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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)

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# Welcome to the Allentown Presbyterian Church



Sunday, December 28, 2025  
9:30am

*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. Get connected here →



### **Have Children?**

Nursery Care is provided for infants through age 3, from 9:15-10:45am. 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.*



**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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### **Winter Sermon Series:** *REVIVAL*

The story of our faith is one of revival: of God breathing new life into dead places, awakening the dormant, and bringing flourishing to the languishing. The Bible is full of powerful stories of new life and new beginnings. Beginning 1/4, join us as we hear of Revival and watch for the new work that God is doing in our midst today.

### **Winter Adult Ed Series:** *Serving our Neighbors in Peril*

Join us for a 7 week course to learn about some of our missions and ministries that serve our neighbors. We will begin January 4 with a biblical-theological overview by our pastors, followed each week with opportunities to learn about our APC food pantry, HomeFront, and the immigrant ministries of Interfaith-Rise.

## Order of Worship

### Welcome/Announcements

*J.C. Fowler*

### Call to Worship

*Karen Collins*

Leader: Wise ones still seek the truth of God.

People: **We come, drawn by God's light.**

Leader: The world offers many voices and many paths.

People: **We choose to follow the way that leads to Christ.**

All: **Let us worship the Lord with open hearts and faithful lives.**

### Song “The First Noel”

### Confession

Faithful God,

we confess that we do not always seek You with honesty and humility.

We are tempted by power, comfort, and certainty, and we sometimes follow voices that lead us away from Your truth.

Forgive us when fear shapes our decisions and when we resist the path You place before us.

Turn our hearts again toward Your light, that we may walk in obedience and trust.

Hear us as we pray...

### Song “We Three Kings”

### Children's Message

### Scripture Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon When You Find What You're Looking For  
*James Wilson Jr.*

### Offering “King of Kings”

### Doxology

### Prayer

### Closing Song “Joy to the World”

### Benediction

# Upcoming Events

- **Church Undecorating**

- Join us following today's service to take down the Sanctuary decorations. Many hands make light work!

- **Poinsettias**

- If you ordered poinsettias, please take them home with you today!

- **Advent Village Shopping**

- The online store is open through 12/31
- Advent Village provides creative and "alternative" gift options that help people in need. Life-giving gifts such as food, paid heating bills, diapers, stoves, immunizations, retreat scholarships, chickens, and goats will truly change and bless the lives of those in severe need locally and around the world!



- **Winter Small Groups**

- Sign ups will open January 3rd
- Groups begin the week of January 26th
- At APC, we believe that in order to grow spiritually, you have to be deeply connected relationally. That's what happens in our small groups! Each week as we meet, we provide time for connection and fun, discussion, and prayer. We hope you will join us!

# **Kneeling Notes**

*In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

**Congratulations to Hayley Carlson & John Anderson on their engagement!**

**Members** - John Koetting; John Elder; Ed Rhoad; Kait Villipart; Janine Talbot; Kristin Low; Nate Ugi; Carly Nemeth & Family; Dave & Barbara Gray; Carolyn German; Lydia Boruta; Ida & Ken Ruch; Ruth & Ed Demarest; Roberta Holmes; Kathy Plotner

**Friends** - Drew and Joan Thomas (Family of Dawn Koetting); Thomas (JoAnn Mount's son); Sheila Montalbano (Barbara Gray's sister); Jack Cook; Richard Ellis (Art Diebel's Uncle); (Lari Sapnar (friend of Allyn McLaughlin); Debbie (friend of Karen Van Morter); Bob Suessman; Ian Walker; Courtney (friend of Heidi Valentine); Lorraine Ricci (Brian Ricci's mother); Deb Brown & Dot Hannigan (friends of Diane Schulte); Allyssa (co-worker of Kait Villipart); Lynn Sorrenti (friend of Krystal Odell); Catherine Cardone (mother of Marian Baylor); Friends of Melissa Collins; Dot Danenhower, Ashley Alfaro, and Justine Whitman (friends of Paula Lotito); Kerri Buscaglia; Jan (Niece of Thea Tantum); Cristina Colineri; Melissa Clark and Stuart Burrows (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); JJ Jesson; Dan Zander (Joe Bocchini's cousin); Charles, Leyna, and Christianne Ferzli (family of Jessica Sudah); 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; 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); Meghan Sacks (friend of the Harshmans); 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