lotito family); Charles, Leyna, and Christianne Ferzli (family of Jessica Sudah); The family of Bob Myers (friend of Helen & Pat DeLorenzo); Margaret Neuman; Judi Carroll and Bob Hoch (friends of Laura Pellichero); Luke Borden (family member of Vicki Elkins); Peter Sharpe and Family (friend of Thea Tantum); Diane Judkins (friend of Vicki Elkins); Julie (cousin of Renee Martin); Debra Mauer; Brooke Bierne (niece of Maureen Harshman); Thomas (JoAnn Mount's son); Tracey Amico; Joan Thomas (sister-in-law of Dawn Koetting); Jessica Sudah's Father; Lorraine Bruno and Christopher Brooks (Mother and Brother-in-Law of Heather Saracen); JoAnn Harvey (Ashley LeBrun's grandmother); Joyce Offery (sister of Pam Wargo); Jen Bullock's Mother & Family; Don Heddy (brother of Rich Heddy); Ben Swomiak and family; Verle Cristman (Jan Cristman's father-in-law); Elaine Szul (friend of Helen DeLorenzo); Shaune Denson (son of Linda Carr); Jackie (friend of Beverly Blauvelt); Staci Blahut (cousin of Brittany Kaplan); Meghan Sacks (friend of the Harshmans); Eveleen Conti (friend of Anne Haines); Suzanne Albright (mother of Rob Albright); Larry Long & Brooke Long (friends of Ann Marie Wiedemann); Yun Lee (Julie Yi Kiernen's brother-in-law); Donna Damico (Janet Jackson's sister-in-law); Scott Crosson (nephew of the Harshmans); Andrew Sekeras (Mary Kokesh's brother).

Ministry Candidates Under Care for ordination in the PCUSA:

Dr. Sarah Vick, Jordan Heinzl-Nelson