

## APC Leadership

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### APC Church Officers

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Class of 2025:  
Manda Bliss  
Mike Deleso  
Brad Drew  
Ryan Thomas

Class of 2026:  
Karen Collins  
Rich Heddy  
Denise Schaefer  
Ann Marie Wiedemann

Class of 2027:  
Colin Brearley  
Mark Setaro  
Patti Stanley  
Osama Sudah

#### Deacons

Class of 2025:  
Jan Cristman  
Peter Gaitens  
Melissa Mikolon  
Angela Setaro

Class of 2026:  
Vicki Elkins  
George Pirocchi  
Phil Rondinelli  
Pam Wargo

Class of 2027:  
Rob Albright  
Emma Crane  
Ed Velez  
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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. Lindsay Anderson-Beck

### Call to Worship

Peggy Sue Wright / Greg DuPey

L: God assures us. "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

P: **I will counsel you with my loving eye on you."**

L: He encourages us. "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me.

P: **for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."**

L: He guides us. "For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us,

P: **So that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope."**

**Song** Amazing Love

### Confession

Jesus, you have called us to stand up and be yours without question. You offer us many ways to do just that by our words and our actions, unabashedly witnessing to others. But we falter, and we miss opportunities. Forgive us, Lord, for resisting and retreating. Forgive us also for not sharing the good news of your love when it seems too hard. Open our eyes to your merciful truth - that we are our best when we let you shine through us. Hear us as we pray.

**Song** Beautiful Things

### Children's Message

Maureen Harshman

### Scripture

Acts 9:1-9

### Sermon

Rerouted

Rev. Dr. Stephen Heinzl-Nelson

### Offering

Goodness of God

### Doxology

### First Communion

*Class of 2025: Lilybeth Sage Bliss, Mackenzie Elizabeth Collins, Violet James Cymbal, Nathaniel Harvey Ernst, Ellie Jo Freiburger, Gunner Nash Gadus, Collin Pearson Horner, Conner William Horner, Daniel Harry Kirkenir, Sadie Elizabeth LaFata, Murphie Elizabeth Mumpower, Emilia Lyn Smolinski, and Olivia Marie Stanley*

### Prayers

**Closing Song** Mighty to Save

### 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 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 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) and 11:00am (in-person)**

**Sermon Series: "Pardon the Interruption"**

As humans, we don't always welcome interruptions. They mess with our agendas, our carefully balanced schedules, and our expectations. But could some of these interruptions be God attempting to get our attention? What if allowing ourselves to be interrupted by the needs of others were exactly the kind of divine detours Jesus was calling us to take? The announcement of Jesus' resurrection interrupted the course of history. It was unexpected and disruptive to his first followers, and it continues to interrupt our lives today. Join us as we explore how the good news of Jesus' resurrection changes our own trajectories, expectations, and priorities.

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

**Adult Education Series: The Things That Make for Peace**

Beginning Sunday April 27, our Working Group on Restorative Justice will be teaching this three-part class, focusing on practicing peace, extending peace, and living peace as integral to our life of discipleship. Join us!

## Giving at APC

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

**Members: 2025 Per Capita is \$40.**



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

Text to Give: Gifts can be submitted by text using credit/debit cards or ACH bank transfers. Text: **GIVE2APC** To: 1-888-364-4483

Mail a Check:

Allentown Presbyterian Church, 20 High St., Allentown, NJ 08501

**Did you make a pledge for 2025?** Scan the QR or go to our website to learn how to edit your existing donation or set up a new one!



## Coming Up



- **Intergenerational Maine Mission Trip | July 19-26, 2025**
- Last Call!!! Sign up today! Scan to learn more and register.
- Questions? Contact [jcfowler@allentownpresbyterian.org](mailto:jcfowler@allentownpresbyterian.org)



- **FFG | Monday May 5th**
  - Family service night! Scan the QR to sign up to donate.
  - RSVP to Maureen 609-658-1975
- **'Fruits and Boots' Drive for North Clinton Church of Christ**
  - We are collecting lightly used or new clothing. New socks are especially appreciated! Questions? Anne Haines at 732-299-7827
  - You can also help by filling plastic zipper-type bags with three to five pieces of fresh fruit of your choice like apples, oranges, tangerines, nuts and sealed dried fruit packets. Please delivery these in a disposable pan, box, or bag to our church kitchen no later than 9:30am on Saturday, 5/10 . Call Mike De Ieso at 610-730-9036 with questions.
- **HomeFront Diaper Challenge | Donations due by May 12th**
  - We are collecting diapers and wipes! Donations can be dropped in the marked bins located around the APC campus.
- **Food Pantry Donations**
  - The food pantry is in need of boxes of cereal!

## Kneeling Notes

### In Our Thoughts and Prayers

**Congratulations to Rachel and Chris Niedermayer on the birth of their son!**

**Members -** Mike Fortunato; Jeff McLaughlin; Nate Ugi; Dan Poll; Katie Smith; Lisa Neuman; Sharon Ward; Kirsten Howell; Dave & Barbara Gray; Carolyn German; Lydia Boruta; Ida & Ken Ruch; Ruth & Ed Demarest; The Lotitos; Roberta Holmes; Kathy Plotner

**Friends -** Elaine (Janet Jackson's sister); Liz Healy (friend of Rachel Scaturo); JJ Jesson; Miriam Bajzath (Jim Bajzath's mother); Emily Worden (Friend of Melissa Mandeville); Dan Zander (Joe Bocchini's cousin); Cheryl Lotito, Audra Sussman, Thomas Lotito, Mike Woods (friends and family of the Lotito family); Charles, Leyna, and Christianne Ferzli (family of Jessica Sudah); The family of Bob Myers (friend of Helen & Pat DeLorenzo); Margaret Neuman; Lari Sapnar (family member of Allyn McLaughlin); Judi Carroll and Bob Hoch (friends of Laura Pellichero); Jeff (Janet Jackson's Husband); Barry Jesse (friend of Vicki & Jeff McLaughlin); Luke Borden (family member of Vicki Elkins); Peter Sharpe and Family (friend of Thea Tantum); Diane Judkins (friend of Vicki Elkins); Julie (cousin of Renee Martin); Debra Mauer; Linda Carr; Brooke Bierne (niece of Maureen Harshman); Thomas (JoAnn Mount's son); Tracey Amico; Joan Thomas (sister-in-law of Dawn Koetting); Jessica Sudah's Father; 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).

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