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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:

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- Upcoming Events – Never miss a gathering or special opportunity to connect!

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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.

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"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

Katie Brearley / Julia Meerleo

L: See what love the Father has given us,
that we should be called children of God.

P: **And that is what we are!**

L: The world may not understand us,
because it did not know Him.

P: **But we know that when Christ appears,
we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.**

All: **Come, let us stand and worship the Lord of love,
who names us His children.**

Song

Your Love Never Fails

Enoch Smith Jr.

Confession

Loving God,
You claim us as Your children,
but we confess that we forget our identity in You.
We look for love in lesser places,
and we live as if we must earn what You freely give.
We are slow to reflect Your likeness,
and quick to turn to our own way.
Forgive us. Restore us in Christ,
and remind us that nothing can separate us
from Your love in Him. Hear us as we pray...

Song

How Deep the Father’s Love for Us

Children's Message

Maureen Harshman

Sacrament of Baptism

Margaret Jane Blasey (8:30am)

Scripture

1 John 3:1-2

Sermon

Love Like A Child

James Wilson Jr.

Offering

By Our Love

Doxology

Prayers

Rev. Dr. Stephen Heinzl-Nelson

Closing Song

Ever Be

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.

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

- **ROCK Car Wash Fundraiser | Sunday 10/5, 12:15-4pm**
 - Help support our children’s ministry by coming to our annual ROCK car wash.
 - Located in the parking lot across from the sanctuary.
- **Crossroads Youth Group Kick-Off | 10/7 & 10/8**
 - Grades 9-12: Tues. 10/7, 6:30-8:30pm
 - Grades 6-8: Wed. 10/8, 6:30-8:30pm
 - Join us for fun, food, and fellowship!
 - Be sure to register!
- **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.
- **FFG Family Fellowship Gathering | Monday 10/13**
 - Young Families are invited to join us for a fun night in Schulte Hall.
 - RSVP to Maureen 609-658-1975
- **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!
- **Guatemala Fundraiser Dinner | Friday November 14th**
 - More info coming soon.



Child and Youth Safety Policy Statement
God embraces children and youth with love, placing their nurture and care in our hands. We want them to know that while participating in Church-sponsored activities and events, they will find loving and caring Christians who provide a safe environment for them. It is the goal of the Church is to establish policies and procedures which promote the physical and emotional safety of the children and youth who participate in the programs of the Church. Thus, we have an established APC Child and Youth Safety Policy. Copies of the policy are available upon request. You may make the request by contacting the Office Manager at officemgr@allentownpresbyterian.org or by contacting one of the members of the APC Child & Youth Policy Oversight Team: Nancy Tindall, Jill Kurzeja, Maureen Harshman, J.C. Fowler.

Kneeling Notes

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Members - Kristin Low; 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 - Joan West; Chris Lane (Brother to Laura Pellichero); Melissa Clark (Daughter of Dawn & John Koetting); Eva Heege (Aunt of Dusty Mandeville); Vernon Halpin (Vicki Elkin’s brother); Cindy Weber and Joan Thomas (family of Dawn Koetting); 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; Brooke Bierne (niece of Maureen Harshman); 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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