

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

Second Sunday after Christmas - Epiphany (observed)

January 4, 2026 11:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE

"Gabriel's Message"

C. Curtist

WORDS of WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS and BIRTHDAYS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: A new day has dawned, a new year begun

All: O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice

One: The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future

All: O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path

One: We enter this new year with hope and excitement

All: O Lord, remind us that You lead us

One: O Lord, guide us as look to You, and worship You. Amen.

*** HYMN #152 "What Star is This, with Beams So Bright?"**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Mike Mollick

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Holy One, we would like to believe that we would be like the magi, that we would protect the innocent, and stand up to the tyrant. But we have times when we struggle to do what is right and good. Too often we have resigned ourselves to the way it has always been. Forgive our lack of action, guide us back to your purposes, and help us be brave enough to do your will: to pursue justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Amen.

*** DECLARATION OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We Listen to God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 2:1-12 CEB

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MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER

PROPHETIC LESSON Isaiah 60:1-6 CEB

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PREACHING OF THE WORD "Exclamation Point Living!"

We Respond to God's Word

*** HYMN #151**

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Book of Confessions, Confession 1967, 9.27)

The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, to whom the Holy Spirit bears unique and authoritative witness through the Holy Scriptures, which are received and obeyed as the word of God written.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

T. Osman

Doxology #606

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION (unison)

We give you thanks, O Lord, for once again you have filled us with good things...not just bread and wine, but your very self. Now may this glimpse of your kingdom sustain

us, and give us eyes to see you at work in every place, and strength to be your body in the world. As you have blessed the bread and broken it, you have blessed us and let light shine through the cracks. Make us your people, again and again, light for the world. In Jesus name. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve

* HYMN #744 “Arise, Your Light is Come!”

* CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE “Good King Wenceslas” arr. K. Barker

- *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 Tues. & Wed. 9:30-4:00

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Today’s Acolyte ~ Lennon Kanish



*Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid!
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.*

“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning”

Reginald Heber, 1783

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Peggy Marangoni
Pam & Ron McMunn
Faith Friend: Darla Tamski
Our Church: Session
The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery
Presbytery: Cayuga-Syracuse (Synod of Northeast)
Denomination: Christian Church Disciples of Christ in USA
Nation: Zaire

IMMEDIATE Doris Patterson family, Thunder Robinson, Kind family who lost baby, Aiden Miller family, Mark & Kasey Gizzler & family, Mary, Kristen, family of Sandy, family of Jim Dunmire, Gene Griffith, **Debbie, Dave Highfield, Ron in church ☺, Dolores, beautiful sanctuary at Christmas, Ken Bowman, Jess's grandfather, Christmas Tea JOY!, Melinda here ☺, Family of Frank Lombardi, mary, KVCB ☺, Ronan, Ashley, Dan Peppler, Wendy.**

CONTINUING Ashley, Patty Pavetti, Janelle, Danny, Doris Patterson, Perona family. Laura's brother-in-law, people of Jamaica, Jeff, Shirley Jackson, John Moats, Diane & Jim Detman on the loss of Diane's father, Kim, Ashley & Ben, Ronan, Luke, new baby.

ONGOING

Nora, Eric Ribar, Missy, Katie, 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

A gift has been received **In Memory of Tom Orr and Jacob Dunmire** from Philip and Kimberly Protheroe.

January 4, 2026 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>SUNDAY</u>	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Worship	11:00 AM
	Seekers Class @ BSPC	1:00 PM
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	Food 4 Kids Packing Day	3:30 PM
<u>SUNDAY</u>	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Worship	11:00 AM

SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS

January 4 ~ Laura Uncapher & Amy Shupe

January 11 ~ _____ & Laura Uncapher

January 18 ~ Laura Uncapher & _____

January 25 ~ Amy Shupe & Glenna Kanish

IMPORTANT MESSAGE!

We are so pleased that the playground has been such a big hit! Parents, here are a few reminders: *An adult must be with the child (children) *If toys are brought from home, soft & quiet is best *It is the adult's responsibility to clean up after their children-this is not our custodians responsibility.
THANKS!

PLEASE NOTE: The Ministry Team will be meeting on Tuesday, January 20th at 10:00 AM (not Jan. 13th)

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Your 2026 Giving Envelopes can be found in the vestibule along with your 2025 Giving Statements. If you have a church mailbox, please find those items there.

