



THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN PARIS

7 November 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 Prelude on "If thou but suffer God to guide thee" *J.S. Bach*

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

Introit The Beginning of Love *Greg Gilpin*
Vivienne and Margaux Debré, *duet*

 Call to Worship Kate Snipes

Friends, we gather together to proclaim

the ways in which God is working within our midst.

We gather together to give thanks

for the ways in which God is working within our midst.

We gather together to open our eyes

to the ways God is using us to work within our midst.

**God has given us so much and is very much alive,
at work, and still speaking among us.**

We are called to give back. We are called to be good stewards.

**We are called to be good stewards of our time, of our
resources, and of our money.**

Let us give thanks to our God and affirm our commitment
to the ministry God is calling us into.

Let us give thanks and worship God!

 Hymn No. 434 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

tune: KINGSFOLD

⊗ Prayer of Common Confession

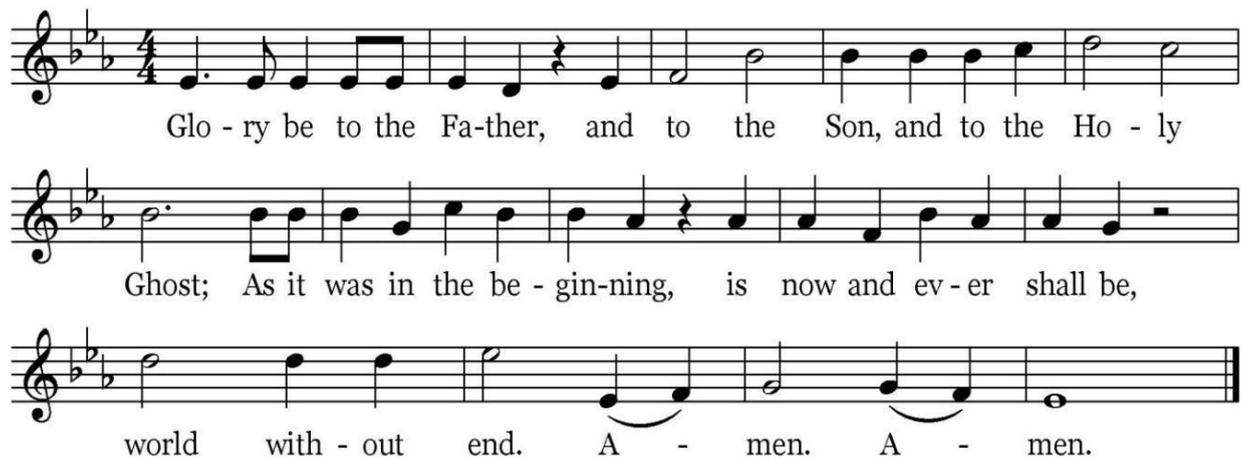
Gracious God, you are the giver of every good and perfect gift. You give us our talents, our freedom, and our financial resources. We struggle to give back to you from these gifts. We often worry that these gifts are not enough; that we must hold onto them for ourselves and for our family. Remind us again that you have blessed us to be a blessing to others, and free us for more generous living. Forgive us, O God, for all our sins, and prompt us to hold more loosely the things of this world.

(time of silent prayer)

⊗ Words of Assurance

Gracious and generous God, Thank you for your love that knows no end and for your grace which flows freely and abundantly into our lives. Because of Jesus, we are freed and forgiven from our sin. Thanks be to God. **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.

Anthem

Gift to You
Angel and Spirit Choirs

Frank Hernandez

Children's Blessing

Elizabeth Murray
(The children will be in the Thurber Room for Children's Worship this week. Please pick up your children there after the service.)

⊗ Passing of the Peace

Generosity Campaign and Minute for Ministry: Christian Education
Teri Lee Valluy

O.T. Scripture Lesson Deuteronomy 8:11-20 Teri Lee Valluy
(page 145 of the pew Bibles)

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

Sermon series: Renovating & Rebuilding the Post-Pandemic Church

Sermon Share Jodi Fondell
Acts 4:32-5:11 (page 888 of the pew Bibles)

A Moment of Reflection and Ringing of the Bells

We Respond and Are Sent into the World

The Sacrament of Holy Communion Doug Fondell, Elizabeth Murray

The Invitation

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 Doug Fondell

Offertory Anthem We Give Thee But Thine Own Fred Gramann
Adult Choir Jennifer Young, *soloist*

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!***

 Hymn We Come To This Table

tune: KREMSER (“We Gather together”)

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We come to this table, O God, with thanksgiving.

