



THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN PARIS

17 October 2021, 11h00

Welcome to this service of worship

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

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 *Felix*
Mendelssohn Prelude and Fugue in D minor
Fred Gramann, *organ*

Welcome, Greeting, and Announcements Paul
Rock The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

 Call to Worship (from Psalm 91) Jodi Fondell

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the
shadow of the Almighty, say to the LORD, "My refuge and my
fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

**God will deliver me from the snare of the fowler and
from the deadly pestilence. God will cover you with his
feathers, under his wings I will find refuge.**

You need not fear the terror of the night, the arrow that flies by
day, or the pestilence that stalks in darkness; because you have
made the LORD your refuge.

**The Most High is our dwelling place, so together, let us
worship God in this place!**

 Hymn No. 476 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above! *tune: LYONS*



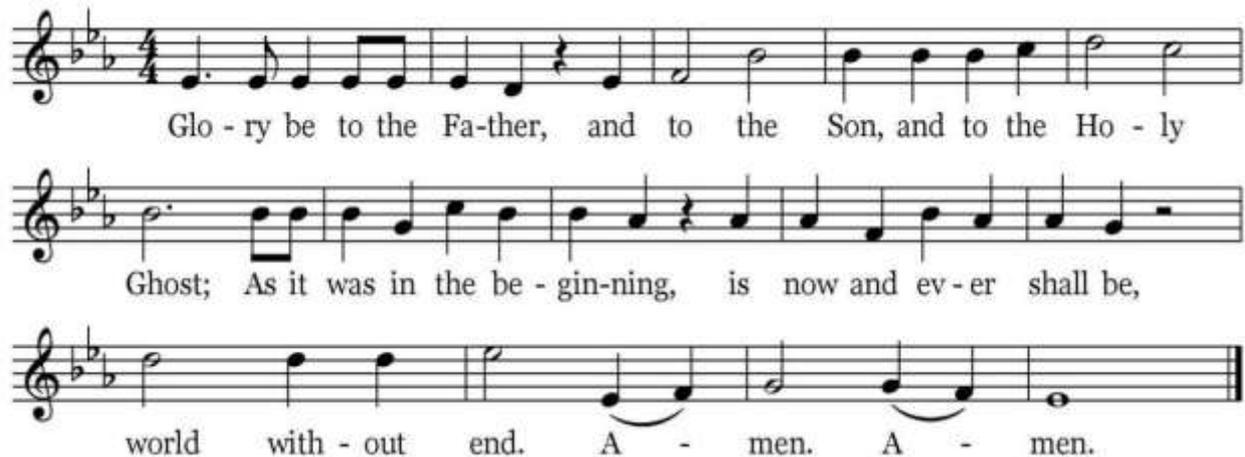
Prayer of Common Confession

God, we confess that we feel very ordinary. We don't feel capable of doing big, fantastic things. We are easily overwhelmed by the needs and challenges of our lives and the lives of those we pass on the street. Lord, have mercy on us and remind us of who we are. Remind us of what lives within us and what beautiful things you do through ordinary people. (time of silent prayer)

Words of Assurance

Friends, remember and take heart in the good news that Jesus is Lord and Savior, not you. You are forgiven. You are God's beloved. Your first responsibility is to remember that and live like an ordinary person, filled with the power of God's love. **Amen.**

Gloria Patri



Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly
Ghost; As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be,
world with - out end. A - men. A - men.

Music

Alleluia!

tune: Lasst uns erfreuen

The Celebration Ringers

arr. *Fred Gramann*

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 Member Reception

Laurent Buffi (France), Rebecca Coulborn (USA), Susan Cure (USA),
Walter Dickerson (USA), Christopher Mambula (Nigeria), Grace
Mambula (Nigeria), Laura Victoir (USA)

Closing prayer:

**Amid all the diversity of this congregation... of race,
language, and culture... and with a rich history of various**

faith traditions, we celebrate our unity in Christ Jesus. We rejoice that we now join together with these sisters and brothers on this journey of grace and faith. Hallelujah! Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Numbers 18:1-7
(page 119 of the pew Bibles)

Carol Munding

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon series: Renovating & Rebuilding the Post-Pandemic Church

Sermon

What Can God Do with an Ordinary Person??
Acts 4:1-15 *(page 887 in the pew Bibles)*

Paul Rock

Music

Ich folge dir gleichfalls

J.S. Bach

*I follow you with joyful steps and will not leave you, my life, my light.
Bring me on my way and do not cease to pull, push and urge me on.*

Jennifer Young, soloist Lisa Prevett, flute

We Respond and Are Sent into the World

Prayers of the People

Doug

Fondell

We bring our struggles, celebrations, our gifts, and ourselves to God in prayer.

