

Kneeling Notes

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- Congratulations to Nicole Van Morter on her wedding to Adam Zielonka.
- Congratulations to Kelsey & Justin Lenart on the birth of their baby girl, Teagan.

Members - Kristin Low; Ed Rhoad; Jeff McLaughlin; John Koetting; Peter Barlis; Nate Ugi; Carly Nemeth & Family; Dave & Barbara Gray; Carolyn German; Lydia Boruta; Ida & Ken Ruch; Ruth & Ed Demarest; Roberta Holmes; Kathy Plotner

Friends - Kerri Buscaglia; Jan (Niece of Thea Tantum); Jack Cook; Cristina Colineri; Joan West; Melissa Clark, Rebecca Rydell, Cindy Weber, Joan Thomas, and Danielle (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); Liz Healy (friend of Rachel Scaturio); JJ Jesson; Emily Worden (Friend of Melissa Mandeville); Dan Zander (Joe Bocchini’s cousin); Charles, Leyna, and Christianne Ferzli (family of Jessica Sudah); The family of Bob Myers (friend of Helen & Pat DeLorenzo); 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; Thomas (JoAnn Mount’s son); Tracey Amico; 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); Jackie (friend of Beverly Blauvelt); Staci Blahut (cousin of Brittany Kaplan); Meghan Sacks (friend of the Harshmans); Eveleen Conti (friend of Anne Haines); 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

Giving at APC

Thank you to everyone who has continued to give!
Below are a variety of ways that you can give to APC.

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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 Rev. Dr. Stephen Heinzl-Nelson

Call to Worship Vicki Elkins / Manda Bliss

L: Come to the One who welcomes both faith and doubt.
P: **We bring our prayers and our questions.**
L: Come to the One who meets us in our need.
P: **We bring our fears and our hopes.**
L: Come to the One who makes all things possible.
All: **Lord, we believe — help our unbelief!**

Song Lord, I Need You Enoch Smith Jr.

Confession
Merciful God,
We confess that we often live as if everything depends on us. We forget to pray, we hide our weakness, and pride keeps us from coming to you in faith. Forgive us, Lord. Teach us to come as children—honest, humble, and desperate for your love. We believe; help our unbelief. Hear us as we pray...

Song Lead Me To The Cross

Children's Message Marla Golden

Scripture Mark 9:14-29

Sermon Desperate J.C. Fowler

Offering Sweet Hour of Prayer

Doxology.

Prayers

Closing Song Graves into Gardens

Benediction

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 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 8:15am-12:15pm. 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.

Upcoming Events

- **FFG Family Fellowship Gathering | Monday 10/13**
 - Young Families are invited to join us for dinner and game night in Schulte Hall.
 - RSVP to Maureen 609-658-1975



- **Crossroads Fall Retreat | November 7-9**
 - Grades 6-12
 - Camp Johnsonburg
 - Weekend of worship, faith, and fun
 - Early Bird - \$190 by 10/17
 - Final Registration - \$205 by 10/24

- **Guatemala Fundraiser Dinner | Friday November 14th**
 - Fundraiser Dinner & Silent Auction
 - Schulte Hall
 - Doors open at 6:30pm
 - Dinner begins at 7pm
 - \$30 per person
 - Must pre-register by 11/1



Sundays at APC

Worship

8:30am (online & in-person) & 11:00am (in-person)

Next Sermon Series:

Sent: The First Missionary Journey of Paul

The church in Antioch was young—yet it was bold enough to send Paul and his companions into uncharted territory with the gospel. From the very beginning, Christianity has been a **sent faith**—a faith on the move. Join us as we step into this exciting story of adventure, opposition, and unexpected victories. It’s the story of the earliest church planting efforts. And it’s also our story. Just as Paul was sent, we too are sent—right here in Allentown and beyond—to preach, teach, serve, and bring healing in Jesus’ name.

Christian Education for All Ages | 9:45-10:45am

Adult Ed Series: Sacred Balance

In this three-week series based on her book, *Sacred Balance: How Ancient Practices Can Restore Modern Minds*, Miriam will dive into the rich benefits of six time-tested spiritual practices. Each week will cover two practices, following the progressive themes of Awareness of God, Responding to God, and finally Reaching Outwards. Miriam will highlight both the deep spiritual roots of each practice and the current mental health research that supports their value. Each session will include a 5 minute guided practice. Reading the book along with the series is encouraged but not required!

Week 1: Chapters 1 & 4

Week 2: Chapters 2 & 8

Week 3: Chapters 3 & 7

Mid-Week Programs



- **Children’s Ministry**
 - **Stepping Stones**
 - Grades 1&2: Thursdays 5-6:15pm
 - **R.O.C.K.**
 - Grades 3-5: Thursdays 5-7:30pm
- **Youth Ministry**
 - **Crossroads Youth Group**
 - Grades 9-12: Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30pm
 - Grades 6-8: Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30pm



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 worshipers join us from around the world.

The Solely Sermons Podcast is updated each week with the latest sermon from our Sunday Worship. Each podcast will feature just the sermon, but the full worship videos can be found on our app or the Online Worship Replay playlist, on APC's YouTube channel.

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Start listening today—and share with a friend who needs some truth and encouragement.

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