

Kneeling Notes

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

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Ministry Candidates Under Care for ordination in the PCUSA:
Dr. Sarah Vick, Jordan Heinz-Nelson

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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 Nancy Tindall / Marla Golden
L: All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.
P: **We have not received a spirit of fear, but the Spirit of adoption.**
L: God’s Spirit bears witness with our spirit, that we are God’s beloved children.
P: **And if children, then heirs—heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ.**
L: Come, let us stand worship our gracious Father, who calls us His own.
P: **We come to worship the Lord!**

Song Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing *Enoch Smith Jr.*
Confession
Abba, Father, We confess that we often live as strangers, forgetting that we are Your children.
We fall back into fear, rather than trust Your Spirit of adoption.
We try to earn what You freely give, and we forget the inheritance of grace already ours in Christ.
Forgive us. Remind us again who we are—Your beloved sons and daughters, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Hear us as we pray...

Song In Christ Alone
Children's Message Maureen Harshman

Scripture Romans 8:14-17
Sermon Adopted Rev. Stephen Heinz-Nelson

Offering Adoption Song

Doxology.

Prayer

Closing Song No Longer Slaves

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 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.

Sundays at APC

Worship

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

Fall Sermon Series: “Like a Child.”

Jesus once said, “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” What does it mean to have a child-like faith? How does our identity as beloved children of God shape the way we live, love, and serve? And how do we pass on a vibrant faith to the next generation?

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

Adult Ed Series: Unbinding Your Heart by Martha Grace Reese is a study designed to help grow prayer, faith, and evangelism. With Scripture reflections, real-life stories, and spiritual practices, Reese offers a simple but powerful pathway to deepen your walk with God and learn how to share your faith naturally. Pastor Stephen and our Director of Outreach J.C. Fowler, will be teaching this class for adults where you will be both challenged and encouraged as you seek to respond to Jesus’ commission to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth.

Coming Up at APC

- **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 of the house.
 - Enjoy food, fellowship, and fun!
 - If you’re able, please bring a side dish to share.

- **Adult Small Groups | Sign ups close today**
 - Small Groups are spaces to gather together regularly outside of Sunday worship with others who are seeking to follow Jesus in their everyday lives.
 - Groups will begin the week of September 29 and finish the week of December 8, with most groups meeting three times a month.



- **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! Sign ups close today!



- **Start Here: New Members Class**
 - Sundays, 10/12 - 11/23, 9:45-10:45am
 - Start Here will introduce you to the basics of Christian faith and offer an opportunity for those interested to formally join the church.



- **Men’s Retreat | October 17-19, 2025**
 - Unpredictable: When Jesus Flips The Script
 - Join 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. Sign up 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!

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