



# THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN PARIS

**21 May 2023**



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## Announcements

**ACP Congregational Meeting:** *28 May following the single, combined worship service at 11h.* The Council of the American Church in Paris requests the presence of all voting members of the ACP – and welcomes all congregants – to attend the congregational meeting in the Sanctuary. We will vote to approve the 2023-2024 proposed Council Slate and to approve the 2022 audited financial results and allocations to reserves. This meeting will be held in-person in the sanctuary, snacks provided. The Council slate and other meeting documents will be available at [acparis.org/congregationalmeetingdocs](https://acparis.org/congregationalmeetingdocs) as they are finalized. Please plan to attend this meeting, but if you cannot, make sure your vote counts by completing the electronic proxy at [acparis.org/proxy](https://acparis.org/proxy) or on the ACP mobile app. If you are unable to complete the proxy electronically, please provide the paper version found on the Welcome Table in the Theater during Coffee Hour to the Council Secretary mailbox at Reception. We kindly request that you submit your electronic proxy by Saturday 27 May, in order to save time at the Congregational Meeting. If you have any questions, please contact [connections@acparis.org](mailto:connections@acparis.org).

**Membership Inquiry Class:** Today at 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.

**Women's Monthly Sunday Bible Study:** Today from 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](mailto:sundaywomensbible@acparis.org) to register and for more information.

**Building ACP's Tomorrow, Together!:** ACP's Council assembled a Strategic Visioning Task Force this past winter. So far, we have met with over 100 people to get their input and dreams for our church family. Now we'd love to hear from **you**. Please answer four questions at [acparis.org/strategicvision](https://acparis.org/strategicvision) that will help us craft a vision for ACP's future based on the values and foundations we care about and share in Christ.

**The Gift of Womanist Theology:** 25 May, and 1 and 8 June at 19h30 in the Thurber Room or on Zoom. All are welcome to join Dr. Lisa Allen-McLaurin for a course exploring the foundational tenets of Womanist theology. She will lead a study on the Proverbs 31 text using Womanist hermeneutics and ethics. Register at [acparis.org/signups](http://acparis.org/signups), or contact Pastor Don Lee at [associatepastor@acparis.org](mailto:associatepastor@acparis.org).

**À Bientôt!: A Concert Celebrating Lisa Allen-McLaurin: 7 June at 19h30 in the sanctuary.** Featuring the ACP Adult Choir and accompanied by incoming visiting artist-in-residence Dr. Tony Leach. Reception to follow in the Theatre.

**Atelier Recitals: Sundays at 17h30.** Free entry with a free-will offering. **Today at 17h30:** Pianist **Brian HSU** plays Franz Liszt *Années de Pèlerinage: Première année: Suisse*, **28 May at 17h30:** **Aygerim Yersainova** and **Kadisha Onalbayeva** (traditional Kazakh and Turkic string instruments and piano) **4 June at 17h30:** *Schubertiade* with **Stephen Lancaster**, baritone **Amaya Dominguez**, mezzo-soprano accompanied by **Laure Colldant**, pianoforte.

**Vacation Bible School:** Save the date for this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS), which will be 27-30 August. Register now at [acparis.org/signups](http://acparis.org/signups).

**Docent tours of the sanctuary:** Guided tours of the history and secrets of ACP are held on the 2nd Sunday each month. The sanctuary is also open for tours and visitation 15h-18h every Wednesday. Want to join the docent team and share our sanctuary heritage? We're looking for volunteers for Wednesday afternoons. Contact Alison at [spire@acparis.org](mailto:spire@acparis.org).

## Volunteer Needs

**Vacation Bible School (27-30 August)** Our theme this year is "Hero Hotline." While there are a lot of ways to be a hero, they all involve helping out when there is a need. VBS is an important week in the faith lives of so many children, and they definitely need YOU to make it happen! For those who enjoy working with children, we need people who are interested in leading: science, music, storytelling, active games, and art time. We also need lots of group leaders and helpers. **For those who don't feel called to work with children, we still need your help!!** We need your help with: snacks, decorations, and at the check-in/check-out desk. Please contact Allison at [childrensworship@acparis.org](mailto:childrensworship@acparis.org) to find out more.

**Nursery Volunteers:** We need many new volunteers to welcome children (ages 0-2) in our nursery at both the 11h and 14h services! Without volunteers, we don't have a nursery. If you would like to serve, contact Allison Wheeler at [childrensworship@acparis.org](mailto:childrensworship@acparis.org).

**Food Box:** In order to best serve our neighbors who seek help from our church, you are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to place in the box (located in reception). The box is open to anyone who is in need of food and additional supplies go to Serve the City-Paris.

**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](https://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](https://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](https://acparis.org/signups).



**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.

**Interested in joining our Children's Ministry team?** Contact Allison [childrensworship@acparis.org](mailto:childrensworship@acparis.org) if you are an adult and want to know more.

## 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](mailto:youthpastor@acparis.org) for more information. **Please note there is no youth group today, 21 May.**

**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](mailto: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/ACPYoungAdults).

## More Adult Ministries

**Men's Retreat 2023:** Men of ACP, please save the date for the 2023 ACP Men's Retreat at La Clarté-Dieu in Orsay from **Friday 2 June to Saturday 3 June 18h-18h**. The theme will be **A Messy Family; An Active God: The Story of Joseph, His Brothers, and Their Father** led by **Rev. Don Lee**. Carpool and public transportation options will be available. This will be the first post-pandemic retreat, and will be a time of fellowship, song, reflection and fun - with our traditional pétanque tournament. Participation fees will be €70 to cover room and board, with financial support available if needed. Register at [acparis.org/signups](https://acparis.org/signups).

**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).

**Filipino Fellowship:** The Filipino Fellowship invites you to join them at their gatherings each Sunday after the 11h Worship Service in the 2nd floor Library. The Fellowship provides a place of welcome and nurture for English-speaking Filipino individuals and families living in Paris. The group shares a light meal, conversation, signing, and Bible study. Contact [associatepastor@acparis.org](mailto:associatepastor@acparis.org) for more information. 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 Genesis 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.

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

**Men's Fellowship & Bible Study at ACP:** Thursday mornings 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 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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