

Kneeling Notes

In Our Thoughts and Prayers
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Ministry Candidates Under Care for ordination in the PCUSA:
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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 J.C. Fowler

Call to Worship
Leader: “The kingdom of God – what is it like?”
Not always grand, often unseen, yet ever unfolding.
People: **We come ready to glimpse God’s work in ordinary moments and hidden places.**
Leader: God’s reign grows like a mystery—
quiet as a seed, persistent as rising dough.
People: **Let us stand and draw near with wonder and hope, trusting that God is at work even now.**

Song A Mighty Fortress is our God Enoch Smith Jr.

Confession
Lord of all,
We confess that we often underestimate Your ways.
We expect Your power to arrive with noise and force,
and so we miss Your quiet work among us.
We rush, and fail to notice the slow growth of grace.
We doubt, and overlook the hope that is taking root.
Open our eyes to see Your kingdom
in each act of love, each word of truth,
each moment of compassion.
Forgive us, and teach us to trust Your hidden, holy work.
Hear us as we pray...

Song All Glory Be to Christ

Children's Message Marla Golden

Scripture Luke 13:18-21

Sermon What is the kingdom of God like?
What shall I compare it to? Isaac Meerleo

Offering Kingdom

Doxology

Prayer

Closing Song All the People Said Amen

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 or scan the QR code for the online version! If you have questions about APC, call 609-259-7289, email the office, or speak with one of the Pastors.



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

Summer Worship | 9:30am (online & in-person)

Summer Sermon Series: That’s a Great Question.

Jesus was a rabbi, a teacher. One of the most impactful ways to teach is to ask great questions. Jesus asked great questions-lots of them. By one count there are over 40 questions asked by Jesus. Questions invite students to think and grow. Join us this summer at APC as we wrestle with some of the probing questions asked by the Master teacher-Jesus.

Join us outside after worship for light refreshments!

Coming Up at APC

- **KICK-OFF SUNDAY | Sunday September 7**
 - 9:30am Worship
 - 10:30-1:30pm Picnic on the lawn!
 - Join us next door for food, music, fellowship, and fun for all ages!
 - We will switch to 2 services (8:30 & 11am) with Christian education (9:45am) on 9/14.
- **GriefShare | Beginning Monday September 8**
 - GriefShare helps you move through the grief process after the death of a loved one by providing a safe, welcoming place with other people who get it. You are welcome to join us, whether your loss is recent or years old.
 - When? Monday nights, 6:30-8pm beginning 9/8
 - Where? Crossroads Youth Building (75 S. Main St.)
 - To sign up, contact Jan- jmcristman@comcast.net
- **The Manse 150th Birthday Open House | Sunday 9/21**
 - Join us after worship as we celebrate the history of the Manse (118 South Main Street)
 - All are welcome to come take a tour and enjoy some food and fellowship.
 - If you’re able, please bring a side dish to share!
- **Marriage Strong: Date Night! | Sunday 9/28 5-7:30pm**
 - **Why come?** To enjoy a meaningful date night designed to help every couple leave feeling refreshed, equipped, and more connected. We'll explore important themes like partnership, communication, intimacy, and purpose.
 - **Who’s invited?** Newly married couples, longtime spouses, and every couple who wants to grow stronger together. Faith or no faith, this is for you.
 - **Does it cost anything?** Nope, dinner’s on us!
 - **Is childcare provided?** Yes! Childcare providers will be available for all ages and we will feed them too!
 - **Do I need to RSVP?** Yes, please! Spots are limited. Sign up by 9/21.
- **Men’s Retreat | October 17-19, 2025**
 - Unpredictable: When Jesus Flips The Script
 - Join with the men of APC for a meaningful weekend at Avalon of food, fellowship and fun.
 - Our guest speaker is Dr. Dave Davis from Nassau Presbyterian Church in Princeton. Dave will guide us through the surprising and unpredictable ways Jesus shows up to challenge, comfort and direct us. There is plenty of time for fellowship, recreation and relaxation.
 - Sign up using the QR code or paper form by 10/1!



Connect With Us!

Did you know we’re on the app store?!

We are launching our new app and hope you’ll check it out! We plan to use it to connect more in the future but for now you can use for the following:

- Worship Services – Join us live or catch up anytime.
- Adult Ed Series – Revisit thoughtful teachings and deepen your understanding.
- Upcoming Events – Never miss a gathering or special opportunity to connect!

Simply scan the QR code or go to your app store and search “Allentown Presbyterian Church”



Let's grow in Christ—together.

Introducing: Solely Sermons

Solely Sermons is the official sermon podcast of the Allentown Presbyterian Church!

APC is located in Allentown NJ but we are blessed to have worshippers join us from around the world.

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