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## Weekly Program Registrations



### Children's Ministry Sunday School

Pre-K - 5: Sun. 9:45-10:45am  
**Stepping Stones**  
Grades 1&2: Thurs. 5-6:15pm  
**R.O.C.K.**  
Grades 3-5: Thurs. 5-7:30pm

### Adult Ministry



### Crossroads Youth Ministry Sunday School

Grades 6-12: Sun. 9:45-10:45am  
**HS Youth Group**  
Grades 9-12: Tues. 6:30-8:30pm  
**MS Youth Group**  
Grades 6-8: Wed. 6:30-8:30pm

## Giving at APC

Have you made your 2026 pledge?  
You can submit it using the card located in your pew.

**Mail a Check:** APC - 20 High St. Allentown, NJ 08501

**Scan the QR** or visit [allentownpresbyterian.org/give](http://allentownpresbyterian.org/give)

**Text:** GIVE2APC to 1-888-364-4483



# Welcome to the Allentown Presbyterian Church



Sunday, May 3, 2026  
8:30 & 11:00am

*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.*

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# 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 you’re here!**

New? Wanting to go deeper? We’d love to get to know you and help you take your next step in your faith journey. Place a Connect Card in the offering plate or get connected here! →



## **Have Children?**

**Nursery Care** is provided for infants through age 3, from 8:15-12:15am. **KinderWorship** is available during worship for ages Pre-K (4) thru 1st Grade after the Children’s Message. Register here →



**If you need to step out at any point, the service will be playing next door in Schulte Hall.**



**Prayer Requests:** Leave a written request in the offering plate or submit your prayer request here.

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## Sundays at APC

**Worship - 8:30am** (livestream available)

**Christian Education - 9:45-10:45am**

**Worship - 11:00am**

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### **Sermon Series: Real Relationships**

We are made in the image of a relational God. We are made for connection. Whether it's family or friendship, marriage, parenting, work, and everyday interactions; how we relate to others is an opportunity to reflect God in the world. Join us as we explore God's design for human connection and what it looks like to follow Jesus in the relationships that shape our lives.

### **Adult Ed Series: The Prayer Course** *Schulte Hall & Online*

This is an 8-week video & discussion series put together by Pete Greig, who is a British pastor and author and founder of the 24/7 Prayer Movement. This course will help us grow and deepen our prayer life as we consider why and how we pray, different types of prayer, and what to do when our prayers go unanswered.

# Order of Worship

**Opening Song** “All Creatures of our God and King”  
Stepping Stones Choir

**Time of Greeting** Rev. Dr. Stephen Heinzel-Nelson

**Prayer of Confession** Katie Brearley / Paula Lotito

Gracious God,  
You have called us to nurture and guide one another in love, yet we confess that we often fall short.  
We lose patience, we speak without care,  
and we rely on our own strength instead of Your wisdom.  
We have failed to model the love we desire to see,  
and we have neglected the moments You have given us to teach, to listen, and to be present.  
Forgive us for the ways we fall short.  
Renew our hearts with Your grace.  
Give us patience, wisdom, and compassion,  
that we may reflect Your love in our homes  
and in our life together. Hear us as we pray...

## Assurance of Pardon

**Children's Message** Maureen Harshman  
**Song** “Homecoming” ROCK Choir

## Minute for Ministry

**Sermon** “Parenting: Where Faith Comes Home”  
Rev. Lindsay Anderson-Beck

**Scripture** Ephesians 6:1-4

## Offering

## Doxology

## First Communion

*Class of 2026: Riley Hunter Allen, Madison Rose Cymbal, Jackson David Drummond, Ellerie Jane Fisher, Kellen John Gaitens, Grace Christina Ghaffoor, Violet James Hess, Harper Marie LeBrun, Lucas William Poole, Rosalie Quinn Rossi, Addison Ann Seidner, Mason James Shelmet, Zuri Olabisi Tayla Smith, Valerie Ann Westendorf*

## Prayers

**Closing Song** “The Blessing”

## Benediction

# Upcoming Events

- **HomeFront 2026 Diaper Challenge | Now through 5/9**
  - Help us meet our goal of 500,000+ diapers and wipes!
  - Donations can be dropped off at APC in the donation bins all around the campus.
- **Family Fellowship Gathering (FFG) | Monday, 5/11, 6-7:30pm**
  - Families with children - join us for dinner, fun, & an opportunity to serve together as a family.
  - RSVP to Maureen 609-658-1975
- **ROCK Musical - Once Upon A Parable**
  - **Friday, 5/15 at 7:30pm**
  - **Sunday, 5/17 at 8:30am & 11:00am**
  - A story you've heard before... told like never before!
  - Experience the parables of Jesus brought to life through music, energy, and heart.
  - FREE admission — all are welcome!
  - Bring your friends, your family, and get ready for a story that still changes everything.
- **VBS Work Day | Saturday, 6/13, 9am-7pm**
  - Text Maureen if you are interested in helping us prepare for an incredible week! 609-658-1975
- **VBS 2026: Rainforest Falls | 6/22 - 6/26**
  - Register a participant or as a volunteer
  - Free!
  - PreK(4) through 6<sup>th</sup> Graders
  - 6:15pm-8:45pm
- **Are you interested in helping plan events to commemorate the 250th anniversary of our independence?**
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