



# THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN PARIS

**13 November 2022**  
**Announcements**

## Highlights...

**ACP Sermon Series** **The Politics of Jesus**

Join us every Sunday!  
23 October - 20 November

**11h and 14h**

**What happens when Christianity becomes the national religion?**



**COME TOGETHER**  
ACP GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN 2023

COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS 13 NOV

**Please pray about your financial commitment to ACP for 2023.** ACP's mission depends on our coming together to give. Thank you for doing your part to support this community we love. To submit your commitment online go to [acparis.org/estimatedgiving2023](https://acparis.org/estimatedgiving2023).

**In need of prayer?** If you are in need of prayer, a lay caregiver is available in the chapel (to the right of the sanctuary) to pray with you. If you have a prayer you'd like us to uphold for you, you may contact us at [acparis.org/prayers](https://acparis.org/prayers).

**ACP Women's Fellowship: Today!** 12h15-13h30 in the Thurber Room. All women are welcome to join us as we listen to ACP member MaryClaire King speak on how the Lord has consistently redeemed the difficulties in her life and used it to bring forth blessings beyond her wildest dreams. Bring a snack to share if you are able.

**Love in a Box:** ACP is participating in this time-honored tradition in the Île-de-France region, offering holiday presents to needy children. We will collect the boxes at the Welcome table today and next Sunday 20 November, which will be the last day to bring your boxes. Instructions for preparing the boxes are available at [acparis.org](https://acparis.org). For questions, please contact [daniel\\_leviking@yahoo.fr](mailto:daniel_leviking@yahoo.fr) and [tiana.ranaiv@gmail.com](mailto:tiana.ranaiv@gmail.com).

**Atelier Concert:** Today 17h30 in the Sanctuary. Come enjoy a concert featuring our very own Debra Takakjian (piano), and Le Trio Mirabeau (strings). Free entry with free-will offering.

**Membership Inquiry Class:** 20 November 12h30 in the Library on the 2nd floor. Interested in learning more about ACP: who we are and what we believe? Please join our membership inquiry class. Register at [acparis.org/signups](https://acparis.org/signups) today!

**Ensemble Lumina Open Rehearsal:** 22 November 19h45 in the Sanctuary. Come join ACP's resident chamber choir, Ensemble Lumina, for an Open Rehearsal to get an insight into how the choir rehearses, as well as a preview of their repertoire for the upcoming Christmas Vespers service. Following the rehearsal, you are warmly invited to stay and share refreshments with choir members. Admission is free.

**Thanksgiving Interfaith Service:** 24 November 12h at the American Cathedral, 23 Av. George V, 75008 Paris.

**ACP Thanksgiving Dinner:** 26 November 18h30 in the Theater. Join us for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner and an evening of conviviality with your ACP family. Adults (over 16 yrs.) 40€; Children (4-16 yrs.) 25€. Tickets sold in the Theater during Sunday Coffee Hour after both services, payment by cash or check only. We look forward to giving thanks and sharing a meal with you!

**100 NOW volunteer training:** 27 November after 11h worship service in the Gym. 100 Nights of Welcome (aka 100NOW) is an ACP mission that provides winter shelter, showers, laundry, and dinner to under-housed refugees in Paris from 1 January to 15 March. Please join the training if you are curious or interested in joining the team of volunteers. Contact volunteer coordinator Daniel Tostado ([danieltostado1@gmail.com](mailto:danieltostado1@gmail.com)) to learn more.

**Candlelight Christmas Concerts:** 10 December 17h and 20h. The concerts will feature ACP's Adult, Children's and Bell choirs, Ensemble Lumina, a string trio and Alexia Rabé with a carol singalong in English and French. Tickets – adults 25€, children and students 15€, all open seating on sale at [acparis.org](http://acparis.org) and at the welcome table and during the week at reception.

**ACP Lending Library:** The lending library is open Sundays between services, 12h15-13h45. Located on the basement level, across from the elevator, free for ACP members. Come check out good Christian reading for the whole family!

**Docent tours:** Do you love history? Discover ACP's sanctuary secrets. Join the docent tour after the 11h service this morning and learn about ACP's heritage in 25 minutes or less. We'll start at the front of the sanctuary at 12h15. All are welcome.

***Les moires reflètent un miroir sans fond* – Camille Bruat:** Art exhibit in the Sanctuary through 7 December. This work honors ACP's three Art Nouveau stained-glass windows made in 1901 by Louis Comfort Tiffany. In relation to the sinuous, curved stained glasses and the changing colors of the church, Bruat's drawings take on a stark black contrast to the immaculate limestone of the walls. In an unceasing dialogue, they float – suspended in the alcoves of the church. More about the work and the artist at [acparis.org](http://acparis.org).

## Volunteer Needs

**Nursery Volunteers:** We need many new volunteers to welcome children into our nursery and toddler rooms at both the 11h and 14h services! If you would like to serve, contact Kelsey Poe at [nursery@acparis.org](mailto:nursery@acparis.org).

**Ushers and Greeters needed:** It takes a team of volunteers to welcome our Sunday congregants with love, and to help them feel connected and ready to worship together. Agnès and Julien, Chairs of the Worship and Music Committee, welcome all who would like to join this precious group of leaders. Join the team at [acparis.org/welcome&ushering](http://acparis.org/welcome&ushering) or contact [worshipandmusic@acparis.org](mailto:worshipandmusic@acparis.org).

