



# THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN PARIS

## First Sunday in Lent

6 March 2022, 11h00

### Submitting your Giving Commitment for 2022

Did you miss Commitment Sunday? No worries, you can still make your 2022 giving commitment online at [acparis.org/estimatedgiving2022](https://acparis.org/estimatedgiving2022). We could really use your support as we continue to rebuild and renovate the post-pandemic church!

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### Announcements

**Coffee Fellowship:** We invite all to join us for a warm drink and warm welcome after the service, remembering to keep masks on while talking and not sipping.

**If you are new:** Please stop by our newcomer table at coffee hour so we can welcome you to ACP and answer any questions you may have.

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

**Atelier Concert:** Today at 17h30: Admission is free. Eric Astoul, pianist.

**Post-Pandemic Me helpful resources:** Find at [acparis.org/post-pandemic-me](https://acparis.org/post-pandemic-me).

**Prayers and aid for the people of Ukraine:** [acparis.org/ukraine](https://acparis.org/ukraine).

**Prayer vigil for peace in Ukraine:** 18h at the American Cathedral, 23 Av. George V, 75008. All are welcome to attend a prayer vigil at the American Cathedral in Paris.

**Sign Up for the Lent Creation Care Challenge:** Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, and giving to the poor. Even committing to one thing is “Good Enough,” the Lent theme this year. There are six creation care challenges, one for each week of Lent. Sign up here: [acparis.org/give-it-up-for-creation](https://acparis.org/give-it-up-for-creation). This week’s challenge: Pray for creation. See the March issue of the Spire for details. To join the creation care committee, contact the team at [creationcare@acparis.org](mailto:creationcare@acparis.org).

**Book Table:** There are free DVDs of significant events in ACP’s history and CDs of ACP’s original worship band available. New books for purchase will be available after the services. Please stop by and see if there’s something you’d like to pick up. Payment by cash or check. Pastor Jodi will be signing copies of her book *I Was A Stranger: Encouraging the Church to Welcome and Embrace the Foreigner*. Books are €15 and proceeds will benefit ACP. (There are only a few copies left).

**ACP Café:** 12 March at 19h30. Alexia Rabé will lead this special first ACP Café of 2022. Save the date for a wonderful evening of music and fellowship.

**Women's Pilgrimage Walk:** A small group of women will walk from Chartres to Vendôme from 3-8 June on a pilgrimage. We hope this will be a unique opportunity to delve into challenging issues regarding one's relationship with God, personal relationships, love and living life abundantly. Because space is limited, those interested should request a registration questionnaire as soon as possible from Caroline Cuozzi at: [christianeducation@acparis.org](mailto:christianeducation@acparis.org).

**ACP Council positions opening for 2022-2023:** The ACP Nominating Committee prayerfully discerns and nominates leaders to Council positions, to ensure the smooth running of the church. For the 2022-2023 Council year there are positions to be filled in HR, Property, Communications, Worship & Music, Christian Education, Finance/Stewardship & Development, and Council Secretary. We would love to hear your suggestions for Council leadership at [acparis.org/leadership-suggestions](http://acparis.org/leadership-suggestions).

**Creation Care Initiatives:** One way we are working to improve our Creation Care practices at ACP is to move towards paperless worship services. Thanks to electronic documents online and our new sanctuary screens, this should be a fairly easy adjustment for all of us! Electronic copies of our bulletins at [acparis.org/bulletins](http://acparis.org/bulletins) or in our new mobile app, available at [churchcenter.com](http://churchcenter.com).

**Reception on Sundays:** Please note that to alleviate expenses and our projected deficit budget in 2022, we are no longer employing a receptionist on Sundays. Pastors are taking over many of the duties, and we will post the Sunday schedule on the reception window each Sunday. Thank you for your understanding and we welcome your comments and concerns.

## Volunteer Needs

**Tech help needed for 14h service:** Calling all techies! If you are interested, please contact Natalie Raynal at [cmusic@acparis.org](mailto:cmusic@acparis.org).