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Call to Generous Giving

Offerings are received in the passed offering plates, in the narthex or at

info page).

acparis.org/donate (QR code on contact

Offertory Music

Love Divine
The Celebration Ringers

Fred Gramann

☸ Doxology, No. 592 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

***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

Doug Fondell

☸ Hymn No. 435 We All Are One in Mission

tune: ES FLOG EIN

KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

☸ Benediction
Rock

Paul

☸ Congregational Amen



Postlude Chorale Prelude on “We turn to you, O Christ” *J.S. Bach*

The American Church in Paris

Welcome to worship – we are so glad that you are here! The **American Church in Paris** is a vibrant community, with many offerings in-person and online for worship, learning, spiritual formation, and Christian discipleship for youth, adults and children alike. In addition to in-person worship in our sanctuary, ACP posts livestreamed worship at acparis.org. Please check our website for the latest news and opportunities to grow and connect every week. Our mission is “**to bear witness in word and deed to the love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ.**”

Announcements

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God in honor of the ACP Pastors, Doug Fondell, Jodi Fondell, Don Lee, Paul Rock, and Allison Wheeler, by a grateful ACP member.

In need of prayer? If you are in need of prayer today, a lay care giver 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.

Rev. Dr. Paul Rock’s Installation Service: 24 October, a combined worship service at 14h00 in the Sanctuary. We cordially invite you to join us for this special service of

installation for our Senior Pastor, the Rev. Dr. Paul Rock. This service will be the only service we hold on this day, and it will be followed by a light reception. The church house will still be open for the different gatherings that usually take place between services. We look forward to welcoming you!

Seasons of change: You will notice the scaffolding in the sanctuary as we continue our light and sound improvement project. We will continue to worship with the scaffolding in our midst throughout the fall. We hope to see all of you around here a lot!

Atelier Concert Series: This evening's free concert at 17h30 in our sanctuary features Frédéric Goncalves singing Schubert's song cycle "A Winter's Journey," accompanied by Nathalia Romanenko on piano.

The Story of Spirituals Benefit Concert: Saturday 30 October, 20h. This concert will be presented by Nicole Taylor (soprano) and Nathalia Romanenko (piano) to raise funds aimed at decreasing ACP's financial losses during the last year and a half. Our goal is to raise at least 5,000 euros from this concert. Tickets are 20 euros for adults and 15 euros for students. Our ACP community is encouraged to go beyond the price of the ticket, with the option of receiving a year-end French tax credit for the extra gift if requested. We're looking for ten people to accept the FRED CHALLENGE! Fred will match a 100 euro donation beyond the ticket price from up to ten people. He's waiting for you to speak with him! Please plan to lend your support by your presence and financial generosity. See acparis.org/benefit. Tickets available for purchase on our website and in-person at ACP.

Help Paul get to know you and vice versa. Join a small group meet-and-greet conversation with Paul and Stacey (when she can make it) and chat about "what it means to be the Church." Two 1-hour Zoom sessions are scheduled for 26 October at 17h30 and 7 November at 16h. Please sign up for one session only at acparis.org/signups.

Photos for Paul: Help us help Paul get to know you by face and name by taking a selfie of yourself or your family and sharing it by email with the names of those in the photo to pastorintern@acparis.org. We will make a photo book for Paul with your submissions (your personal information will not be shared with a third party). Thanks for your help as we continue to bring our new Senior Pastor on board!

Welcome cards for incoming Youth and Young Adults Pastor Rev. Elizabeth Murray: Please help us to welcome incoming Rev. Elizabeth Murray by writing a card or note! Turn in handwritten notes at ACP reception by 24 October.

Sunday Welcome 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.

Photos requested: All Saints Day, which falls on Monday 1 November, is a time when we remember ACP-related friends and family members who have joined our Lord in heaven during the past year. You are invited to send a photo of a departed loved one, along with their complete name, to Fred Gramann at music@acparis.org by Wednesday, 28 October. A musical meditation video will be created to honor our saints, which will be shared with the congregation.

Children's Ministries

Family Mission Sunday: Today following the 11h service in classroom G7 (basement level). Family Mission Sundays are opportunities for parents and children of all ages to serve God by serving others. This month, we will be making sandwiches for our Sandwich Ministry, which provides meals for those in need. Please write to Allison Wheeler at childrensworship@acparis.org with any questions.

Children's Worship: Children's Worship is back in the ACP building at 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 coming Sunday at acparis.org/signups. If you are an adult and are interested in joining our Children's Worship leadership team, or if you have any other questions, please write to 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 associatepastor@acparis.org for more information.

Young Adult Ministry (ages 18-30): Young Adults meet weekly on Tuesday nights, 19h30-21h30 in the Library. Contact associatepastor@acparis.org for more information. Follow our YA group on Instagram here: https://www.instagram.com/acp_ya/.

