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We are launching our new app and hope you'll check it out! We plan to use it to connect more in the future but for now you can use for the following:

- Worship Services – Join us live or catch up anytime.
- Adult Ed Series – Revisit thoughtful teachings and deepen your understanding.
- Upcoming Events – Never miss a gathering or special opportunity to connect!

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Let's grow in Christ—together.

## Introducing: Solely Sermons

Solely Sermons is the official sermon podcast of the Allentown Presbyterian Church!

APC is located in Allentown NJ but we are blessed to have worshipers join us from around the world.

The Solely Sermons Podcast is updated each week with the latest sermon from our Sunday Worship. Each podcast will feature just the sermon, but the full worship videos can be found on our app or the Online Worship Replay playlist, on APC's YouTube channel.

Whether you missed a sermon or want to listen again, Solely Sermons helps you stay connected.

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Start listening today—and share with a friend who needs some truth and encouragement.

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10/5/2025

## 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

J.C. Fowler

### Call to Worship

Peggy Sue Wright / Greg Dupey

L: In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.

P: **Through Him all things were made;  
without Him nothing came into being.**

L: To all who received Him,  
who believed in His name,  
He gave power to become children of God.

All: **Let us stand as we come to worship the Word made  
flesh, full of grace and truth!**

Song Your Grace is Enough

Enoch Smith Jr.

### Confession

Eternal Word,  
You have given us life and called us Your children,  
yet we often forget who we are.  
We live as if our worth is uncertain,  
and we seek belonging in places that cannot satisfy.  
We confess that we do not always walk as children of  
light. Forgive us, Lord. Remind us again that we are Yours,  
born not of human will, but of Your Spirit,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Hear us as we pray...

Song Who You Say I Am

### Children's Message

Maureen Harshman

Scripture John 1:10-13

Sermon Life Begins

Dr. Stephen Heinzl-Nelson

Offering Living Hope

### Doxology

### Communion/Prayers

Closing Song Build My Life

### Benediction

## Welcome

Welcome to worship at APC!

We are a 305-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 the QR code for the online version! If you have questions about APC, call 609-259-7289, email the office, or speak with one of the Pastors.



**Nursery Care** is provided for infants through age 3, from 8:15am-12:15pm. 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

**8:30am (online & in-person) & 11:00am (in-person)**

**Fall Sermon Series: “Like a Child.”**

Jesus once said, “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” What does it mean to have a child-like faith? How does our identity as beloved children of God shape the way we live, love, and serve? And how do we pass on a vibrant faith to the next generation?

**Christian Education for All Ages | 9:45-10:45am**

**Adult Ed Series: Unbinding Your Heart** by Martha Grace Reese is a study designed to help grow prayer, faith, and evangelism. With Scripture reflections, real-life stories, and spiritual practices, Reese offers a simple but powerful pathway to deepen your walk with God and learn how to share your faith naturally. Pastor Stephen and our Director of Outreach J.C. Fowler, will be teaching this class for adults where you will be both challenged and encouraged as you seek to respond to Jesus’ commission to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth.

## Coming Up at APC

- **Guatemala Mission Trip Info Meeting | TODAY, 12:30pm**
  - Join us in the Adult Ed Room to learn about the Guatemala mission trip happening July 11-18, 2026
  - Only a few spots remain - don’t miss out!

- **ROCK Car Wash Fundraiser | TODAY, 12:15-4pm**
  - Help support our children’s ministry by driving through our annual ROCK car wash!
  - Located in the parking lot across from the sanctuary

- **Crossroads Youth Group Kick-Off | 10/7 & 10/8**

- Grades 9-12: Tues. 10/7, 6:30-8:30pm
- Grades 6-8: Wed. 10/8, 6:30-8:30pm
- Join us for fun, food, and fellowship!
- Be sure to register!



- **Start Here: New Members Class**
  - Sundays, 10/12 - 11/23, 9:45-10:45am
  - Start Here will introduce you to the basics of Christian faith and offer an opportunity for those interested to formally join the church.

- **FFG Family Fellowship Gathering | Monday 10/13**
  - Young Families are invited to join us for a fun night in Schulte Hall.
  - RSVP to Maureen 609-658-1975

- **Guatemala Fundraiser Dinner | Friday November 14<sup>th</sup>**

- Fundraiser Dinner & Silent Auction
- Schulte Hall
- Doors open at 6:30pm
- Dinner begins at 7pm
- \$30 per person, must pre-register



### Next Adult Ed Series: Sacred Balance

In this three-week series based on her book, *Sacred Balance: How Ancient Practices Can Restore Modern Minds*, Miriam will dive into the rich benefits of six time-tested spiritual practices. Each week will cover two practices, following the progressive themes of Awareness of God, Responding to God, and finally Reaching Outwards. Miriam will highlight both the deep spiritual roots of each practice and the current mental health research that supports their value. Each session will include a 5 minute guided practice. Reading the book along with the series is encouraged but not required!

Week 1: Chapters 1 & 4

Week 2: Chapters 2 & 8

Week 3: Chapters 3 & 7

## Kneeling Notes

### In Our Thoughts and Prayers

**Congratulations to Clay & Cloe on the birth of their daughter!**

**Members** - Kristin Low; Jeff McLaughlin; John Koetting; Peter Barlis; Nate Ugi; Carly Nemeth & Family; Dave & Barbara Gray; Carolyn German; Lydia Boruta; Ida & Ken Ruch; Ruth & Ed Demarest; Roberta Holmes; Kathy Plotner

**Friends** - Jan (Niece of Thea Tantum); Jack Cook; Cristina Colineri; Joan West; Melissa Clark, Rebecca Rydell, Cindy Weber, Joan Thomas, and Danielle (Family of Dawn & John Koetting); Chris Lane (Brother to Laura Pellichero); Eva Heege (Aunt of Dusty Mandeville); Vernon Halpin (Vicki Elkin’s brother); Rita Rufner; Elaine (Janet Jackson’s sister); Liz Healy (friend of Rachel Scaturo); JJ Jesson; Emily Worden (Friend of Melissa Mandeville); Dan Zander (Joe Bocchini’s cousin); 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; Thomas (JoAnn Mount’s son); Tracey Amico; 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

## Giving at APC

Thank you to everyone who has continued to give!  
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Allentown Presbyterian Church  
20 High St. Allentown, NJ 08501

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