



# THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN PARIS

**30 October 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.** Over the next month we will be sharing why and how 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 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).

**African Fellowship Tombola request:** The African Fellowship will be celebrating their 20th anniversary on 6 November at 12h30 in the Thurber Room. For this special celebration, they will be having a raffle to raise funds for the fellowship. If you have anything you would like to donate as a raffle prize, please contact Chris Wobo at [christopherwobo@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:christopherwobo@yahoo.co.uk).

**Love in a Box:** ACP will be participating in this time-honored tradition in the Île-De-France region, offering holiday presents to needy children, and we need your help! To find out how you can prepare a special box of Christmas love and joy for one child or more, please visit the Welcome Table in the Theater or write Daniel and Tiana at [daniel\\_leviking@yahoo.fr](mailto:daniel_leviking@yahoo.fr) and [tiana.ranaiv@gmail.com](mailto:tiana.ranaiv@gmail.com). We will be collecting the boxes at the LIAB table the first 2 weeks of November.

**Wild Harbors, live at ACP:** 12 November 20h in the Sanctuary. Come for a special evening of music featuring Wild Harbors and special guest, Devon Graves. Wild Harbors, a singer-songwriter duo, creates gutsy, lyric-driven songs laced with intricate vocal harmonies. Their debut album, Monument, was released in 2019. Free admission, free-will offering taken.

**ACP Worship Night:** 10 November 20h in the Theater. Join us for a special evening of worship sponsored by the ACP Young Adults. Fellowship following worship, bring a snack and drink to share.

**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 starting today 30 October, payment by cash or check only. We look forward to giving thanks and sharing a meal with you!

**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: Urgent!** 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, Chair and Co-chair 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) for more information.

**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](http://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](http://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 [yusic@acparis.org](mailto:yusic@acparis.org) with any questions.

## Youth and Young Adult Ministries

**Youth Ministry (collège, lycée):** No youth group today and for the next couple of weeks. We will resume on 6 November after the Toussaint break. We meet Sundays 12h30-13h45 in the ACP Catacombs (-1 level). *There will be a parent meeting on Sunday 13 November at 12h30 in G2. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.* If you have a child that will enter 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](#). Contact [youthpastor@acparis.org](mailto:youthpastor@acparis.org) for more information.

**Young Adult Ministry (ages 18-30):** *There will be no young adults on 1 November.* 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](#) or Facebook: [ACP Young Adults](#).

## More Adult Ministries

**Steps on the Way Home:** Last day today: 12h30-14h in room G5. For many of us, the heart of addiction is a longing for home. Jim Hobbs shares the healing power of the 12-step program, taking the steps toward making sense of your addictions, your longings, and God's desire to reconcile and restore your pain and suffering into a safe space of love and hope for yourself and your loved ones. All are welcome, please sign up at [acparis.org/steps-home](http://acparis.org/steps-home).

**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](http://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](http://acparis.org/groups) to get connected and receive the Zoom details.

**ACP Women's Fellowship:** 13 November 12h15-13h30 in the Thurber Room. All women are welcome to join us as we listen to ACP member MaryClaire King speak on her life experience that included plenty of difficulties: from daily dysfunction to childhood rape, alcoholism, chronic pain, and more. She will share 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.

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

**Breaking the Code: An Introduction to the Book of Revelation adult study:** Wednesdays 9,16,23 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](http://acparis.org).

**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 Bennison 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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