Adult Ministries

Women's Fellowship: Today 16h on Zoom. Join us for the "Getting to know Stacey Perkins Rock Interview." All women are welcome. Please register at acparis.org/groups/womensfellowship.

A Pathway Forward: Constructive conversation on homosexuality and the Bible – welcome and inclusion at ACP. Every second Thursday, next session on 21 October 19h30-21h via Zoom. Please register online at acparis.org.

Shane Claiborne, Thurber Conversation: Tuesday, 26 October, 19h30 on Zoom. We're excited to welcome Shane, who's speaking on "Hope for a People Weary of Violence." Shane is the founder of Red Letter Christians: redletterchristians.org. Register at acparis.org.

African Fellowship Online: Sundays 16h-17h via Zoom. The first Sunday of each month is the Fellowship; other Sundays in the month will be Bible study. Please register for the Zoom details at acparis.org.

Sunday Evening Adult Bible Study: Sundays 17h30-19h via Zoom. This Bible study on the Book of Acts is hosted by Patti Lafage and Nathaniel Akujuobi, via Zoom. All are welcome. To register and receive the Zoom link: acparis.org.

Alpha Online Course: Mondays 20h30-22h. Got questions about life? Alpha Online offers you the chance to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, fun and friendly environment! See acparis.org/alpha.

Sandwiches for those in need: 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month, 15h30 in the courtyard. Join us to make sandwiches to be delivered to homeless and refugee

populations. This event is financially supported by the ACP, and the food will be distributed by Serve the City volunteers. Feel free to bring a few bags of sliced bread, if you would like. We will make fresh sandwiches together and share conversation. Reservation in advance at tennhafer@yahoo.com is mandatory.

Wednesday Evening Adult Learning at ACP – Everybody Always! Wednesdays 19h30-21h via Zoom: “Becoming love in a world full of setbacks and difficult people.” Please register online at acparis.org.

The Wednesday and Thursday Bible Studies have been postponed until 20 and 21 October due to Jodi and Doug being in the US. Thank you for your understanding.

Men's Morning Bible Study at ACP: Thursdays 7h30-8h30. Info at acparis.org/men-thursday.

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. Afterwards, there will be an opportunity for sharing. Register at acparis.org for the Zoom link.

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.

A "Pass Sanitaire" is required to attend ACP services.

All congregants of more than 17 years of age will be required to present at least one of the following documents upon arrival:

1. Proof of completion of a full vaccination schedule at least 7 days old (or 4 weeks in the case of a single shot Johnson & Johnson vaccination).
2. A negative RT-PCR or antigenic test less than 72 hours old.
3. The result of a positive RT-PCR or antigenic test demonstrating recovery of Covid-19, at least 11 days old and less than 6 months old.

Proof will be accepted in the form of a paper certificate or digitally via the “TousAntiCovid” mobile phone application. Mask mandate protocols remain in place.

Ministers of the American Church in Paris

Ministers	The Entire Congregation	
Senior Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Paul Rock	paulrock@acparis.org
Interim Associate Pastor	The Rev. Jodi Fondell	associatepastor@acparis.org
Interim Associate Pastor	The Rev. Doug Fondell	ap2@acparis.org
Youth/Young Adult Pastor	The Rev. Elizabeth Murray	youthpastor@acparis.org
Children's Ministry Director	The Rev. Allison Wheeler	childrensworship@acparis.org
Visiting Pastor	The Rev. Don Lee	visitingpastor@acparis.org
Director of Music	Fred Gramann	music@acparis.org
Contemporary Music Dir.	Natalie Raynal	cmusic@acparis.org
Youth/Children Music Dir.	Sara Barton	ymusic@acparis.org
Pastoral Intern	Kate Snipes	pastorintern@acparis.org
Executive Secretary	Heather Walter	secretary@acparis.org
Wedding Coordinator	Jörg Kaldewey	weddings@acparis.org

The Ministry of the American Church depends on you

The American Church in Paris depends on the generosity of members and alumni in Paris and worldwide who continue to be touched by its ministries. Please give at acparis.org/donate (QR code below), email acctg@acparis.org, or visit acparis.org/support-us for more information on being a part of ACP's ministry through regular stewardship or planned giving. You can also speak with a pastor after today's service. Gifts by those subject to French income tax receive a 66% reduction in their tax due (up to 20% of taxable income). The after-tax cost of your support is therefore only €34 for a €100 gift. This applies to gifts made online, by check or by bank transfer in EUR to The American Church in Paris. For those who may prefer the charitable deduction from taxable income in the US, checks in US dollars should be made out to The American and Foreign Christian Union (AFCU) and marked "ACP Stewardship".



The American Church in Paris
www.acparis.org



WELCOME to ACP

Learn about us
Get involved
Become a member
Request a prayer or other help
Support us



acparis.org/welcome



American Church in Paris

www.acparis.org tel: 01 40 62 05 00