We lift up our hearts, we remember, we pray.

We hear Jesus' welcome — inviting, forgiving;

We know your Spirit's peace as we feast here today.

We dine at your table as sisters and brothers,

Diverse in our cultures, yet nourished as one.

The bread and the cup that we share here with others

Are gifts uniting all who are claimed by your Son.

We grieve for your world here; we cry, "How much longer?"

We pray for the cycles of violence to cease.

Yet here, in Christ broken, we're fed and made stronger

To labor in his name for a world filled with peace.

We rise from this table with new dedication

To feed the world's children, to free the oppressed,

To clear out the minefields, to care for creation;

We pray, O God of peace, that our work will be blest.

 Benediction

Jodi Fondell

Congregational Amen



Postlude

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.**”

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.

Announcements

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God, and in memory of John Philcox, by John O'Donnell.

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.

Truth or Myth?? Generosity Campaign 2021-22: Watch this space over the next weeks as we will address several "truth or myth" statements about ACP's finances. *#1 ACP is a wealthy church - truth or myth?* This is a myth. ACP doesn't have a lot of savings. In times past we had only sufficient "rainy day funds" to cover three months' expenses. As a result of the pandemic, there is even less today. ACP is dependent on your continued giving – so if you stop giving then we will be unable to continue operating at our current level.

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." A 1-hour Zoom session is scheduled for today at 16h. Please sign up at acparis.org/signups.

Atelier Concert Series: Tonight, 17h30 in our sanctuary: Pianist Anastasiya Magamedova performs Scarlatti, Brahms and Bach-Busoni. Free admission.

Community Thanksgiving Day Service: 25 November, 12h15 in the ACP Sanctuary. If you are able to bake cookies for the reception that follows, please let Pastor Jodi know. associatepastor@acparis.org

Gather and Give Thanks: A Thanksgiving Dinner. 27 November, 17h30 in the Theater. Tickets are 25 euros for ages 13 and above, and 20 euros for children ages 5-12. Should you need assistance toward the cost of the ticket, please see Pastor Jodi. Tickets for limited seating can be purchased in the Theater after worship on Sundays 7, 14, and 21 November, as seats remain available (cash or check only). Plan to join us for a time of thanks and good food!

November Thurbur Conversation: Join us in person or via zoom on November 30 for a conversation with Diana Butler Bass. Diana Butler Bass is an awarding-winning author, inspiring preacher, and passionate about where faith intersects with politics. Register online at acparis.org

Our Evolving Sanctuary Project: The scaffolding has moved!! This is a good sign, it means the sound and light project is moving along. Hundreds of meters of wires have been run and new lights have been installed on one side of the sanctuary!

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.

Candlelight Christmas Concerts: 11 December at 17H and at 20h: Tickets will go on sale on 14 November. Order forms will be available on our website and at the reception desk.

Children's Ministries

Kids' Monthly Bible Study: 21 November 12h15-13h15 in room G7. All children ages 7 and older are welcome! This year, we will be learning more about Jesus through studying the "I am" statements found in the Gospel of John. Please register your child at acparis.org.

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.

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

Adult Ministries

St. Paul: The Bridge Builder, Wednesday Evening Adult Learning at ACP: From 10 November - 15 December 19h30-21h via Zoom. Join us each Wednesday evening as we explore the mission and vision of the Apostle Paul as revealed in his letters to the churches in Asia Minor. Register at acparis.org/signups.

Movie Discussion Group: 18 November 19h30, room G2 at ACP and on Zoom. Films to choose from on Netflix: *The Guilty* (2021, with Jake Gyllenhaal), *Searching*, *Passing* (from 10 November); and, in cinemas: *Julie (en 12 chapitres)*, *First Cow*, and *Pig*. For more info. and Zoom invitation contact movies@acparis.org.

Women's Monthly Bible Study: 21 November 12h30-13h30 in room F2 (1st floor). All women are welcome to join us in a once-monthly study on women in parables! Register at acparis.org.

African Fellowship meets today in the Thurber Room at 12.30. All are welcome.

Sunday Evening Adult Bible Study: Next Sunday, 14 November, this study group will meet in person! Gather in the library at 15h00 to finish up the study on Acts. A new study will resume in January. Information on that study will be forthcoming.

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. 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.

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