

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" T. Kendall
WORDS of WELCOME Mike Mollick
ANNOUNCEMENTS and BIRTHDAYS Mike Mollick
PRAYER CONCERNS Mike Mollick

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

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.

One: Come, let us worship God.

*** HYMN # 136 "Go Tell It On the Mountain!"**

CALL TO CONFESSION Carol Kopnicky

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

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

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**

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We Listen to God's Word

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:8-20 Dale Burns
HYMN STORY Dale Burns
HYMN #133 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" vs. 1
HYMN STORY Glenna Kanish
HYMN #114 "Away in a Manger" vs. 1
"WONDEROUS GIFT GIVING" Amy Shupe
HYMN STORY Aaron Myers
HYMN #123 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" vs. 1
HYMN STORY Dana Myers
HYMN #122 "Silent Night" vs. 1

We Respond to God's Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Mike Mollick
OUR GIFTS TO GOD Mike Mollick
Offertory "Immanuel" arr. C. Tornquist
Doxology #606
***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)

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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 Honor of

Hope - Peace - Joy

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

THE BEGINNING

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

Orr *from Deana Waters*

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

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Fund In Memory of Louise Montali
from her daughter & husband, June &
Eugene
Bicego

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