



THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN PARIS

18 December 2022
Announcements

Highlights...

Advent sermon series — Mary's Magnificat: God's Upside Down Kingdom. The Magnificat is the hymn of praise by Mary, pregnant with Jesus, after her jubilant visit with her relative Elizabeth, pregnant with St. John the Baptist. The Magnificat, known as "Mary's Song," flips things upside down. The text takes the world



as it is and declares a better way. Join us each Sunday at 11h and 14h for worship during this Advent season, as we explore Mary's bold and provocative canticle.

Please pray about your financial commitment to ACP for 2023. ACP's mission depends on our coming together to give. Submit your commitment online at 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.

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.

Our evening Receptionist, Martha Gachoka will retire from ACP as of the end of this year. Martha has been a true and faithful servant, friend, colleague and part of the ACP family since December 2006. She will be sorely missed! If you would like to participate in a love offering to contribute to her going away gift you can do so here acparis.org/martha-farewell-gift. Thank you!

We invite you to help us celebrate Music Scholar Aeri Lee and her service at ACP by sharing with her a special message of blessing and thanks as she finishes her term at ACP. Please send an email, photo or any sort of remembrance to secretary@acparis.org by 20 December, and we will format and print the messages into a booklet for Aeri to keep.

Advent and Christmas at ACP:

- 21 December: Gathering of the Longest Night at 19h30
- 24 December, Christmas Eve: Family Service at 16h, Candlelight Services at 19h30 and 22h
- 25 December, Christmas: One service at 11h
- 1 January: One service at 14h.

Christmas Poinsettias: Participate tangibly in our Christmas Eve worship services by providing a Christmas Poinsettia for the ACP sanctuary and making a special dedication in honor or memory of a loved one in our worship bulletins. The suggested donation is 25€ per plant. However, we invite you to prayerfully consider making a special donation for your poinsettia to help ACP thrive into the next year. Last day to order: 18 December. Order today at acparis.org/poinsettias.

100 NOW volunteers and toiletries: 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. We need unused toiletries. Please bring bags of hotel shampoos, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, and earplugs for sleeping (no razors!) to the reception desk at ACP. More importantly, we need overnight volunteers – two per night, of which at least one is male – to ensure the safety and well-being of our guests during the night. We want 30 individual volunteers to sign up, and currently have 28 volunteers. If we can't get to 30, then we'll have to cancel the shelter this winter, because it really does take a community to run a shelter. You can sign up at acparis.org/100NOW-volunteers. If you are curious or interested in joining the team of volunteers, contact Daniel Tostado (danielstosado1@gmail.com) to learn more.

Membership Inquiry Class: 29 January 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 today!

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.

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 or contact 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.

Children's Ministries

Nursery and Toddler Room: Please register your child's attendance in advance for each Sunday at 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 or by using the QR code: Also, please register your child's attendance in advance for each Sunday at acparis.org/signups.



Interested in joining our Children's Worship team? Contact Allison childrensworship@acparis.org if you are an adult and want to know more.

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 with any questions.

Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Youth Ministry (collège, lycée): We are currently on break for the Christmas holidays. Beginning 8 January we meet Sundays 12h30-13h45 in the ACP Catacombs (-1 level). 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. Follow us on Instagram here: [@acpyouth](https://www.instagram.com/acpyouth). Contact youthpastor@acparis.org for more information.

Young Adult Ministry (ages 18-30): We are currently on break for the Christmas holidays. Beginning 10 January, we meet Tuesdays 19h30 in the ACP Catacombs (-1 level). Food is provided. Everyone is welcome. Come as you are! Note: the last YA gathering of the year is Tuesday 13 December. Contact youthpastor@acparis.org for more information. Follow our YA Group on Instagram for the calendar and latest updates: [@acp_ya](https://www.instagram.com/acp_ya) or Facebook: [ACP Young Adults](https://www.facebook.com/ACP.Young.Adults).

More Adult Ministries

Women's Monthly Sunday Fellowship: 8 January 12h15-13h30 in the Thurber Rom. *Chocolate Meat, Cubism, and The Loss of Innocence*. Pastor's wife. Missionary. Christian. Why did these titles begin to feel like deadweight? When my True self was orphaned for many years, it was some no-strings-attached friends who communited me back into the family. With new permission to ask questions, it was time to re-think the sacred texts. **Patricia Dewitt** will be sharing some of these questions and the unorthodox perspectives gained. All women are welcome; please bring a snack if you are able.

Night of Worship: 12 January 2023, 20h. All are welcome for a night of worship, featuring music, poetry, storytelling, and art. Light refreshments to follow, but please consider bringing something to share. Sponsored by the Young Adults.

Beta: Six Weeks of Exploration Toward a Deepening Faith: Wednesdays, beginning 25 January, 19h30-21h. Beta offers you the opportunity to look deeper at the Christian faith using the four cornerstones of theological thinking - scripture, tradition, reason, and experience. In-person attendance is strongly recommended, but a Zoom option is available. Register at acparis.org/signups.

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.

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 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.

Men's Bible Study at ACP: Thursday mornings 7h30-8h30. Information at 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.

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.

For more information on all the offerings for children, youth, adults, and mission and service opportunities, see acparis.org

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If you wish to take part in this generous matching opportunity, you can give now at acparis.org/giving-tuesday-online or simply label your virement or check (payable to ACP or AFCU) with the words "Giving Tuesday Match."

You can also promise now to give in early 2023 at acparis.org/matching-promise.



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