



# Arlington presbyterian church

welcome · nurture · serve · proclaim

“Moved by God’s love and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
Arlington Presbyterian Church is challenged by the Word of God to  
welcome all, to nurture spiritual growth, and to serve with compassion.  
We proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord!”

## The Service For The Lord's Day

**Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**11:00 a.m.**

### We Gather In God's Name

THE SOUNDING OF THE HOUR AND THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*The sounding of the hour and the lighting of the candle call us to worship reminding us to  
quiet our hearts and minds as we prepare to encounter God.*

PRELUDE

"PRELUDE IN C MAJOR, BWV 846A"

J.S. BACH

Welcome, visitors! For information about the church and worship, please turn to the back cover.

A PRAYER FOR THE BEGINNING OF WORSHIP

**Come to this place, Holy Christ, and let us receive You with lavish welcome. You are the Restorer of our fortunes, The Promise of new life—we pour out our praise to You. Fill us with Your Spirit: the sound of wind, the warmth of flame, the scent of perfume and fill our hearts with Your compassion, not just in this time and place, but in all times and in all places, so that as we celebrate the great things You have done for us, we may also embody the love You give to all. Amen.**

\*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT      "Give Thanks To God      No. 653  
Who Hears Our Cries" v. 1

***Give thanks to God who hears our cries and saves in troubled days  
with wondrous works to humankind that call for highest praise.  
Let all who know God's saving love sing grateful songs always***

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Creator God, You call us to hospitality; to give as generously to others as  
You have given to us.

**For there are angels among us.**

Loving God, You call us to give You glory in the compassion we show  
to one another.

**To love without judgment, of ourselves or of others.**

We gather as one Body, seeking to walk in the way You have set for us.

**We gather as one Body, to worship the one who is Love.**

\*HYMN      "Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above"      No. 645

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of glory, You sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal Your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of Your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. Forgive us, God. In Your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with Your Spirit, so that, as forgiven and renewed people, we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ into our world.**

*(A time for silent confession)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Our God is a God of grace and mercy and love;  
**we know that our sins have been forgiven.**

Since we have been raised with Christ,  
**let us seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the  
right hand of God.**

\*SUNG RESPONSE

"Give Thanks To God  
Who Hears Our Cries" v. 5

No. 653

*If you have felt your courage fail before a violent sea  
and cried to God, who stilled the storm, and made the wild wind flee,  
then in the congregation praise the One who heard your plea.*

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**We Listen For God's Word**

\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Speak with authority in our lives, O Christ. Speak to us, and to what is in us,  
so that we might be whole. Speak to us, with love, with hope, and with strength,  
so that we might hear You, and know, deep inside, that we are Your people, that  
You are our God and You call us into Your world. Let it be so.**

ANTHEM

"AMAZING GRACE"

SOUTHERN FOLK TUNE

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 8:28-9:8

p. 7

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

"Hinge Ministry"

Sharon Core

## We Respond To God's Word

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"When People Die By Hatred"  
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette  
(tune: Aurelia The Church's One Foundation)

*When people die by hatred, when people die by fear,  
When people die defending our right to protest here,  
When young black men are murdered, when heroes die in blue,  
When people die for justice, O God, we cry to You.*

*We thank You for the faithful who give and give some more:  
Who advocate for justice, who lead the cry: "No more!"  
Who work for public safety, who seek a peaceful way.  
We thank You for their labors to build a better day.*

*When people raise their voices and seek the common good,  
When neighbors meet with neighbors to change their neighborhood,  
When we hear others' stories, when we admit our sin,  
O God, we'll know Your healing in this world once again.*

SHARING OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE

PRAYERS OF AND FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

During the prayer this morning, we will be singing verses 2, 3, and 4 of *Give Thanks To God Who Hears Our Cries*, no. 653. We will be singing them in order. The line before each singing is: **And for Your continued Presence, we give You thanks.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(... VERSION)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.**

