



ARDMORE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Transforming Lives Through the Good News of Jesus Christ”

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Ardmore, Pennsylvania

10:30 A.M., OCTOBER 11, 2020

Worship Service

In these challenging and uncertain times, I am hopeful that you can connect with the church community in this new “virtual” way, to be led in the worship of God, to feed your soul and find solace and hope. As those who believe in the resurrection, we are called to be “Easter People.” That means we have hope, even in the midst of difficult times. We act out of God’s love for us in the way we treat others, even when we are feeling scared. Our God is a God of power, and love and hope. God conquered death for us in Jesus Christ—he will continue to be with us today, tomorrow and every day. Hold on to this hope, and if you are struggling, ask for help. From your family, friends, your church family, or from me. You are not alone.

Rev. Diane Jamison Fitch, *Transitional Pastor*

We welcome you warmly to Ardmore Presbyterian Church where we strive to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

We are especially thankful for visitors. If you have a **prayer request**, please email it to Rev. Fitch at pastor@ardmorepres.org or call 610-642-6650x100.

We are worshiping in our sanctuary on Sunday mornings and require that those attending adhere to our safety protocols which can be found at <https://ardmorepres.org/apc-safety-protocols>.

A recording or live streaming of **Sunday's service** will be posted online at www.ardmorepres.org.

Please spread the word to those who are interested in viewing our virtual worship.

SESSION

Class of 2020

Jody Brumbach
Elaine Giese
Don Poorman,
Clerk of Session
Bill Toal

Class of 2021

Cathie Calkins
Chip Cobb, Jr.
Jill Fowler
Robie Lawlace

Class of 2022

Dick Corl
Jeff Michaelson
Ben Yurchak

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2020

Kevin Fowler
Graham Fuller
Elizabeth Luff
Mary Schreiber
Jill Fowler,
Session Representative

Class of 2021

Eliza Brooks
Dan del Duca
Holly Frank
Viola Terwiesch

Class of 2022

Katherine Anne Matt,
Moderator
Jessie DiNome
Howard Donahue
Maria Helena Fernandez

*Standing

People's response in bold type

GATHERING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Choral from Symphonie II

Louis Vierne

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Diane Jamison Fitch

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Psalm 100)

Come, enter God's gates with thanksgiving,
We will come into the holy courts with praise.
Give thanks to God and bless God's holy name.
For the Lord is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever,
God's faithfulness is for all generations.
Let us worship God together!
Amen.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

CALL TO CONFESSION (based on Isaiah 30:15, 18)

Dan Del Duca

In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it. Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore, he will rise up to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Forgiveness, be gracious to us, for we have sinned against you and our neighbors. In our busyness, we have failed to call on you. In our self-centeredness, we have ignored your hurting people. We have uttered empty words and wearied you with empty deeds. We have been unwilling to see our own iniquity and have not dared to believe that you can heal us. Come to us now to forgive and make new. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Amazing grace has been offered to us. In God's forgiveness, we find healing for ourselves and others.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Our reconciliation with God opens the door to restoration with our neighbors as well!

Thanks be to God!

Amen.

MUSICAL REFLECTION *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*

ST. CATHERINE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE, 1 Kings 16:29-33; 1 Kings 17—Elijah and the Widow

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING, Psalm 139:1-6

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM, Duet

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

Carl Schalk

Kaitlyn Waterson, Soprano; Courtney Capriotti, Mezzo-soprano

Thine the amen thine the praise
Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head
Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory thine the story
Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is
Lifted up lifted up.
Thine the life eternally
Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision thine the tree
All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing
Gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying
What was loss lifted high.

Thine the truly thine the yes
Thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from thee
Thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing
Then the end of all the war
Thine the living thine the loving
Evermore evermore.
Thine the kingdom thine the prize
Thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise
Then the justice of thy ways
Thine the glory thine the story
Then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing
At thy feast at thy feast.

