



# THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN PARIS

**4 December 2022  
Announcements**

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## 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.



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**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](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).

### **Advent and Christmas at ACP:**

- **Today: Ensemble Lumina Vespers Service at 17h30**
- 10 December: Candlelight Christmas Concerts at 17h and 20h
- 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.

**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 singer/pianist 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](https://acparis.org) and at the welcome table and during the week at reception.

*To arrange for priority access* for people with mobility issues, please contact [reception@acparis.org](mailto:reception@acparis.org) or call and arrive one hour before the concert's start time to be seated.

**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: 15 December. Order today at [acparis.org/poinsettias](http://acparis.org/poinsettias).

**100 NOW volunteer call:** 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. If you are curious or interested in joining the team of volunteers, contact volunteer coordinator Daniel Tostado ([danielstostado1@gmail.com](mailto:danielstostado1@gmail.com)) to learn more.

**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.

**We wanted to share** with you that our evening Receptionist, Martha Gachoka has decided to 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](http://acparis.org/martha-farewell-gift). Thank you!

## Volunteer Needs

**Love in a Box:** Thank you again to all who participated in the Love in a Box project this year. You can still serve. Please sign up here for 2-3 hour shifts (10h-17h weekdays through 7 Dec) to receive, sort, and organize gift boxes/bags for charity pick-ups: <http://signup.com/go/gDLECAr>

**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](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).



**Interested in joining our Children's Worship team?** Contact Mala Moktar at [childrensworship@acparis.org](mailto: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](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). 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](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! Note: the last YA gathering of the year is Tuesday 13 December. 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/ACP.Young.Adults).

## More Adult Ministries

**Women's Monthly Sunday Fellowship:** 11 December 12h30-13h30 in the Rock's residence on the 3rd Floor. Meet in the reception area. Ladies, please join us for our annual Christmas gathering. There will be snacks, caroling and cheer. Please bring a treat to share if you are able. All women are welcome.

**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.

**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 Bible Study at ACP:** Thursday mornings 7h30-8h30. Information at [acparis.org/men-thursday](https://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](https://acparis.org/groups).

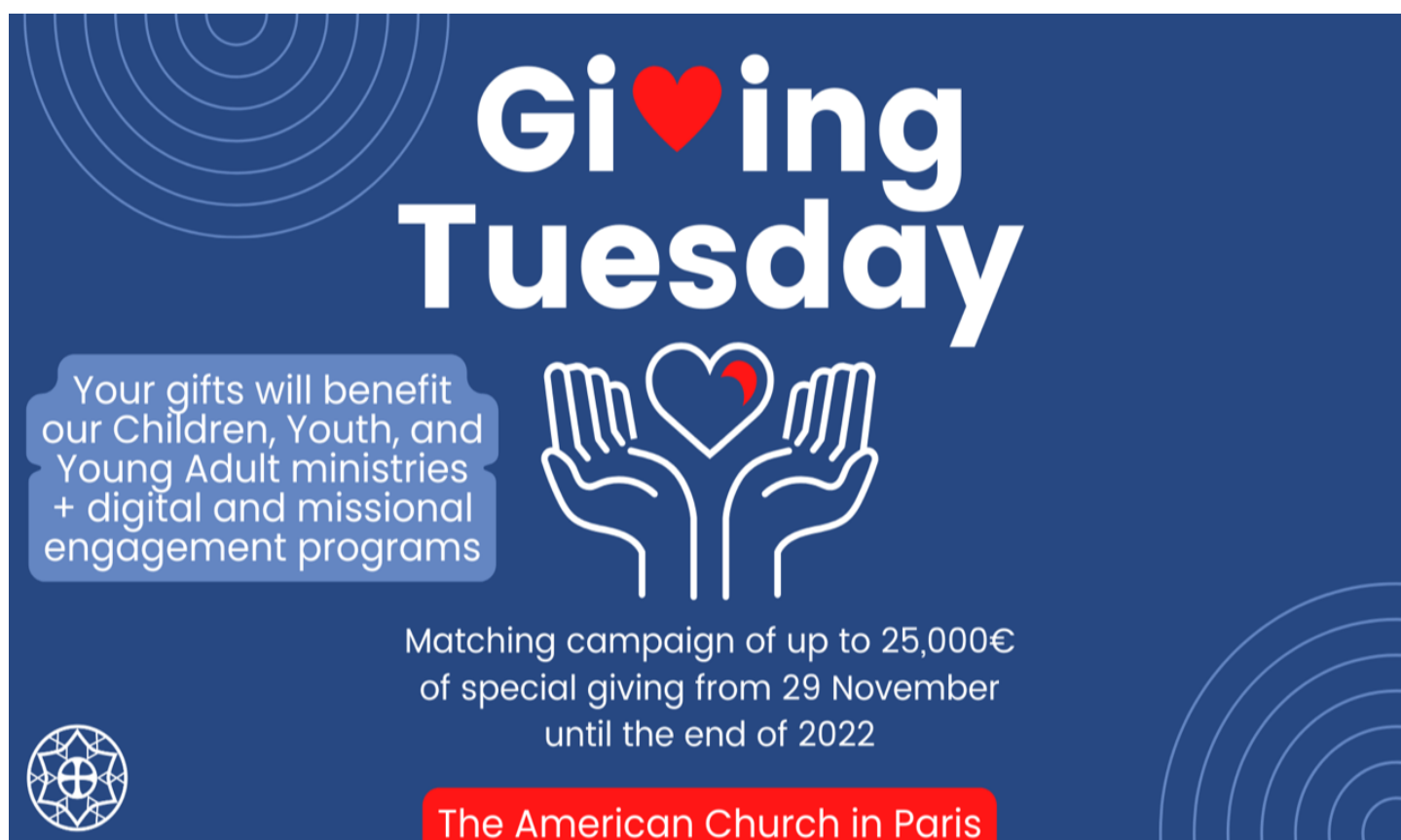
**Sandwich Ministry:** Come join us on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 17h-18h30 to help make sandwiches to help feed over 100 homeless persons a week. For more information, contact Stacy at [reception@acparis.org](mailto:reception@acparis.org).

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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