

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026

11:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE "El-Shaddai" Duet with Geoff Atkinson J.Thompson

WORDS of WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS and BIRTHDAYS

JOYS and CONCERNS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based on Psalm 98)*

One: We sing because God does marvelous things!

All: He opened salvation to all and revealed his righteousness to the world.

One: Make joyful noise the Lord, all the earth!

All: We join in joyous song and sing God's praises!

One: It's not only us, but the sea, the rivers, even the mountains rejoice out loud.

All: The whole cosmos sings because the Lord is coming to establish justice on earth!

*** HYMN #665**

"As Morning Dawns"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Carl Zukas

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Lord, you call, but we do not always recognize your voice.

All: Sometimes we don't listen carefully. Sometimes we're caught off guard.

One: Lord, you call, but we haven't always taught others to hear you.

All: Sometimes we stand in the way, allowing our voice to ring out over yours.

One: Lord, you call, but we don't always believe our ears.

All: Sometimes we believe we know better. Sometimes we

think you can't possibly be calling us, or her, or him.

One: Forgive us, Lord, our unpracticed listening, our closed ears.

All: Help us to hear. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We Listen to God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 28:5-9 CEB NT p. 33

MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER

GOSPEL LESSON John 20:1-18 CEB NT p.114

PREACHING OF THE WORD "In the Garden"

We Respond to God's Word

*** HYMN** "In the Garden" Insert

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(Question & Answer #1 from the Heidelberg Catechism, written in 1562)*

Q.1 What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A.1 That I am not my own, but belong - body and soul, in life and in death - to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life

and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory "In the Garden" arr. C. Tornquist

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Gratitude for God's Abundance (unison)

Generous God, everything we receive is a gift of your love. Following your call, we return to you a portion of what we have received. Let it become food for those who are hungry, blessings for those who need care, and good news for all people. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve

* HYMN "Congregation's Choice!"

* CHARGE & BLESSING

*POSTLUDE "Trumpet Tune" .J. McCrory

*Please stand in body or spirit

Wrapping our community in God's love, one person at a time.

We believe that we are all ministers supported by:

Rev. Niki Atkinson – Office Hours, typically Wed. & Fri. 9:30-4:00

Please call for appointments.

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Amy Shupe, Organist; Joel Varga, Assistant Organist

Zach Bush, Trumpeter Sam Mullooly, Trombonist

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Summer Office Hours: Monday through Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



"I come to the garden alone when the dew is still on the roses..."

*photo taken by Rev. Niki Atkinson in October 2015 at The Garden Tomb, just outside of the Old City of Jerusalem, north of the Damascus Gate

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Ted and Brenda Kaskan
Carole Kennedy

Faith Friends: Darla Tamski

Our Church: Ministry Team
The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery

Presbytery: Northwest (Synod Boriquen Puerto Rico)

Denomination: Episcopal Church in the USA

Nation: Maldives – Male`

IMMEDIATE Ron & Candy's 57th ☺, family of LaRue, family who lost baby, Mark Gizler, Flood victims, Bill home from hospital, Carol Kopnick, Cailen World Champion, family of Samantha McCutcheon, Bryan Dillick, Mariane Altmeyer, Shannan, Nancy, Scott & Cathy Hubbard, Debi Harker and family on death of her stepfather Don Funk, Luke Kanish, Carol Kopnick, Family of Ashley, Butch and Donna 56th anniversary, Ron George, family and friends of Gus Couknas, Vicki, Mary Kay, Jean, Becca, Newt, family of Nick, Amy Shupe.

CONTINUING Dance Clik Recital ☺, Ronan ☺, Rachel, Dave's return of cancer, family of Linda Rollinson, National Cancer Survivor Day ☺. Dave Kiebler, Joyce Mollick, Bethany, Anthony grad from Annapolis, Melissa, Mac McMunn, **Candy George, Kim Liska, Joyce Mollick ☺, Joey 1st Holy Communion, Lois Learn, NC lung cancer victim.**

ONGOING Shannan, Nora, Eric Ribar, Missy, Katie, Eddie, Donnie Riggle, Gary Harkcom, Bill & Linda Crabtree, Frank Kovak, Josh Hanus, Shannon Pruss, Chris Hilker, Carol Gallagher, Linda Gould, Snedecor family, Alan Shockey, Bonnie Machak, Lani Knox, Nick Arnoldy, Benjamin Mumaw, Sean George.

MINISTRY All those affected by the Coronavirus, flu, and RSV and those working in the health care field, first responders, research, and government. Food 4 Kids, AUPC Deacon's Emergency Fund, Support for our church, EPR Mugombwa; Victims of violence and natural disasters; President Donald Trump, our country, other world leaders, our church and its leaders, the war & military personnel, wounded military at home and in hospitals, terrorist victims, Kiskiminetas' Rwanda Partnership

SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS
August 23 ~ Amy Shupe & Glenna Kanish
August 30 ~ Nancy Russo & Bill Speer
September 6 ~ Scott Hollabaugh & Laura Uncapher

August 23, 2026 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>SUNDAY</u>	Worship-Backpack Blessings	11:00 AM
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	Crafters	9:00 AM
	Knitters	10:00 AM
<u>THURSDAY</u>	Bible Study	10:00 AM
<u>FRIDAY</u>	Office Closed	
<u>SUNDAY</u>	Worship	11:00 AM

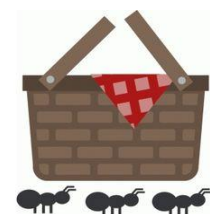




Many thanks to Terry Reed for the beautiful addition to the lounge in the Christian Ed building. Given in memory of his father, Bob Reed, the Howard Miller clock replicates the one which hangs in the chapel that Bob gifted in memory of his beloved wife, Nellie. AUPC will be forever grateful for the time given by the Reed family.

HELP NEEDED with **CHANGING PARAMENTS** & **PREPARING COMMUNION** (which also involves cleaning up after service). There are written instructions for these tasks and Peggy Landon has offered to help guide the person(s) who volunteer. Please see Peggy if you are interested or call the office.

ACOLYTE TRAINING AND/OR REFRESHER WILL BE HELD TODAY, FOLLOWING WORSHIP. AN ACOLYTE SCHEDULE WILL BE SENT AS SOON AS ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE CONFIRMED.



**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPT. 13**

**at OWENS GROVE!
hot dogs, buns, condiments, paper
products and drinks will be**

**provided. A through M requested to bring
desserts. N through Z please bring side-dishes.
10 AM joint service w/BSPC, picnic follows.**



**Coming in September
Friday 25th & Saturday 26th,
8:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

Clean, useable items will be accepted through Sunday, Sept. 20. All items must be taken downstairs and neatly arranged behind the curtain on the stage. On Wednesdays, during the months of June and August, from 4 to 6 PM, Bill Speer will be at the church and available to assist with large items or help if you are unable to negotiate the stairs. If those dates and times aren't convenient, an appointment may be made.

(no assistance will be available in July)

All other donations not requiring assistance may be brought to the church Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM up to the Sept. 20 deadline.



Here comes

2026!

**Join us on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
for a special event to begin AUPC's
2026-27 Sunday School Year!
Bring a friend - - Everyone Welcome!**