NEW TESTAMENT READING, Luke 14:15-24

One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, “Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!” Then Jesus said to him, “Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come; for everything is ready now.’ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.’ Another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.’ Another said, ‘I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.’ So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, ‘Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.’ And the slave said, ‘Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.’” Then the master said to the slave, ‘Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Making Room

Rev. Diane Jamison Fitch

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from Psalm 23)

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Amen.

PREPARING TO MAKE OUR OFFERING TO GOD

As we come before God with our tithes and offerings, let us remember the words of Micah 6: What does the Lord require of us? To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God. May we bring our money, gifts, and whole lives as an offering to our God.

ANTHEM, Quartet

Welcome Table

Spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes

I'm a-gonna eat at the welcome table (some of these days).

I'm a-gonna feast on milk and honey (some of these days).

I'm a-gonna wade 'cross Jordan's river (some of these days).

PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

O Mighty One, you have done great things for us,
and holy is your name.

Bless all we offer you—
ourselves, our time, and our possessions—
that through us your grace and favor
may be made known to all the world,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

Amen.

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*OUR WORSHIP CONTINUES OUTSIDE

*HYMN

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

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GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love

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*HYMN

There Is Now a New Creation

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

This Is the Feast of Victory

Sherri Hansen

PSALM 100
All People That on Earth Do Dwell 220

OLD HUNDREDTH LM

William Kethe, 1560

Attr. Louis Bourgeois (c. 1510-c. 1561)

1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with
2. Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With - out our aid He
3. O en - ter then His gates with praise, Ap - proach with joy His
4. For why? The Lord our God is good, His mer - cy is for -

cheer - ful voice; Him serve with mirth, His praise forth
did us make; We are His folk, He doth us
courts un - to; Praise, laud, and bless His name al -
ev - er sure; His truth at all times firm - ly

tell, Come ye be - fore Him and re - joice.
feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.
ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.
stood, And shall from age to age en - dure.

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Joan S. Collmann by her husband, Spencer H. Collmann.

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

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ST. CATHERINE 8.8.8.8.8.8

Paul Gerhardt, 1653

Trans. John Wesley, c. 1739; alt.

Henri Frederick Hemy, 1864

Alt. James George Walton, 1874

1. Je - sus, Thy bound - less love to me No thought can
 2. O grant that noth - ing in my soul May dwell, but
 3. O Love, how gra - cious is Thy way! All fear be -

reach, no tongue de - clare; O knit my thank - ful heart to Thee,
 Thy pure love a - lone; O may Thy love pos - sess me whole,
 fore Thy pres - ence flies; Care, an-guish, sor - row melt a - way,

And reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol-ly, Thine a -
 My joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold-ness from my
 Wher-e'er Thy heal - ing beams a - rise. O Je - sus, noth - ing

alone, I'd live, My - self to Thee en - tire - ly give.
 heart re - move; May ev - ery act, word, thought be love.
 may I see, Noth-ing de - sire, or seek, but Thee.

774 There Is Now a New Creation



1 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ,
2 Call the lost and found to - geth - er; tell the news to ev - ery - one:
3 Wrap the prod - i - gal in wel - come; run to greet the way - ward child.
4 Come and join the cel - e - bra - tion; come and join this hap - py feast;
5 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ.



peace and rec - on - cil - i - a - tion with the God of end - less life.
now the past is gone for - ev - er and a new life has be - gun.
All is fin - ished and for - giv - en; let us now be rec - on - ciled.
Je - sus makes an in - vi - ta - tion to the great - est and the least.
Sing, with thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, to the God of end - less life!



HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18th, 5-6 p.m.

Please join us for a Harvest Festival. We will have a fire pit, music, harvest stories, and safely provide the makings for smores. Please bring food items that can be donated to

Ardmore Food Pantry. Meet at the Parish House. Bring your own chairs.

Face Masks Required.

