

Welcome, we are so happy you are here!

ACP is a Christian community of all socio-economic backgrounds, ethnicities, races, nationalities, gender identities, and sexual orientations.

Creation Care is important to us, so please take or recycle your bulletin after the service. Corporate words are in **bold**. You are invited to rise when you see this symbol 🛞

We Gather

Prelude Now Thank We All Our God from Cantata #79

J.S. Bach, Arr. by Fox

Sara Barton, organ

Welcome, Greeting

Paul Rock

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

And also with you.

Call to Worship (from Jonah 1)

Dan Michalek

In my distress I called to the Lord, and he answered me.

From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my cry.

You, Lord my God, brought my life up from the pit.

And so I will say, Salvation comes from the Lord!

Hymn

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Prayer of Common Confession

O Loving God, like Jonah we tend to make the mistake of loving our things - our language, our property, our borders - and categorizing your children. But you call us to categorize things and love all your children as our sisters and brothers. Forgive our need to build hierarchies of human worth, and help our love to be more like yours: no borders, no slave or free, no Jew nor Greek. Altogether one, in You. (time of silent prayer)

Words of Assurance

Friends, if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! God is reconciling the world to himself in Christ, and has committed to us the ministry of reconciliation. Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri, No. 579

Anthem

Tetuliffeka/We are not alone

Music by African Children's Choir ACP Children & Youth Choir Sara Barton, director

Sacrament of Baptism

Don Lee, Dan Michalek

Lilya Raynaud and Théo Raynaud, daughter and son of Christophe and Vanessa Raynaud

Miahy Andriamparany Ralibera, daughter of Claude Andriamparany Ralibera and Hary Ramaroson

All children are invited to come up and observe the baptisms, and then go to their worship spaces during the passing of the peace.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy, universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Sermon Series: The Politics of Jesus

What happens when Christianity becomes the National Religion?

Sermon Why Is God Concerned About Nineveh? Paul Rock *The Story and Lesson of Jonah - Book of Jonah; p. 752 in the pew Bibles*

We Respond and Are Sent into the World

Choral Response

Lord, to whom shall we go?

Yours are the words of eternal life.

Through our lives and by our prayers, your Kingdom come.

The Lord's Prayer (sung) Au Prea vo bey

Words and Music: Barnabas Mam

Our Father, who is in heaven hallowed be your holy name Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven

This day give us our daily bread and forgive us all our sins as we forgive all those who sin against us

And lead us not into temptation from evil, Lord, deliver us
For the kingdom and the power and glory are forever yours.

Call for Offering Don Lee

Offertory Music Adagio from "Arpeggione" Sonata Franz Schubert
Caroline Lee, viola

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow In heav'n above and earth below! One God, three persons, we adore; To God be praise forevermore!

Prayer of Dedication

Don Lee

Hymn For Everyone Born Words: Shirley Erena Murray, alt.

Recognition of Associate Pastor in Residence, Rev. Don Lee

Benediction
Paul Rock

Congregational Amen, No. 586

Postlude Now Thank We All Our God Sigfried Karg-Elert Sara Barton, organ

Welcome to all! Check out <u>acparis.org</u> and the QR code for all the information on ACP happenings.

Today: Thanksgiving Dinner and Christmas Concert tickets on sale in the Theater during coffee hour, Prayers with our lay care team after the service in the chapel, Women's Monthly Sunday Bible Study at 12h30; Docent tour of the sanctuary after the 11h service; and the Atelier Concert, a Night at the Opera with Laurana Mitchelmore and Friends, at 17h30. Tuesday: Young Adults meet in the Catacombs. Ensemble Lumina hosts an open rehearsal at 19h45. Wednesday: ACP Adult Choir. Thursday: Thanksgiving



Day Ecumenical Service at the American Cathedral (23 Av. George V), and Saturday: ACP Thanksgiving Dinner; And so much more ...

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