## We Offer Ourselves To God

OFFERTORY

\*SUNG REPOSE

"Give Thanks To God  
Who Hears Our Cries" v. 6

No. 653

***So praise the One whose love is great, whose kindness is well-known.  
Consider well the healing hand and help you have been shown,  
and the tell the world what God has done. Praise God and God alone.***

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**In the offering of our gifts, as well as the living of our days, may we not grow weary of doing what is right, but commit to speaking up for the voiceless, healing the broken, feeding the hungry, and all those mercies which are such a part of Your heart and hopes for all Your children. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

FAITH IN ACTION

A TIME TO SHARE WHAT WE'VE HEARD TODAY

\*HYMN

**"For The Healing Of The Nations"**

No. 346

\*SENDING

Peace be with you. Behind doors closed & locked in fear,  
**may God's peace dwell with us.**

On this path where the footing is tricky,  
**may God's peace walk with us.**

Through the mist with its disorienting shadows,  
**may God's peace gaze calmly with us.**

At the table, whether crowded or quiet,  
**may God's peace sit with us.**

No matter the turbulence or shifting ground,  
**may God's peace stand with us.**

In every breath, in each wound & every exuberance,  
**may God's peace be alive with us.**

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"MINUET IN G, BWV 114"

J.S. BACH

## Announcements

**FISHBOWL:** As we make our transition from 3507 to our current space, the congregational connections group is supporting ways for us to remain connected to one another. One of these ways is the APC Fishbowl. If you are interested in getting to know people a bit better, you are invited to participate. How does this work? On September 25 and October 2, you will have the opportunity to put your name on a slip of paper -- see tear-off on facing page -- and put it into the Fishbowl. After worship on October 2, we will draw names in pairs. Over the next month, each pair is invited to find a time to get together -- go for lunch, coffee, whatever! And then at the end of the month, we will do it all over again.

**WAKING UP WHITE:** This is our summer read. In this book, Debby Irving offers her experience with race and racism. Our co-moderators for the PC(USA), Denise Anderson and Jan Edmiston have challenged the denomination to read this and then talk about it. So, that's what we're going to do. Gathering times for discussion are:

Thursday, September 29: home of Cathia and JD Levite;  
1908 Reston Metro PLZ, Apt 1220, Reston, VA 20190

All discussions begin at 7:30 p.m. Come for one or all; let the reading and discussion begin!

**Presbyterian Women** will meet the fourth Sunday of each month following church. Our first meeting will be September 25th. We will share a potluck lunch. Our Bible study this year is "Who is Jesus?" Please let me know if you would like for me to order you a study book. Books are \$8.00. Every one is welcome. Contact Nancy Cielinski with questions 703-678-1225 or ncielinski@gmail.com

The National Capital Presbytery seeks an Administrator for the Committee on Ministry to work with a staff of nine others and various committees providing oversight to congregations seeking pastors, encouraging congregations and pastors, and increasing their capacity for ministry. The position is full-time. Salary \$52-\$56K (with benefits) depending on experience. Offices are in Rockville, MD. We hope to fill the position by November 7. The Administrator will track details of processes, communicate policy, take minutes of meetings and communicate decisions to appropriate parties, keep confidential information secure. The full position description can be found at <http://www.thepresbytery.org/calls-jobs?job=83>. Email resume to Todd McCreight at [tmccreight@thepresbytery.org](mailto:tmccreight@thepresbytery.org).

## September Birthdays

1 Susan Etherton	17 Edwige Soughe
2 Don Sadler	24 Mercedes Frost
5 Miles Townes	29 Lorraine Gardner
12 Ann Harvey	29 Diana Lewis-Chun
13 Rhea Dola	30 Jessica Tansill Peerwani

## September Anniversaries

27 Ann and Bill Tansill

**Please note our new mailing address, effective immediately: PO Box 41810, ARLINGTON, VA 22204**  
**Necessary information from the church office:** Bulletin announcements can be e-mailed to the Church [apc@arlingtonpresbyterian.net](mailto:apc@arlingtonpresbyterian.net)). You may also call them in to: (703) 920-5660.

