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## Giving at APC

**Offering Plate:** Place an envelope with your cash/check donation in collection plate during the offering time

**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, September 20, 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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### **Upcoming Series: The Story**

Have you ever wanted to read the Bible? Or wondered what it's really all about? Here's your chance. Beginning September 20th, we are reading through the narrative of Scripture together, as one church family, over one year. "The Story" is the Bible's own text, arranged in 31 easy-to-read chapters (with some sections edited or summarized) that let the grand sweep of the narrative shine through – from creation, through Moses and David, to the Messiah Jesus and the birth of the Church.

## Order of Worship

**Opening Song** “Goodbye Yesterday” *Enoch Smith Jr*

**Time of Greeting** *Rev. Lindsay Anderson-Beck*

**Song** “All Creatures of Our God and King”

**Prayer of Confession** *Leah Robinson*

Almighty God, author of our story,  
You call us beloved, and yet we do not always love others.  
You call us children, yet we do not always obey your commands.  
We confess that our pride, selfish desires, and fear get in the way of trusting you.  
We ask your forgiveness for the ways we have treated creation like it is something to take, people like they are something to use, and you like you're in the way.  
God, restore our hearts, purify our minds, renew right relationship with us and with one another.  
We release our need for control, and give you the pen.  
Lord, write our stories in such a way that we glorify you in all that we do. Hear us, as we pray.

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Children's Message** *J.C. Fowler*

**Minute for Ministry**

**Scripture** Genesis 3:1-9

**Sermon** “The Tragic Flaw” *Rev. Dr. Stephen Heinzel-Nelson*

**Offering** “So Will I (100 Billion X) / Do It Again”

**Doxology**

**Prayers/Commissioning**

**Closing Song** “What A Beautiful Name”

**Benediction**

## Upcoming Events

- **Promised Land Ministry Luncheon | Sunday 9/27, 12pm**
  - Speaker - Jorge Santizo
  - Join us in Schulte Hall to hear from Jorge Santizo about the work of PLM and discover how you can get involved—including the opportunity to sponsor a child through the school program.
- **Fall Small Groups | Week of October 4 - December 6**
  - Small groups are a simple way to meet people, build real friendships, and grow in your faith.
  - Groups of about 7–11 people meet regularly in homes, at APC, and online. Different groups are available based on life stage, schedule, and interests.
  - Please sign up by 9/27
- **Start Here | Sundays, 10/11 - 11/22, 9:45-10:45am**
  - New to APC? Exploring Christianity? Thinking about becoming a member? Start Here is a six-week experience designed to help you explore the basics of the Christian faith, learn more about APC, meet our pastors and others who are new, and decide your next step.
- **Men's Retreat | October 16-18**
  - Where: Avalon, NJ
  - Cost: \$175 (Additional cost for Friday golf)
  - Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Mouris A. Yousef
  - "Set Free! Now What?" - Join us for this rich weekend of food, fellowship and faith as we look at stories from the book of Exodus and learn from those who first wrestled with the meaning of the gift of new life given by God.

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