

## APC Leadership

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### APC Church Officers

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Nancy Tindall, *Clerk of Session*

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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#### Deacons

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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## 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

Enoch Smith Jr.

### Call to Worship

Nancy Tindall

Leader: Beginning again today, we reach for the Father's knowing hand.

People: **Beginning again today, we open ourselves up to His truth.**

Leader: Beginning again today, we ready our hearts to follow the road He leads us down.

People: **Beginning again today, we strengthen our efforts toward being Christlike.**

Leader: Yesterday, we were weak, worn, and unlovable, and still Christ wants us as His own.

People: **His love shines through us, lighting the way for us to begin again today.**

Song His name is Wonderful

### Confession

Father God,

We ask, why do you feel so far when we are in need? We plead with you to come when life is heated and difficult, yet we take for granted how you embrace us every day.

Forgive our blindness, Lord, and clear our eyes and hearts to see that you are a part of every moment. Remind us that you are carrying us when we have no more steps in us and wash us clean with your compassion. Hear us as we pray...

Song In Christ Alone

### Children's Message

Scripture Psalm 22:1-2,6-8,14-19

Sermon "My God, Why?!"

Don LaCrosse

Song For Those Tears I Died

Offering Man of Sorrows

### Doxology

### Prayers

Closing Song When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

### 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 or scan for the online version! If you have questions about APC, call 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.

## Coming Up

- **Crossroads Day Camp | August 25-29, 9-4pm**
  - For all incoming 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders
  - Faith, Fun, and Fellowship!
  - Scan the QR for more info and to register by 8/1
  - Questions? Contact Isaac Meerleo
- **HomeFront Back to School Drive | Due by Friday Aug 8th**
  - Contact Mary Beth Drew to get involved!
  - 609.954.8705 or 5drews@optonline.net
- **Game Night | Friday 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+.



- **Men's Retreat | October 17-19, 2025**
  - Unpredictable: When Jesus Flips The Script
  - This year's guest speaker is Dave Davis, senior pastor of Nassau Presbyterian Church in Princeton. He grew up in Pittsburgh, did his undergraduate work at Harvard University, and earned his M.Div and Ph.D. in Homiletics from Princeton Theological Seminary. He was friends with Stephen Heinzl-Nelson at PTS, but don't hold that against him!



## 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](http://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

**Members** - Sheila Shreck; Thea Tantum; Carly Nemeth & Family; Nate Ugi; Kirsten Howell; Dave & Barbara Gray; Carolyn German; Lydia Boruta; Ida & Ken Ruch; Ruth & Ed Demarest; The Lotitos; Roberta Holmes; Kathy Plotner

**Friends** - Eva Heege (Aunt of Dusty Mandeville); Stephanie Burgess; Vernon Halpin (Vicki Elkin's brother); Lenore Kertesz; 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); 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