



THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN PARIS

2 January 2022, 11h00

Welcome to this service of worship

We are happy you are here! Although we are slowly removing Covid restrictions, we ask that you continue to wear your mask while indoors. Creation Care is important to us, so please take or recycle your bulletin at the end of the service.

The congregation's spoken words are in **bold** and the sung words are in *bold italics*



You are invited to rise in body or in spirit when you see this symbol

We Gather

Prelude

Variations on a Noël

Claude Balbastre

Welcome, Greeting, and Announcements

Elizabeth Murray

The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.



Call to Worship

Don Lee

Let me be your servant. Let me follow your commands. I will no longer follow my own desires. I give myself completely to your will.

The power and strength to live as true servants is given to us in Christ. We accept the place and work that he gives us, acknowledging that Christ alone will be our reward.



Carols

No. 56, vs. 1

The First Nowell

***The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.***

No. 37, vs. 1

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

***Infant Holy, Infant Lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging angels singing,
Noëls ringing, tidings bringing;
Christ the babe is Lord of all.***

No. 53, vs. 1

What Child Is This

***What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.***

Old Testament Lesson

2 Chronicles 34:29–33

Jacob Yau

(page 364 in the pew Bibles)

 Refrain from “Angels We Have Heard on High”

tune: GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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Children's Blessing

Allison Wheeler

Children may come forward for a pastoral blessing and then go to their worship space.

 Passing of the Peace

New Testament Lesson

John 1:1-10

Jakob Babb

(page 862 in the pew Bibles)

Sermon

Elizabeth Murray

Covenant Renewal Service

Prayer of Common Confession

Don Lee

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(time of silent prayer)

Words of Assurance

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God! Amen.

A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition

Don Lee

United Methodist Hymnal #607

I am no longer my own, but yours.

Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you,

Praised for you or criticized for you.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service.

And now, O wonderful and holy God,

Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,

you are mine, and I am yours.

So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth,

Let it also be made in heaven. Amen.

We Respond and Are Sent into the World

The Sacrament of Holy Communion Jodi Fondell, Doug Fondell

The Invitation: *We bring our struggles, celebrations, and gifts to God.*

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Call for Offering

Jodi Fondell

Organ Offertory

Andante

G.F. Handel

⊗ Doxology Praise to God Who Reigns Above

tune: GLORIA

Praise to God who reigns above,

Christ who holds us all in love,

Spirit breathes new life and peace,

Grace sustains and sets us free.

Gloria! In excelsis Deo! Gloria! In excelsis Deo!

⊗ Prayer of Dedication

Doug Fondell

⊗ Hymn No. 49

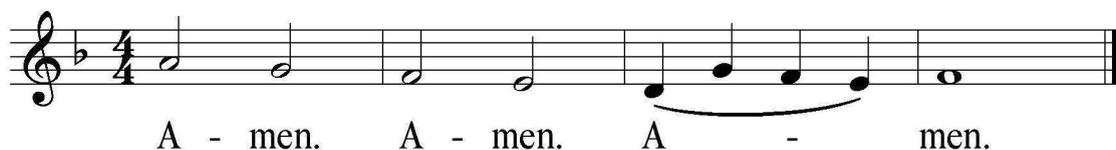
Once in Royal David's City

tune: IRBY

⊗ Benediction

Elizabeth Murray

Congregational Amen



Pandemic practices at ACP

- A "Pass Sanitaire" is required for all events, meetings, and worship services at ACP.
- Mask wearing (over both mouth and nose) is obligatory, and good social distancing is requested, at all times while indoors at ACP—including at Coffee Fellowship.
- We invite you to register for all worship services at acparis.org/signups (beginning Mondays at 12h) until further notice for contact tracing purposes and when limited seating is required.

Submitting your Giving Commitment for 2022

Did you miss Commitment Sunday? No worries, you can still make your 2022 giving commitment online at acparis.org/estimatedgiving2022. We could really use your support as we continue to rebuild and renovate the post-pandemic church!

Announcements

Affirmation of Welcome: At ACP, we believe that we are called to love and welcome people of all socio-economic backgrounds, ethnicities, races, nationalities, gender identities, and sexual orientations, and that those who place their faith in Christ and seek to be his disciple are invited to become full members. Welcome!

In need of prayer? If you are in need of prayer today, a lay caregiver is available in the chapel (to the right of the sanctuary) to pray with you. If you would like members of the lay care ministry team, members of the prayer chain, and the pastoral team to uphold you in prayer, you may contact us at acparis.org/prayers.

Coffee Fellowship: Please join us in the theater after the service for a warm drink and warm fellowship, remembering good social distancing practices and mask wearing while talking and not sipping. If you are new, also stop by our newcomer table so we can welcome you to ACP!

