



THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN PARIS

**25 January 2023
Announcements**



Join us for worship over the next few weeks as we get “**Back to the Basics**” and (re)introduce Christianity.

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 tour of the sanctuary: Today after the 11h service, meet at the front of the sanctuary. Discover ACP’s sanctuary secrets.

Women’s Monthly Sunday Bible Study: Today at 12h30-13h30 in room F2 (1st floor). Praying Scripture is a study on verses and Biblical truths to help direct our paths and continue our walks in Christ. All women are welcome! Contact Teri Lee Valluy at sundaywomensbible@acparis.org to register and for more information.

Beta: Six Weeks of Exploration Toward a Deepening Faith: Wednesdays 19h30-21h, beginning this week (25 January). 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.

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!

ACP Town Hall 2023: 29 January 16h30 via Zoom. ACP members and congregants are invited to join Council Moderator Mark Primmer, Senior Pastor Paul Rock, and all Council Members for a town hall on key topics being addressed by your Council. Participants will be invited to share their thoughts and suggestions in an open format. Register at acparis.org/signups. We look forward to seeing you there.

Calling all singers! Adult Choir Open House: 4 February 9h30-14h in the Thurber Room. Current adult choir members and all who are curious will share a morning of music, food, and fellowship as we welcome our new visiting artist and scholar, the Rev. Dr. Lisa Allen-McLaurin. If you are interested in singing in ACP's adult choir, join us as Dr. Allen McLaurin introduces us to the Gospel Mass of Robert Ray, which she will direct at ACP this Lent. Register at acparis.org/signups.

100 NOW volunteers and items wanted: 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 supplies every week! Please bring bags of hotel shampoos, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, individual bags of madeleines, nuts, fruit, tea bags, instant coffee, and new socks to the 100NOW table on Sundays and the reception desk at ACP (weekdays). 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. 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 (danielstostado1@gmail.com) to learn more.

We are very thankful for over 32k€ in donations using the electronic basket during 2022. For French taxpayers, those donations represent a potential total of over 21k€ in tax credits. If you give to the ACP by contactless bank card on the electronic baskets, please note that the baskets do not identify donors. If you would like to have your electronic basket giving count toward your French tax receipt (offsetting 66% or more of your donations), please provide us with additional information for each card you have used in 2022 by 15 February at acparis.org/ebasket. ACP takes data privacy very seriously and does not retain complete donor bank card numbers.

In Memoriam

Alba Powell, wife of former visiting pastor Rev. Jeff Powell, passed away on 3 January. Jeff writes: She got her wish to celebrate the new year with all our 3 children and 4 grandchildren before going on Hospice care and staying at home in her own bed. She was the love of my life, my partner in ministry and my world traveling companion. I miss her greatly. Alba was Christ-centered, joyful, caring, generous and creative. She called out the best in me and challenged me to renew my commitment to share the gospel of Jesus Christ wherever I go. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Our family appreciates your prayers. We are planning a memorial service for her on 25 February.

Nancy Ann Schendel Morgan, wife of former visiting pastor Rev. Bruce Morgan, passed away on 7 January. Bruce writes: Giving thanks for a life of talent, achievement, love, beauty, adventure, grace, and joy. Celebrating 60 years of marriage, two beautiful children, three wonderful grandchildren, and friends too numerous to count. Thanking God for a faith that sustained her in life and in death

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 Ministry 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 meet Sundays 12h30-13h45 in the ACP Catacombs (-1 level). Light lunch is provided each week. If you have a child in collège or lycée and you do not receive regular email contact or you are new to the community, please email Elizabeth at the 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 meet Tuesdays 19h30 in the ACP Catacombs (-1 level). Food is provided. Everyone is welcome. Come as you are! 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

Prayer Bead Workshop: 19 February 12h15 in the Library (2nd floor). Join us to learn about this Lenten spiritual practice and use ecumenical prayer beads to

enhance your prayer life. Registration at acparis.org/signups, and prayer beads will be available for the first 39 people who register.

Women's Fellowship Annual Retreat: 4 March 10h-16h in the Thurber Room. "Unveiled" with Sharon Garlough Brown. Are you longing to experience more intimacy with God and others, but not sure how? Sharon addresses common struggles and offers practices that help us live more authentic lives. 15€ per person. Register at acparis.org/womensretreat.

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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