

Kneeling Notes

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- Condolences to the Bajzath family on the passing of Jim’s mother, Miriam.
- Congratulations to Tyler McGuigan and Emma Crane on their engagement!

**Members** - Sheila Shreck; Thea Tantum; Carly Nemeth & Family; Nate Ugi; Kirsten Howell; Dave & Barbara Gray; Carolyn German; Lydia Boruta; Ida & Ken Ruch; Ruth & Ed Demarest; The Lotitos; Roberta Holmes; Kathy Plotner

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**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.

**Mail a Check:**  
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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

Isaac Meerleo

Call to Worship

Manda Bliss

**Leader: We come today not to elevate ourselves,  
but to follow the One who knelt to serve.**

**People: In a world that honors power,  
Jesus shows us the strength of humility.**

**Leader: Christ welcomes us not as guests to impress,  
but as beloved ones to nourish and guide.**

**People: Let us stand to worship the One who serves,  
and calls us to do the same.**

**Song** If I Could Have Anything

Luke Ellis and Band

Confession

God of mercy,  
We confess that we seek comfort over compassion,  
recognition over relationship.  
We admire those who sit in places of honor,  
and forget that You are among those who serve.  
Forgive us for the ways we cling to status and pride.  
Renew in us the humility of Christ,  
who washed feet, broke bread,  
and gave His life in love.  
Teach us to follow not from above,  
but from beside and below. Hear us as we pray...

**Song** Simple Gospel

Children's Message

Maureen Harshman

**Scripture** Luke 22:24-30

**Sermon** Who Is Greater?

J.C. Fowler

**Reflection Song** As For Me and My Home

**Offering** Maine Look Back

Doxology.

Prayers

Marla Golden

**Closing Song** Livin’ on a Prayer (Makin’ It Count)

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

- **Crossroads Day Camp | Aug 25-29, 9-4pm**
  - For all incoming 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders
  - Faith, Fun, and Fellowship!
  - Scan the QR for more info
  - **Registrations close TODAY!**
  - Questions? Contact Isaac Meerleo
- **Belmar Family Beach Day | Monday Aug 4**
  - Bring your towels, sunscreen, food, umbrellas, etc!
  - Meet at Belmar between 14th & 15th Ave, 9am-dusk.
  - \$12 daily badge - Kids 13 and under are FREE.
  - All ages welcome!
  - Questions? Contact Maureen Harshman
- **HomeFront Back to School Drive | Due Friday Aug 8**
  - Provide school supplies for our neighbors in need!
  - Contact Mary Beth Drew to get involved!
  - 609.954.8705 or 5drews@optonline.net
- **Game Night | Friday Aug 15, 7-9pm in the Cornell House**
  - Hosted by the Mental Health Matters ministry
  - Light refreshments will be provided.
  - Open to everyone ages 18+.
- **Visit from Workwell Ministry | Sunday August 17**
  - On August 17<sup>th</sup>, we will have guests with us from Workwell ministry. They will be speaking in worship and then we will have refreshments in Schulte hall following the service. During that time, they’d love to meet with anyone who is interested in finding out more about the work of reentry, helping formally incarcerated people to find their way back into the world. You are invited to come and find out more about this life-changing ministry. We hope you will join us!
- **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. See you there!
  - Sign up using the QR code or paper form!



## 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.

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

Available on our app, Apple Podcasts, Spotify, and wherever you listen.

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

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