

## APC Leadership

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### APC Church Officers

#### Session

Nancy Tindall, Clerk of Session

Class of 2024: Jane Crain Jeff McLaughlin Joe Monaghan Anna Fe Rebadavia	Class of 2025: Manda Bliss Mike Deleso John Holtsclaw Ryan Thomas	Class of 2026: Karen Collins Rich Heddy Denise Schaefer Ann Marie Wiedemann
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#### Deacons

Class of 2024: Nikki Domenech Julie Yi Kiernen Dan Poll	Class of 2025: Janet Cristman Peter Gaitens Melissa Mikolon Angela Setaro	Class of 2026: Vicki Elkins George Pirocchi Phil Rondinelli Pam Wargo
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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 / Announcements

Rev. Dr. Stephen Heinzl-Nelson

### Call to Worship

Nancy Tindall  
Greg DuPey

### Opening Song *All Creatures of Our God and King*

### Confession:

God of justice and truth,  
you ask us to give to you the things that are yours.  
If we are honest,  
we know we hold so much back.  
We have promised you our obedience,  
but we often fulfill our own desires first.  
We have promised you our worship,  
but we give our attention to idols instead.  
We have promised to do your work in the  
world, but we put it last on the list of priorities.  
Have mercy on us and forgive us.  
Increase our generosity that we might give  
freely, grateful for all of the gifts you have given us.  
Hear us as we pray...

### Musical Response *Crowns*

### Children's Message

Dan Domenech

### Scripture I Timothy 6:17-19

Sermon He Gets Us: Priorities Rev. Dr. Stephen Heinzl-Nelson

### Generosity Moment Offering

Kelsey Carroll

### Song *My Worth Is Not In What I Own*

### Prayers

Rev. Lindsay Anderson-Beck

### Commissioning of Ministry Volunteers

### Closing Song *You Are My All In All*

### Benediction

## Welcome

Welcome to worship at APC!

We are a 300-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 so we can send you some information about APC. If you have questions about APC, call the office (609-259-7289) or speak with one of the Pastors following Worship.

**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 Concerns:** If you have concerns, 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

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

How did the story of a man who taught and practiced unconditional love, peace, and kindness; who spent his life defending the poor and the marginalized; a man who even forgave his killers while they executed him unjustly — whose life inspired a radical movement that is still impacting the world thousands of years later — how did this man's story become associated with hatred and oppression for so many people? And how might we all rediscover the promise of the love his story represents? Those are the questions at the heart of *He Gets Us*. Join us as we revisit the story of Jesus; his life, teachings, example and radical love for everyone.

## Kneeling Notes

In Our Thoughts and Prayers -

**Members** - Ruth Bertagni; Stacy Foy; Liz Dey; Lydia Boruta; Ida Ruch; Lyle German Sr; Carrie Sharoff; Nate Ugi; Ruth & Ed Demarest; Dave Gray; Donna Swift; Joseph Vaccarella; The Lotitos; Roberta Holmes

**Friends** - Grace (niece of Jeanne Nelson); Mark (friend of Kait Kramer); Al Zeszotarski & Family (friends of Jane Crain); Evelyn Clayton; David Blake; Roberto Santizo; Alfonso Guarraggi; Kristen Heinzl; Mike Yock; Lincoln DeRose; Pat Stouffer; Ronald Roper & Danny Young (friends of Jaime Trama); Ellie Seiler (sister of Ingrid Kowalski); Donald Lotito (Dave Lotito's brother); Bryce Moore and Family (friends of the Lotitos); Justin Van Handel and Family (friends of the Lotitos); Miles Baird (Nephew of a friend of the Lotitos); Kerrie Fung; Lynn Foster (Ken Ruch's Sister); Sue LeBrecht (sister-in-law of Jan Cristman); Marc & Sarah St.Jour (friends of the Smiths); Arif Gunsel (friend of Joe Monaghan); Linda Carr; Shaune Denson (son of Linda Carr); Kim Graverson and Family (niece of Beverly Blauvelt); Jackie (friend of Beverly Blauvelt); Joyce & Barbara (friends of Heidi Valentine); Staci Blahut (cousin of Brittany Kaplan); Meghan Sacks (friend of the Harshmans); Miriam Bajzath; Eveleen Conti (friend of Anne Haines); Suzanne Albright (mother of Rob Albright); Dennis (friend of Rich Cigna); Larry Long and Brooke Long (friends of Ann Marie Wiedemann); Bob Koetting (John Koetting's brother); John Begley; Shane Timmerman; Yun Lee (Julie Yi Kiernen's brother-in-law); Donna Damico (Janet Jackson's sister-in-law); Scott Crosson (nephew of the Harshmans); Richard Seraphin (Mark Seraphin's father); Eugenia Solares; Charlee Holst (friend of the Monaghans); The Schieber Family (sister of Renee Martin); Andrew Sekeras (Mary Kokesh's brother); Jacob & Ben Swomiak.

**Our PCUSA Mission Co-Workers:** Rev. Leslie Vogel, Rev. Cheryl Barnes  
**Ministry Candidates Under Care for ordination in the PCUSA:** Dr. Sarah Vick, JC Fowler

## Coming Up at APC

Fall Small Group Sign-Ups



### New to APC: GriefShare

A support group that helps you move through the grief process after the death of a loved one. GriefShare is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 11-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability, and gain solid support each step of the way.

### Fall Adult Education: Begins 9/17

**Resurrection Today: The Easter Stories of the Four Gospels and their Message for Today**

Led by Daniel L. Migliore, ordained Presbyterian minister and retired professor of Christian theology at Princeton Theological Seminary. We will explore: (1) the distinctive emphases of each of the four evangelists in telling the story of the resurrection of Jesus; (2) why having multiple versions of the Easter story serves to deepen our understanding of Easter faith; (3) how faith and hope in God who raised the crucified Jesus bears on our everyday lives as Christians here and now.

Start Here - New Members Class: 10/8 - 11/19



**ROCK & Stepping Stones Kick-Off: 9/28**

**Crossroads Youth Group Kick-Off:**

High School 10/3, Middle School 10/4



**APC Men's Retreat: 10/20-10/22 in Avalon**  
Sign up using the QR code or the flyer.



**Tragedy, Murder & Mayhem - APC Cemetery Tour: 10/27, 7PM**  
Mix & Mingle with the residents of our Cemetery. There are three hundred years of disquieting tales to be found here and many colorful souls to meet.



## Giving at APC

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

Scan the QR code  
or visit [allentownpresbyterian.org/give](http://allentownpresbyterian.org/give)



**Mail a Check:**  
Allentown Presbyterian Church - 20 High St. Allentown, NJ 08501

**Text to Give:**  
One time and recurring gifts can be submitted by text using credit/debit cards or ACH bank transfers. Text: Give To: 1-609-337-3272