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4/27/2025 - 8:30AM

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

L: The Light of the World has embraced us.

P: **Praise the Risen Lord**

L: The Lamb of God has walked away from death.

P: **Praise the Risen Lord.**

L: The tomb is empty, Jesus died to live again.

P: **Praise the Risen Lord.**

L: Let's stand and sing to our Risen Lord

Song This is Amazing Grace

Confession

Beth Rigby

Lord,

You light a fire in us to share the compassion and acceptance you
give to us. But we let the embers burn out when we don't want to
accept the challenge. We know You are sending us out and setting us
up to be your witnesses. We need only to tend to the flames, to keep
our hearts and minds open – to share You.

Forgive us, Lord, for choosing ignorance and walking away from the
hard work. Have mercy on our single-mindedness. Show us how to be
better and lead us into the path of those we need to be better for.

Hear us as we pray...

Song In Christ Alone

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Stephen Heinzl-Nelson

Scripture John 20:1-10

Sermon Pardon the Interruption

Rev. Lindsay Anderson-Beck

Offering How Deep the Father's Love

Doxology

Prayers

Closing Song Holy, Holy, Holy

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 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) and 11:00am (in-person)

Sermon Series: "Pardon the Interruption"

As humans, we don't always welcome interruptions. They mess with our agendas, our carefully balanced schedules, and our expectations. But could some of these interruptions be God attempting to get our attention? What if allowing ourselves to be interrupted by the needs of others were exactly the kind of divine detours Jesus was calling us to take? The announcement of Jesus' resurrection interrupted the course of history. It was unexpected and disruptive to his first followers, and it continues to interrupt our lives today. Join us as we explore how the good news of Jesus' resurrection changes our own trajectories, expectations, and priorities.

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

Adult Education Series: The Things That Make for Peace

Beginning Sunday April 27, our Working Group on Restorative Justice will be teaching this three-part class, focusing on practicing peace, extending peace, and living peace as integral to our life of discipleship. Join us!

Giving at APC

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

Members: 2025 Per Capita is \$40.



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:

Allentown Presbyterian Church, 20 High St., Allentown, NJ 08501



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!

Coming Up



- **Intergenerational Maine Mission Trip | July 19-26, 2025**
- Last Call!!!! Sign up today! Scan to learn more and register.
- Questions? Contact jcfowler@allentownpresbyterian.org

- **Spring Adult Small Groups**

- Happening the week of May 4 - June 15
- Sign up by TODAY 4/27!



- **Seeds of Faith Garden Work Day | Saturday May 3rd, 9-12pm**

- Family service work day. Help prepare the garden that supports our food pantry!
- Contact Ingrid 609-610-1472

- **VIP Water Walk | Saturday May 3rd**

- Go to Villagesinpartnership.org/water-walk/ to learn more!
- Livestream event in the Sanctuary at 12pm
- Water Walk at 12:45pm followed by lunch at Crossroads at 1:30pm

- **FFG | Monday May 5th**

- Family service night! Scan the QR to sign up to donate.
- RSVP to Maureen 609-658-1975



Kneeling Notes

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Members - Mike Fortunato; Jeff McLaughlin; Nate Ugi; Dan Poll; Katie Smith; Lisa Neuman; Sharon Ward; Kirsten Howell; Dave & Barbara Gray; Carolyn German; Lydia Boruta; Ida & Ken Ruch; Ruth & Ed Demarest; The Lotitos; Roberta Holmes; Kathy Plotner

Friends - Elaine (Janet Jackson's sister); Liz Healy (friend of Rachel Scaturo); 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; Lari Sapnar (family member of Allyn McLaughlin); Judi Carroll and Bob Hoch (friends of Laura Pellichero); Jeff (Janet Jackson's Husband); Barry Jesse (friend of Vicki & Jeff McLaughlin); 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; Linda Carr; 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).

Our PCUSA Mission Co-Workers: Rev. Leslie Vogel, Rev. Cheryl Barnes
Ministry Candidates Under Care for ordination in the PCUSA: Dr. Sarah Vick, Jordan Heinzl-Nelson