This Week at APC

Sunday, Oct. 11	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Adult Small Group: Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/890918410
	10:30 a.m.	Lord's Day Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Zoom Fellowship: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/156738896
	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Youth Group: Faith around the Fire Pit (PH)
Monday, Oct. 12	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Fellowship https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83578496052
	7:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
Tues., Oct. 13	1:00 p.m.	Grief Care Support Group (MCR)
	7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85075048566
Wed., Oct. 14	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Wednesday PLUS/Children's Choir (PH Lawn)
	6:15-6:45 p.m.	Cherub Choir Zoom Group (see Carol Shih or Twila Garletts for access code)
	6:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thurs., Oct. 15	12:00 p.m.	Thursday Mid-Day Bible Study https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88997166578?pwd=WkJsZGpWYlJnakd3bkRFcDVHSjJyQT09
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (PH Front Porch)
Sunday, Oct. 18	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Adult Small Group: Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/890918410
	10:30 a.m.	Lord's Day Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Zoom Fellowship: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/156738896
	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Harvest Festival (Youth Group Included)



The following weeks are available for dedication of our sanctuary flowers:
Oct. 18, 25, Nov. 22 and 29. Please contact Raelyn at 610-331-8972 to schedule.



ARDMORE FOOD PANTRY UPDATE LOOKING AHEAD TO THANKSGIVING OUTREACH

Currently the AFP is well stocked with staple food items and they are looking ahead to Thanksgiving. In the past, bags of items needed to make a traditional Thanksgiving meal along with a \$10 gift card (to purchase a turkey or ham) have been given or delivered to neighbors in need. **This year due to COVID restrictions it has been decided to skip the bags and provide each AFP guest with a \$25 gift card as a way to help them with their purchase of Thanksgiving meal items. (Gift cards will be distributed to guests on November 16th.)**

We ask for your help in securing these gift cards. The goal is to have 150 gift cards by November 13th. These can be purchased from Acme, Giant, or Trader Joe's and delivered to the offices of Ardmore Presbyterian or St. Mary's Episcopal Church (at St. Mary's cards can be put in an envelope and slipped through the mail slot) or cards can be sent via mail to APC or St. Mary's.

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Ardmore, PA 19003

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If you have questions, feel free to contact Joanne Poorman at 610-525-5023. Please leave a message if I am not at home and I will return your call. Our partnership with the AFP has been a blessing to those of us who volunteer and to each of the families who has had this crucial blessing in their lives.



JOIN US FOR APC'S HALLOWEEN PARADE

**October 28, 2020 at 5 p.m.
(instead of Wednesday Plus)**

Meet at the front door of the Sanctuary and we will proceed around the church complex.

Please park in the Suburban Square lot.

Come in costume and stay with your family unit.

Face masks are required and we will socially distance.

Treat bags will be distributed.

RSVP to the Church Office 610-642-6650





Lift your prayers this week for: Our Church Family, Pastor Nom. Com., World Leaders & Health Care Workers, Spencer Collman, Dafney Dorsario, Dr. David Githii, Joe Hartnett, Bruce Kozak, Julie Patterson, Kossi and Josephine Sedzro.

Ongoing Prayers for: Kate Brooks, Rosemary Fischer, Sandy Foote, Twila Garlests, Claire Hammonds, Mary Schreiber, Kathy Toal. In prayer for all who are grieving the loss of someone they love. Friends/Family: Pastor Diane's mother Polly Jamison, Irena Reynolds' (Preschool Administrator's) brother-in-law Mike. APC mission partners: APC Preschool, Ardmore Food Pantry, Caring Hands Ministry (in India), First Place, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Kuwadzana Presbyterian Church (in Zimbabwe), Maternity Care Coalition, Medical Benevolence Foundation, Pre-Med Hospice Ministry, Teachers' Teammates, The Welcome Church, Welcoming the Stranger, and West Kensington Ministry.

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Online E-Giving – You may now give to APC at any time by going to the church's website (www.ArdmorePres.org) and click on the green "GIVE NOW" button on the top right corner. Or, you may simply **scan the QR code on the left here with your phone**. Simply set up a new account and start e-giving today!