100 Nights of Welcome: Begins 10 January. We have the opportunity to host 10 refugee gentlemen here at ACP once again this winter, providing them with some food, and a warm place to sleep for the night. If you would like to volunteer to help with this ministry, please contact Daniel Tostado at danielstostado1@gmail.com.

Thurber Conversation: 18 January 2022, 19h30-21h via Zoom. Rev. Grace Imathiu, a leading activist/pastor for Welcome and Inclusion will teach on "Our next best steps!" Register for the Zoom link at acparis.org/signups.

Be the Bridge book study: Wednesdays 26 Jan, 9 Feb, 26 Feb, and 9 March, 19h30-21h via Zoom. A congregational conversation on race, healing, and communication. *Be the Bridge: Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation*, by Latasha Morrison. Register at acparis.org/signups.

Matching Campaign News: We are enormously grateful for every euro and dollar that our ACP and AFCU friends and family contributed to the 2021 Matching Campaign. The offer we received to match up to 100k€ of additional giving was exceptionally generous! Thanks to that offer and to your overwhelming response, we have achieved the goal. The ACP is richly blessed to have received such an offer in this year of incredible uncertainty. Together we made a 200k€ reduction in a worrisome projected loss for 2021. Thanks be to God!

The scaffolding has come down, hallelujah! In the next few weeks we'll be working to put our new technology to work. If you are interested in serving on our worship tech and A/V team, please contact us at avm@acparis.org.

Tech help needed for 14h00 service: Calling all techies! If you are interested, please contact Natalie Raynal at cmusic@acparis.org.

Sunday Newcomer Table: We are looking for volunteers to help staff our welcome table after worship. If you'd like to join this team, please let Pastor Jodi know at associatepastor@acparis.org.

Volunteer Editor for *The Spire*: ACP's thriving monthly magazine *The Spire* is looking for a volunteer editor-in-chief. Interested? For further information please contact us at communications@acparis.org.

Children's Ministries

Children's Worship: Children's Worship is held during the 11h and 14h services. For safety reasons, all children must be registered for the program to attend. You can register your child for Children's Worship at acparis.org/cw-registration or by using the QR code here. We also ask that you register your child's attendance in advance of each Sunday at acparis.org/signups. If you are an adult and are interested in joining our Children's Worship leadership team, contact Allison Wheeler at childrensworship@acparis.org.



Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Youth Ministry (collège, lycée): Youth meet weekly on Sundays 12h30-13h45 in the Catacombs on the basement level of ACP. Contact youthpastor@acparis.org for more information. Please note that the Youth Ministry will break for Christmas through 2 Jan. We will resume on 9 January at 12h30. Follow our Youth Group on Instagram here: <https://www.instagram.com/acpyouthsquad/>.

Young Adult Ministry (ages 18-30): Young adults meet weekly on Tuesday nights 19h30-21h30 in the Catacombs. The Young Adult Ministry resumes on 4 January. Contact youthpastor@acparis.org for more information. Follow our YA Group on Instagram here for the latest updates: https://www.instagram.com/acp_ya/.

Adult Ministries

Sandwich Ministry: Come join us on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 17h-18h30 starting 5 January, to help make sandwiches to be distributed to those in need by the Serve the City Paris team. For more information, contact reception@acparis.org.

Sunday Evening Adult Bible Study: Beginning on 9 January, 17h30-19h30 on Zoom. We will be studying Hebrews in the New Year. Please register for the Zoom details at acparis.org.

Movie discussion group: 13 January 19h30 on Zoom. Films to choose from on Netflix: *Tokyo Godfathers*, *Don't Look Up*, *The Lost Daughter*, *Robin Robin/Ruby tombée du nid*. In cinemas: *Un héros*, *The Card Counter*, *Belle*, *Licorice Pizza*. For more info or Zoom invitation: movies@acparis.org.

Men's Morning Bible Study at ACP: Thursdays 7h30-8h30. Information at acparis.org/men-thursday. Live and zoom options.

Silent Prayer Thursdays at ACP: Thursdays 18h-19h via Zoom. Join us for prayer in silence. We will 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.

African Fellowship: Fellowship in the Thurber Room at 13h the first Sunday of the month. Other Sundays in the month will be Bible study from 16h-17h via Zoom. Please register for the Zoom details at acparis.org.

Filipino Fellowship meets the third and fourth Sundays of the month at 12h30 in the Thurber Room.

Recycling reminder: The garbage bins with yellow lids are for recycling paper, cans, and plastics. Please think about recycling your bulletin on the way out today!

Read all about it – inspiration, information, news, and events from ACP in the most recent edition of the Spire. Available on the app, or at 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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