**The installation of our fabulous Sound and Light project is almost complete ...** Thank you so much for the grace of your patience. If you'd like to be a part of our worship tech and A/V team, we would welcome your help! Please contact us at [avm@acparis.org](mailto:avm@acparis.org).

**The Mission Outreach Committee** has a need for 2 to 4 new committee members. If you are mission minded and would like to serve alongside our mission partners, please contact Mary Hovind of the nominating committee: [bemary1212@gmail.com](mailto:bemary1212@gmail.com).

**100 Nights of Welcome:** We are hosting refugee gentlemen at ACP this winter, providing them with food and a warm place to sleep for the night. If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact Daniel Tostado at [danielstostado1@gmail.com](mailto:danielstostado1@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:communications@acparis.org).

## Children's Ministries

**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](http://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](https://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](mailto:childrensworship@acparis.org).



## Youth and Young Adult Ministries

**Youth Ministry (collège, lycée):** Youth group meets weekly on Sundays 12h30-13h45 in the Catacombs on the basement level of ACP. Scan the QR code for our 2022 winter calendar. Follow our Youth Group on Instagram here: [@acpyouthsquad](https://www.instagram.com/acpyouthsquad). Contact [youthpastor@acparis.org](mailto:youthpastor@acparis.org) for more information.



**Young Adult Ministry (ages 18-30):** Young adults meet weekly on Tuesday nights 19h30-21h30 in the Thurber Room (2nd floor). Contact [youthpastor@acparis.org](mailto:youthpastor@acparis.org) for more information. Follow our YA Group on Instagram here for the latest updates: [https://www.instagram.com/acp\\_ya/](https://www.instagram.com/acp_ya/).

## Adult Ministries

**Be the Bridge book study:** Continuing on Wednesday 9 March 19h30-21h via Zoom. A congregational conversation on race, healing, and communication, based on the book *Be the Bridge: Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation*, by Latasha Morrison. Register at [acparis.org/signups](https://acparis.org/signups).

**Thurber Conversation with Al Tizon:** 15 March. Al will be speaking to us on Reconciliation and the Great (Whole) Commission. Live event with food at 19h00 in the Thurber Room, lecture via Zoom will begin at 19h45. Please register for live or Zoom at [acparis.org/signups](https://acparis.org/signups).

**Deepening Our Faith:** Continuing on Wednesdays 16 and 23 March, 19h30-21h via Zoom. Whether you're new to Christianity or wanting to refresh your faith, this program is offering you the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of what we believe as a Christian community. Register at [acparis.org/signups](https://acparis.org/signups).

**Small miracles in the time of coronavirus: What does pilgrimage mean to you?** 30 March at 19h30 on Zoom. The impossibility of international travel during the Covid-19 crisis has brought many disappointments, but also opportunities to discover nearby destinations with new eyes. Join us for a 35-minute slideshow and a discussion about the meaning of pilgrimage with long-time ACP members Karen Albrecht and Barbara Yème. Register for Zoom details at [acparis.org/signups](https://acparis.org/signups).

**Sunday Evening Adult Bible Study:** 17h30-19h30 on Zoom. We are studying the book of Hebrews. Register for Zoom, details at [acparis.org](https://acparis.org).

**Men's Morning Bible Study at ACP:** Thursdays 7h30-8h30. Information at [acparis.org/men-thursday](https://acparis.org/men-thursday). Zoom only at this time.

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

**Sandwich Ministry:** Come join us on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 17h-18h30 to help make sandwiches to help feed over 100 homeless persons a week. Would you consider helping weekly or monthly? For more information, contact Stacy Bennison at [reception@acparis.org](mailto:reception@acparis.org).

**African Fellowship:** Fellowship in the Thurber Room at 13h the first Sunday of the month. Other Sundays in the month will be Bible study from 16h-17h via Zoom. Please register for the Zoom details at [acparis.org](http://acparis.org).

**Knitting Group:** See [acparis.org/groups](http://acparis.org/groups) to register for Zoom details and more information.

**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](http://acparis.org).

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