**All information must be in the church office no later than noon on Tuesday.**

**CHURCH RETREAT, OCTOBER 21 – 23, 2016:** The time is now to reserve your place! We are spending retreat time at Mar-Lu-Ridge (<http://www.mar-lu-ridge.org>), 3200 Mar Lu Ridge Rd. Jefferson, MD 21755. We will begin on Friday evening with dinner and conclude Sunday after breakfast and worship.

We have secured rooms in The Ridge Inn which will meet all of our needs in one building. The upstairs has a large gathering area with fireplace in the middle and a conference room behind it (for breakout or otherwise). The Inn has 16 rooms total with 3 twin-size beds in each room. There is no wi-fi but there is a cell tower. We would have the entire inn so could adjust our rooms accordingly (some with doubles, singles or family). All linens are provided including towels. The dining area is on the lower level as are the rooms. The upper level also has a deck that overlooks the mountains. **For two nights and five meals, the cost is \$150 per person. Children 3 – 12 are ½ price. Funds are available for those who might need them. Speak to Sharon.**

So, what are you waiting for? Sign up today!!!! Use the registration form below. Please include \$30 deposit with your form.

**Church Retreat Registration (one per family)**

Name:

Other people joining me:

It's just me, myself and I:

Best contact info for me is:

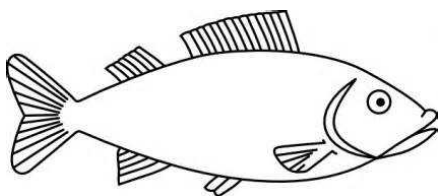
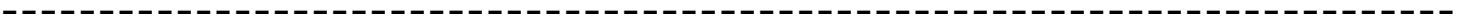
Total cost due:

(\$150 per for those 13 and older; \$75 for those 3 – 12; free for those under 3)

I have included my \$30 deposit.  Yes  No

**Fishbowl Sign-up**

Please... one name per fish; print legibly; cut or tear on dashed lines



## About Worship

We ask that you sign the friendship register at the entrance to the chapel. We will not use or share your contact information, except to note attendance and follow up if you wish to become a member.

Children are welcome in worship and childcare for small children is available. Please see an usher for direction to the childcare room.

\*starred items indicate to please stand, as you are able.

**Bold** items indicate congregation to speak in unison.

We invite to join us for fellowship after the service. An usher will direct you (same room as childcare).

Serving today in worship:	Liturgist: Laura Gehrenbeck Ushers: Nancy Cielinski, Emmett Gehrenbeck Pianist: Steve Beck
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## About Arlington Presbyterian Church

Arlington Presbyterian Church has served the south Arlington community since 1908. We are a congregation in the Presbyterian Church (PC-USA), a Reformed denomination of more than 1.7 million members worshipping in more than ten thousand congregations in the United States. 'Presbyterian' is from the Greek word for 'elder': we elect elders who lead our church as the Session.

### THE SESSION

Class of 2016: Jon Etherton and Kristine Gabster  
Class of 2017: Kristl Hathaway and Manfred Soughe  
Class of 2018: Laura Gehrenbeck and Miles Townes

### THE CHURCH STAFF

<b>Pastor:</b>	Sharon Core
<b>Clerk of Session:</b>	Kristl Hathaway
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Judy Robb
<b>Minister of Music:</b>	Steve Beck

### Contact us:

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Church office hours: Monday - Thursday, 9am - 2pm

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## The Church At Work

Sunday, September 25	-9:30 a.m. -11 a.m.	Choir practice Worship
Tuesday, September 27	-4 p.m.	National Capital Presbytery Meeting, National Presbyterian Church, DC
Thursday, September 29	-7:30 p.m.	<i>Waking Up White</i> ; home of Cathia and JD Levite, 1908 Reston Metro PLZ, #1220, Reston, VA 20190
Sunday, Month Day	-9:30 a.m. -11 a.m.	Choir practice Worship