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"Transforming Lives Through the Good News of Jesus Christ"

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Ardmore, Pennsylvania

10:00 A.M., AUGUST 9, 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.

A recording 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

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful find comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

Medley of American Hymns
How Firm a Foundation
Shall We Gather at the River
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
 Elizabeth Mendoza, 'Cello

Arr. Lee Burswold (2002)

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Diane Jamison Fitch

*CALL TO WORSHIP

From the midst of our real lives with their very real problems,
**We come to seek courage and strength from the presence of God and
 the support of one another.**

As persons who love imperfectly and are loved imperfectly,
**We come to be renewed by the perfect love of God,
 proclaimed in this community of love and faith.**

As persons who never fully live up to their high calling in Jesus Christ,
We come to be encouraged to do our best for one more week.

Let us worship, with hearts open to the love of God,
 with hands outstretched to one another,
and with whole selves willing to accept the cost and joy of being Christ's disciples.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love and justice, we long for peace within and peace in our world. We long for harmony in our families, for serenity in the midst of struggle. We long for the day when our homes will be a dwelling place for your love. Yet we confess that we are often anxious, we do not trust each other, and we harbor violence. We are not willing to take the risks and make the sacrifices that love requires. Look upon us with kindness and grace. Rule in our homes and in all the world; show us how to walk in your paths, through the mercy of our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MUSICAL REFLECTION *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Judith Brackett

ANTHEM, Solo

Bourée from Orchestral Suite No. 3

J. S. Bach, arr. Krane

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING, New Testament, Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Healer of Our Every Ill

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from Our World Belongs to God)

Joining the mission of God, the church is sent with the gospel of the kingdom to call everyone to know and follow Christ, and to proclaim to all the assurance that in the name of Jesus there is forgiveness of sin and new life for all who repent and believe. The Spirit calls all members to embrace God's mission in their neighborhoods and in the world: to feed the hungry, bring water to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and free the prisoner. We repent of leaving this work to a few, for this mission is central to our being. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

MUSICAL REFLECTION

How Firm a Foundation

*THE BENEDICTION

Go in peace – and take peace – to all you meet.

For we are the body of Christ, and members of one another.

God grant you the eyes of Christ to perceive human need,

and Christ's hands to heal,

and Christ's heart to love,

through the dynamic energy of the Holy Spirit.

Amen! and Amen!

Joachim Neander (1680)
Tr. Catherine Winkworth (1863), alt.

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8

Stralsund *Ernewerten Gesangbuch* (1665)
Harm. *The Chorale Book for England* (1863)



1..Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion! O my soul
2..Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly reign - eth, Shel - ters thee
3..Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore Him! All that hath



praise Him, for He is thy health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear,
un - der His wings, yea, so gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen
life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore Him! Let the a - men



Now to His tem - ple draw near; Join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
How thy de - sires e'er have been Grant - ed in what He or - dain - eth?
Sound from His peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for aye we a - dore Him.

The Interfaith Hospitality Network of the Main Line an Affiliate of  Family Promise

presents

HOPE FOR HOMES

AN ONLINE FUNDRAISING EVENT

September 13, 2020 | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. EDT

FAMILY-FRIENDLY

ENTERTAINMENT

ONLINE AUCTION

<https://e.givesmart.com/events/hGg/>

William Whiting (1860), alt.

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MATERNA 8.8.8.8.8.8

John B. Dykes (1861)

1..E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm has bound the rest - less wave, Who
2..O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word The wind and waves sub - mis - sive heard, Who
3..O Ho - ly Spir - it, who did brood Up - on the cha - os wild and rude, And
4..O Trin - i - ty, of love and power, All trav - elers guard in dan - ger's hour; From

bade the might - y o - cean deep Its own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O
walked up - on the foam - ing deep, And calm a - mid its rage did sleep: O
bade its an - gry tu - mult cease, And gave, for fierce con - fu - sion, peace: O
rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro - tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus

hear us when we cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
hear us when we cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
hear us when we cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
ev - er - more shall rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

Healer of Our Every Ill

Heal - er of our ev - ery ill, light of each to - mor - row,



Give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1...You who know our fears and sad-ness, Grace us with your peace and glad-ness;
 2...In the pain and joy be-hold-ing How your grace is still un - fold - ing,
 3...Give us strength to love each oth - er, Ev - ery sis - ter, ev - ery broth - er;
 4...You who know each thought and feel-ing, Teach us all your way of heal-ing;



Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts. _____
 Give us all your vi - sion, God of love. _____
 Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide. _____
 Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart. _____

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TAKING CHURCH HOME

Families are invited to borrow books from the APC children's library!

