

Kneeling Notes

In Our Thoughts and Prayers
Condolences to JB Brennan on the passing of his brother.

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 - Family & Friends of Ryan Duffy; Michele McFarlan on the passing of her mom; Friends of Melissa Collins; Ashley Alfaro nad Justine Whitman (friends of Paula Lotito); 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 Scaturro); 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

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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. Stephen Heinzl-Nelson

Call to Worship Jeff McLaughlin / Anna Fe Rebadavia
L: Come! Let us speak plainly and boldly of our faith.
All: The Spirit of God descends upon us,
and Christ’s promise to us is fulfilled.
L: The expression of the Spirit’s power
in our community is a wonder to behold.
All: We each have a different voice,
yet we witness God’s joy together! Amen.

Song Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Confession
Almighty God,
When faced with earthly powers that seem overwhelming,
we crumble. We fear this world. We fear losing our status,
our stability, our station more than we fear you. We cling
to what is familiar and safe, forgetting that you alone are
our refuge and strength. Too often we measure success by
comfort rather than by faithfulness. We hesitate to speak
truth when silence feels easier. We doubt that your power
can work through our small acts of courage and grace.
Forgive our shortcomings, O Lord, and steady our
trembling hearts. Teach us to trust in you when we take a
risk for what we know is right, and remind us that your
kingdom stands when all others fall. Hear us as we pray...

Song Here I Am, Lord

Children's Message R.O.C.K. & Stepping Stones

Scripture Acts 13:1-3
Sermon Sent Rev. Lindsay Anderson-Beck

Time of Sharing Tom & Stephanie Burgess

Offering God of This City

Doxology.

Prayers

Closing Song Go Light Your World

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



- **Deacon Thanksgiving Drive | Due 11/2**
 - Scan for list of donations
 - Questions? Rob Albright 609-900-5035

- **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



- **HomeFront Halloween Candy Collection**
 - Have any leftovers or unwanted candy at home? HomeFront would love to use your extra goodies in their children’s programs throughout the year.
 - Please bring your bags of extras and drop them off in the marked bins by 11/9.

Sundays at APC

Worship

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

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*, Rev. Miriam Diephouse-McMillan 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!

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!

“I heard it through the Grapevine”

APC sends out a weekly newsletter every Saturday morning called the Grapevine. It contains information about the upcoming Sunday, upcoming events, opportunities to serve, and more! Email Courtney to join the mailing list.

Did you know we’re on the app store?!

We just launched 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.

APC Podcast: 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.

Whether you missed a sermon or want to listen again, Solely Sermons helps you stay connected.

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