**Audio Visual Ministry:** If you'd like to be a part of our worship tech and A/V team for both Sunday services, we welcome your help. Contact: [cmusic@acparis.org](mailto:cmusic@acparis.org).

## Children's Ministries

**Nursery and Toddler Room:** Please register your child's attendance in advance for each Sunday at [acparis.org/signups](http://acparis.org/signups).

**Children's Worship:** Children's Worship is held during the 11h and 14h services. For safety reasons, all children must be signed up in our system to be a member of Children's Worship and to be kept informed of activities. Please sign up here: [acparis.org/cw-registration](https://acparis.org/cw-registration) or by using the QR code: Also, please register your child's attendance in advance for each Sunday at [acparis.org/signups](https://acparis.org/signups).



**Contact Mala Moktar at [childrensworship@acparis.org](mailto:childrensworship@acparis.org)** if you are an adult and interested in joining our Children's Worship leadership team.

**Youth Music:** Wednesday rehearsals except during school holidays; sing in church once a month. All children and youth are welcome! No sign-up is necessary; please come to our rehearsals and give it a try. 13h30-14h Angel Choir (ages 3-6); 14h-14h45 Spirit Choir (ages 7-18); 14h45-15h15 Choirchimes (ages 7-18); 15h15-15h45 Ethereal ensemble (audition-based, ages 10-18). Get in touch with Sara Barton at [ymusic@acparis.org](mailto:ymusic@acparis.org) with any questions.

## Youth and Young Adult Ministries

**Youth Ministry (collège, lycée):** We meet Sundays 12h30-13h45 in the ACP Catacombs (-1 level). *Parent meeting today at 12h30 in G2. All parents/guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend.* If you have a child that entered collège in the autumn or you are new to the community, please email Elizabeth at the email address below to get on the weekly email list. *\*Note: the youth will meet off-site on 27 November to play laser tag\** Follow us on Instagram here: [@acpyouth](https://www.instagram.com/acpyouth). Contact [youthpastor@acparis.org](mailto:youthpastor@acparis.org) for more information.

**Young Adult Ministry (ages 18-30):** We meet Tuesdays 19h30 in the ACP Catacombs (-1 level). Food is provided. Everyone is welcome. Come as you are! Contact [youthpastor@acparis.org](mailto:youthpastor@acparis.org) for more information. Follow our YA Group on Instagram here for the calendar and latest updates: [@acp\\_ya](https://www.instagram.com/acp_ya) or Facebook: [ACP Young Adults](https://www.facebook.com/ACPYoungAdults).

## More Adult Ministries

**Breaking the Code: An Introduction to the Book of Revelation adult study:** Wednesdays 16 and 23 November 19h30-21h via Zoom. Often confusing, unusually complex, sometimes scary, profoundly prophetic, this study will provide background for a greater understanding of the last book of the Bible. Register at [acparis.org](https://acparis.org).

**Women's Monthly Sunday Bible Study:** 20 November 12h30-13h30 room F2 (1st floor). Praying Scripture is a study on verses and Biblical truths to help direct our paths and continue our walks in Christ. All women are welcome! Contact Teri Lee Valluy at [sundaywomensbible@acparis.org](mailto:sundaywomensbible@acparis.org) to register and for more information.

**African Fellowship:** Fellowship first Sunday of the month 13h-15h in the Thurber Room. Zoom every other Sunday of the month 16h-17h. Register at [acparis.org/groups](https://acparis.org/groups).

**Sunday Adult Bible Study:** Sundays 15h30-17h at ACP and on Zoom. This Study on the book of Matthew meets weekly. Join the Sunday Evening Adult Bible Study Group at [acparis.org/groups](https://acparis.org/groups) to get connected and receive the Zoom details.

**Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study** meets online Tuesdays 10h-12h. Please register at [acparis.org/groups](https://acparis.org/groups).

**Serve the City Paris:** ACP's sister association, FACCP, supports this NGO focused on helping asylum seekers, refugees, the homeless, and underprivileged foreigners

in Paris. STCP serves sandwiches and hot drinks Tuesdays and Fridays at 9h30, and Saturdays at 10h. Come join them at Jardin Albert-Schweitzer (75004), or see their website for more information, [www.servethecity.paris](http://www.servethecity.paris).

**Men's Morning Bible Study at ACP:** Thursdays 7h30-8h30. Information at [acparis.org/men-thursday](http://acparis.org/men-thursday). Meeting in person at church and on Zoom.

**Silent Prayer Thursdays at ACP:** Thursdays 18h-19h via Zoom. Join us for prayer in silence. We practice 25 minutes of praying together in stillness according to the method of Centering Prayer, followed by the reading of a short sacred text according to the method of Lectio Divina. Register at [acparis.org/groups](http://acparis.org/groups).

**Sandwich Ministry:** Come join us on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 17h-18h30 to help make sandwiches to help feed over 100 homeless persons a week. For more information, contact Stacy at [reception@acparis.org](mailto:reception@acparis.org).

**For more information on all the offerings for children, youth, adults, and mission and service opportunities, see [acparis.org](http://acparis.org)**

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