In this time of not being able to gather for Sunday School, families can borrow books to enjoy at home. Our children's library has many Bible storybooks and picture books that will naturally prompt questions and discussion among children and their parents. To borrow books, simply send an email to Pastor Judith judithbrackett@ardmorepres.org and a bag of books will be prepared for you. The bag of books will be labeled with your name and placed inside a bin on the covered front porch of the Parish House. Families, or anyone interested in borrowing children's books may take them from the bin at a time of your convenience. To return books, again email Pastor Judith and a new bag of books can be exchanged using the bin. Please know that safety protocols will be followed to ensure best practices in sharing books. Happy reading and learning and growing in faith!



How Firm a Foundation

"K" in John Rippon's *A Selection of Hymns* (1787), alt.

FOUNDATION 11.11.11

American folk melody

Funk's *Genuine Church Music* (1832)

1..How_ firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord, Is_ laid for your
2.. "Fear_ not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed, For_ I am thy
3.. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go, The_ riv - ers of
5.. "The_ soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose, I_ will not, I

faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word! What more can be said than to
God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and
sor - row shall not o - ver - flow; For I will be near thee, thy
will not de - sert to its foes; That soul, though all hell should en -

you God hath said, To_ you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
cause thee to stand, Up - held by My right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
trou - bles to bless, And_ sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress."
deav - or to shake, I'll_ nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

The following weeks are available for dedication of our sanctuary flowers:

August 30, September 13, 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18 and 25.

Please contact Raelyn at 610-331-8972 to schedule.





APC SUPPORTS “WELCOME ART”

The Welcome Church is excited to share that together with the endorsement of the application by Ardmore Presbyterian Church, The Welcome Church has received a Covenant Grant from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, to support all of the ways we use art within. The Welcome Church and our new “Welcome Art” program will engage people who are experiencing homelessness, people who were homeless, now living in permanent housing, and people who have never been homeless but find themselves with interests, gifts, and/or needs in the arts. Art functions within The Welcome Church both as a source of healing for people whose lives involve physical struggle and a means of sharing incredible gifts and talents. In the midst of COVID-19, we see art among our artists and want to expand opportunities to share art and communication. We look forward to sharing in opportunities to host art shows or hold art classes led by members of The Welcome Church, meeting people in the fullness of their gifts, through engagement with a variety of area churches!

SPECIAL REQUESTS FOR THE WOMEN AT THE WELL

If anyone has any of the following items available to spare, they would be useful donations to The Well, the women’s shelter which is part of The Welcome Church.

1. Watches (for women who do not have phones; do not have to be new)
2. Headphones/Earbuds
3. CD Player or Radio

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you can help! Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

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A Ministry Of Caring – The Ardmore Food Pantry (AFP)
WAYS MEMBERS/FRIENDS OF ARDMORE PRESBYTERIAN
CAN BE PART OF THIS MISSION:



Monetary donations supplement staple items which are donated but are never enough to meet the weekly need. *Checks can be written to Ardmore Presbyterian Church with Ardmore Food Pantry or FP on the memo line and mailed to the Church.* These gifts will allow pre-packed bags to have a balanced selection of staple food items each week.

If you are shopping and wish to purchase items and deliver them to the St. Mary's Church, below is a list of the items that are put into the pre-packed bags each week.

Low Inventory Items: Cold Cereals; Bread, Sliced Loaves; Canned Tuna or Chicken; Canned Vegetables; Canned Meals (stew, chili, ravioli, etc.); Mayo—15-22 oz.; Instant Oatmeal packets; Hearty Soups (Progresso, Campbell's Chunky); Bottled Dressings; Spaghetti Sauce (24 oz. jars/cans); Canned Beans (baked, pork & beans, black beans, etc.); Mac & Cheese; Peanut Butter and Jelly; Saltine or Ritz Crackers (sleeves); Applesauce/Fruit—cans or cups; Granola Bars; Individual sized Snacks.

Paper grocery bags WITH HANDLES are needed.
Donations of Face Masks would be wonderful.

During July & August Food Pantry monetary gifts and actual donations are traditionally low because people are away on vacation so there is more of an urgent need to help.

Food items and grocery bags can be dropped off at St. Mary's under the covered porch. St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 36 Ardmore Avenue, Ardmore, PA 19003 – just past the Ardmore Post Office. www.facebook.com/ardmorefoodpantry/



Lift your prayers this week for: **Our Church Family, Pastor Nom. Com., World Leaders & Health Care Workers, Janet Abel, Betty Campbell, Jessie DiNome, Edna Gray, Holly Frank, Steve Hibbs, Louise McLean, Julie Patterson, Chris Rowe, Boots Sheckard, Mary Schreiber.** In prayer for all who are grieving the loss of someone they love. Friends/family of APC members: **Barbara Simons.** 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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