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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

Text: GIVE2APC to 1-888-364-4483



Welcome to the Allentown Presbyterian Church



Sunday, December 21, 2025
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. Get connected here →



Have Children?

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

Sundays at APC

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

Christian Education - 9:45-10:45am

Worship - 11:00am

Advent Sermon Series:

What Are You Waiting For?

The hymn, "O Come O Come Emmanuel" captures the spirit of
advent. It tells of the deep longing for God to break into the
world; a longing that was met with the birth of Jesus. This
longing continues, as we wait with expectation for Jesus to
come again, and again. Join us this advent as, along with the
prophets of old, we await the coming of the Messiah.

December Adult Ed Series:

Growing in Prayer and the Contemplative Life

Taught by Sister Marcy, the director at our neighboring
"Francis House of Prayer" for the past 35 years.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Jeffrey Lang / Jordan Heinzl-Nelson

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Stephen Heinzl-Nelson

Advent Candle Lighting

The Knitwits SG / The Cymbals

Song "Amen"

Confession

Beth Rigby / Greg Dupey

Triune God,
we long for your new creation.
We do not know the hour,
and your people are suffering now.
Nation wars against nation
and the powerful preserve their privilege at any cost,
blaming the stranger. Come quickly, Jesus!
How desperately we need your revolution,
and how often we fail to be that revolution.
Forgive us when we do not answer lies
and bigotry with truth, when we fail to resist injustice and
do not insist on peace. Come now, Holy Spirit! Flood our
hearts with love. Forgive us when we choose violence over
mercy, and teach us to forge peace out of evil.
Hear us as we pray...

Song "Light of the World"

Children's Message

Maureen Harshman

Sacrament of Baptism

Christopher Michael Niedermayer

Scripture Luke 2:25-35

Sermon Watching & Waiting *Rev. Lindsay Anderson-Beck*

Offering

Maddie Tietjen

Prayer

Closing Song "Go Tell it on the Mountain"

Benediction

Postlude

Upcoming Events

- **Christmas Eve Services**

- 4:00pm - Children & Family (*Christmas Play*)
- 7:30pm - Candlelight (*livestream available*)
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- Volunteers will be needed to cook and serve the meal. Sign up here:
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