

Ark and Dove Presbyterian Church, USA



Church of St. Edward, King and Martyr, Corfe Castle, United Kingdom

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

May the strength of God pilot us. May the power of God preserve us. May the wisdom of God instruct us. May the hand of God protect us. May the way of God direct us. May the shield of God defend us. May the host of God guard us against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May Christ be with us, Christ before us, Christ in us, Christ over us, this day and for evermore. Amen.

– Patrick of Ireland

25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 19, 2023

9:00 & 10:30 am

PREPARATORY MUSIC

Singabahambayo

- Victor C. Johnson

THE PRESENTATION OF SCRIPTURE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day of our Creator, the day of wonder and grace.

People: This is the day to worship The One who calls us here.

Leader: This is the Sabbath, a day of life and love.

People: This is the day promised to us, the day of healing and renewal.

Leader: This is the day of rest, and it has come just in time!

People: This is the day we gather with faith, and love, and thanksgiving to worship the Author of Life.

HYMN NO. 367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

(Congregation may stand)

- George Job Elvey

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we confess our ongoing struggles to be faithful with our resources. Entrusted with an abundance of gifts, we become fearful of using them. Gifted with a bounty of blessings, we bury our treasures and miss the chance to be a blessing to others. Invited to dance in the light of your love, we stand safely against the wall, keeping company with our old friend, inaction. Called to serve those in need, we check our list of excuses. Have mercy on our misses and messes. Open us to your Spirit, that we might be transformed by your grace and empowered by your love; even now as we open our hearts to you in the prayerful silence....

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE NO. 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

(Congregation may stand)

- Paul Vasile

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WELCOME, FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS, LIVE-STREAM CHECK-IN, AND JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(We invite you to sign in on our red Friendship Registers found at the end of each row.)

HYMN NO. 708

We Give Thee but Thine Own

(Congregation may stand)

- Mason and Webb

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Judges 4:1-7

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:14-30

RESPONSE

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Buried Treasure”

- Tim Stern

THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE OFFERING

During the singing of the musical offering the congregation is invited to come forward and lay pledge cards, tithes and offerings in the baskets on the communion table. Music leaders are invited to bring their gifts forward during the singing of the hymn.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Kuku

- Malinke Women of Malian Forest Guinea

Rooted in Rhythm

RESPONSE NO. 609

(Congregation may stand)

Praise God, from whom all Blessings flow

- Hal Hopson

DEDICATION OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS, ELECTRONIC/ONLINE GIVING, AND OUR PLEDGES FOR 2024

HYMN NO. 697

(Congregation may stand)

Take My Life

- H.A. Cesar Malan

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC

Singabahambayo

- Victor C. Johnson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER BOOK CLUB Adults and teens are invited to join the Anti-Racism and GLEAM teams **today at 2:00pm** in the Marshall Room for our monthly book club discussion of "The 57 Bus". There will be a hybrid option for those who participate virtually, and there's a copy of the book in our library. Don't miss this one! Contact trebleclef48@gmail.com for more information.

GLEAM FAMILY & ALLY MEETING Monday, Nov. 20th 7pm- GLEAM Family & Ally Support Group. Questions or zoom link contact Amy Tardiff Amy.Tardiff@arkanddove.org

LIVING JUSTLY IN OUR MODERN WORLD What does it mean to “live justly”? How can we, as Christians, bring God’s kingdom of love and justice to the world we live in, today? Using the book “Living Justly” (2021, Tearfund), we are going to explore that, deepen our relationships with each other, and create an action plan over 5 sessions in October, November, and December using stories, scripture, and group discussion. We are meeting on **Wednesdays at 8pm** on Zoom (**November 29, December 6**). Contact knilsenjohnson@arkanddove.org to sign up or for more information.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT COMING SOON! SAVE THE DATES! The pageant will be on **December 10th** at the **10:30 am service**. Kids of all ages and abilities are invited to participate! The rehearsals are: **11/28** in the evening, **12/3** following worship, **12/5** in the evening, and **12/9** in the morning. The children’s choir will be providing the music for the pageant, so if your child would like to be included, please have them attend rehearsals on **Sunday mornings at 9am**. Questions? Email Sara at christianed@arkanddove.org for general questions or Rae’tta at raetta.bond@arkanddove.org for information on the children’s music ministry.

MISSION MINISTRY HOLIDAY POTLUCK Mission Ministry will be having a Holiday Potluck on **December 3rd** in the Marshall Room from **11:45am-1:15pm**. Join us to share a meal, hear about ideas for Mission in the next year, and consider joining our teams. We'd love to see you there. Everyone is welcome! See the Arkive for the food sign up link.

ARK AND DOVE BOOK CLUB'S DECEMBER SELECTION The Ark and Dove Book Club will be discussing "Mad Honey" by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan on Zoom on **Friday, December 8th at 7:30pm**. Email kim.champagne@arkanddove.org for more information and the zoom link.

THE EMPTY CHAIR AT THE HOLIDAY TABLE Save the date for Grief and the Holidays on **12/13/2023 at 7pm**. We can share how Thanksgiving went and what may be coming up for you with Christmas. Contact Linnie Girdner for more information. 410-999-7892 or girdnerlinda@gmail.com



We have witnessed the millions of people caught in the middle of the devastating conflict between the government of Israel and Hamas. This is a dire humanitarian crisis and the loss of human life is unimaginable. Through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is providing assistance to those most vulnerable, and supporting partners in Palestine and Israel who are responding to the needs of their neighbors. Our Biggest concern is the safety and care for those caught in the middle of this conflict and in need of humanitarian aid, no matter their religious beliefs, politics or nationality. Years of recovery lie ahead. Will you stand in the "GAP" for all affected by this conflict? - Give. Act . Pray.

GIVE:

You can write a check to Ark and Dove and mark it Israel/Palestine, or go to www.ArkandDove.org and click on the giving tab and scroll down to **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**.

ACT:

Urge the U.S. government to advocate for an immediate cease-fire and the end of the blockade on Gaza to ensure urgent access to humanitarian aid, and call for engaging a diplomatic solution to the conflict.

PRAY:

Dear God, We come before you with heavy hearts, burdened by the ongoing conflict in the land of Israel and Palestine. As we listen to the stories, and see the news of what is unfolding, we pray for all the people affected by this strife, for the innocent civilians, the children, and the families who endure the pain of violence and unrest. In times of darkness, help us remember that we are all your children, and that love and compassion can transcend the divisions and hate that lead to war. Grant us the strength to work tirelessly for a world where conflicts are resolved through dialogue, justice and respect for one another.

Welcome! We hope you enjoyed worshipping with us and that you will come again. In-person worship is at 9:00 and 10:30 AM. Our 10:30 service is also live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook. Would you like a pastor to contact you? Would you like to learn more about Ark and Dove? Please send a note to admin@arkanddove.org.

Sunday Mornings for Children and Youth

9:00 AM

Childcare

10:30 AM

Childcare

After the Children's Sermon: Sunday School Pre-K through grade 5

Youth Hand Chime Ensemble - 9:00 AM-9:45 AM
Children & Youth Choir Rehearsal - 9:45 AM-10:15 AM

*We are a Matthew 25 church, a More Light church, and Earth Care Congregation
See the Arkive E-newsletter for more information.*

Ministry Leaders

Liturgist – Adell Gaurin (10:30)

Usher – Erin Caldwell (9:00), Greg Makar (10:30)

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