## APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

**Joint Service with Boiling Springs Presbyterian Church December 28, 2025** 10:00 a.m.

#### We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE "Ding Dong! Merrily on High"

One: Today we gather still in the glow of Christmas joy. All: The Word has become flesh and dwells among us!

One: Let us lift our voices in the songs of Christ's birth— All: And remember the stories that shaped these songs.

T. Kendall

Mike Mollick

**HYMN STORY** 

GOSPEL LESSON

\*GLORIA PATRI #581

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Luke 2:8-20

Dale Burns

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS and BIRTHDAYS** 

Mike Mollick

**HYMN #133** 

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" vs. 1

We Listen to God's Word

Glenna Kanish

PRAYER CONCERNS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\* HYMN # 136

WORDS of WELCOME

Mike Mollick

Carol Kopnicky

**HYMN STORY** 

"Away in a Manger" vs. 1

**HYMN #114** 

"WONDEROUS GIFT GIVING"

Amy Shupe

**HYMN STORY** 

**Aaron Myers** 

**HYMN STORY** 

Dana Myers

**HYMN #122** 

"Silent Night"

HYMN #123 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" vs. 1

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#### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

One: Come, let us worship God.

**CALL TO CONFESSION** 

God of Christmas hope, you come to us in Jesus—full of grace, humble and tender—

"Go Tell It On the Mountain!"

yet we confess that we do not always welcome him. We cling to our own ways, we turn from your light, we rush past the wonder you place before us. When the world feels weary.

we forget your promise of peace. When our lives feel crowded, we make no room for you.

Forgive us. Let the good news of Christ's birth renew our hearts and guide our lives, so that we may walk in your light and bear your love into the world. Amen.

#### \* DECLARATION OF PARDON

### We Respond to God's Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Mike Mollick

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

"Immanuel"

Mike Mollick arr. C. Tornquist

Doxology #606

Offertory

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

Generous God, as you have given yourself to us in Jesus Christ, we now give ourselves to you. Bless these gifts, that they may bring light where there is darkness, comfort where there is sorrow, and hope where there is despair. Use us and what we offer to share the good news of Christ's love— born among us and alive in the world. Amen.

#### We Go Forth to Serve

HYMN STORY Mike Mollick

\* HYMN #134 "JOY to the WORLD"

\* CHARGE & BLESSING Mike Mollick

POSTLUDE "Joy Has Dawned" arr. C. Tornquist

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 Wed. & Fri. 9:30-4:00 (2026)
Please call for appointments.

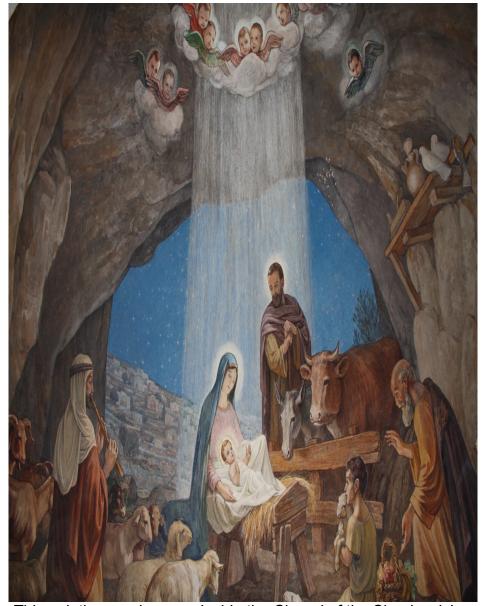
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Zach Bush, Trumpeter Sam Mullooly, Trombonist
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Office Hours: Holiday Schedule in bulletin

Today's bulletin has been given
In Loving Memory of
NANCY MACAKANJA
from her sister Peggy Landon



This painting can be seen inside the Chapel of the Shepherds' Field, a Franciscan chapel built in 1953. It is located in Beit Sahour, southeast of Bethlehem in Palestine. The chapel commemorates the annunciation of Jesus' birth to the shepherds.

Photo taken by Rev. Niki Atkinson, October 2015.

# Our Children and Grandchildren from Don & Lydia Summerhill

A special gift was given to the Apollo-Ridge Area Food Bank in honor of my brother, Alan Shockey, and sisters, Brenda Kaskan and Marcia Costa From Shirley Dick

# In Loving Memory . . . . .

A. Dean & Kathryn Orr from Nancy Russo

Our parents, our brothers, and our son

Matthew from Don and Lydia Summerhill

Lenore & Tom Muffley, Mary Kolish &

Walter F. Smail from Amy Shupe & Walt Smail

Dr. Lyndon H. Landon, Jr., Dora & Sam
Gallagher, Nancy L.
Macakanja, Wilda B.
Guthrie from Peggy
Landon

Mr. & Mrs. Blair

Kiebler, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Wildi, John Wildi from Joyce Wildi

Orr from Deana Waters

**Bicego** 

Layden Wilson, Frank & Edna Adams, Layden & Margaret Wilson from Kathy Wilson

All of Our Loved Ones from Ron & Candy George

Loved Ones from Linda Gould

Rick Kopnicky from Carol Kopnicky

Our Parents from The Richard Miller Family

A. Dean & Kathryn

A special gift was given to the General Fund In Memory of Louise Montali from her daughter & husband, June & Eugene

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