

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

7th Sunday after Epiphany
February 23, 2025 11:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE "Ye Holy Angels Bright" F. Ritter

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

BIRTHDAYS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Our salvation is from the Lord;

All: God is our refuge in times of trouble.

One: The Lord helps us and rescues us;

All: God saves us because we take refuge in our Lord.

*** HYMN #410 "God is Calling Through the Whisper"**

CALL TO CONFESSION Jerri Mollick

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Merciful God, you have commanded us to love you above all and to have no other gods. You have called us to love others as you love them. But we are personally and socially deformed by the love of other "gods" — the false gods of prosperity and materialism, racial and ethnic privileging, gender exclusivity, and nationalistic imperialism. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit so that we might learn to love as you love and live as people baptized as your own children. Amen.

*** DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We Listen to God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 45:3-11, 15 OT p. 35

MOMENT OF WORD & WONDER Kid's Bells

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 NT p. 176

PREACHING OF THE WORD "Do You Understand?"

We Respond to God's Word

*** HYMN #247 "Now the Green Blade Rises"**

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(from A Brief Statement of Faith)*
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER *After hearing "Lord, in your mercy" please respond "Lord, hear our prayer"*

Our Gifts to God
Offertory "Someone Somewhere" arr. B. Price
*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Gratitude for God's Abundance
We Go Forth to Serve

* HYMN #346 "For the Healing of the Nations"

* BENECTION

POSTLUDE "In Peace and Joy I Go My Way" Harmonized by J.S.Bach
*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
Please call for appointments.

E-mail pastor@aupc.comcastbiz.net

Amy Shupe, Organist; Joel Varga, Assistant Organist
Zach Bush, Trumpeter Sam Mullooly, Trombonist
Linda Truffa, Office Administrator
Dan Tomlinson, Custodian

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Office Hours: Monday through Friday – 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

ACOLYTE TODAY: AVERY ZUKAS

The Admin Team and Personnel Ministry are in search of someone willing to help serve on the Personnel Ministry Team. If you would like to share your talents, please see Carl Zukas (Personnel Chair) or Scott Hollabaugh (Admin Team Chair) for more details to help you make a good decision.

**Holy Week
Meditation
Stations**

REFLECT UPON THE EVENTS OF
JESUS' LAST WEEK THROUGH A
SERIES OF PRAYERFUL
EXPERIENCES, ALL AT YOUR
OWN PACE.

**BOILING SPRINGS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
1668 PA-56, SPRING CHURCH

SUN. 4/13 – 1PM-4PM
MON. 4/14 – 9:30AM-4PM
TUES. 4/15 – 9:30AM-6PM
WED. 4/16 – 9:30AM-4PM
THUR. 4/17 – 12PM-9PM



"Story of Joseph"

John August Swanson, 2005

Swanson makes his home in Los Angeles, California, where he was born in 1938. He paints in oil, watercolor, acrylic and mixed media, and is an independent printmaker of limited edition serigraphs, lithographs and etchings.

His art reflects the strong heritage of storytelling he inherited from his Mexican mother and Swedish father. John Swanson's narrative is direct and easily understood. He addresses himself to human values, cultural roots, and his quest for self-discovery through visual images. These include Bible stories and social celebrations such as attending the circus, the concert, and the opera. He also tells of everyday existence, of city and country walks, of visits to the library, the train station or the schoolroom. All his parables optimistically embrace life and one's spiritual transformation.

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS
Household: Dennis & Elaine Kinter
Pat Kipp
Faith Friend: Darla Tamski
Our Church: Pastor
The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery
Presbytery: Great Rivers (Synod of Lincoln Trails)
Denomination: Presbyterian Church USA
Nation: Djibouti - Djibouti

IMMEDIATE *Glenna Hall, Carole Kennedy, Dan P., Betty, Mindy, Sally, Cathy Hubbar, domestic violence victim, LaRue Householder family, Howard, Jordan Perona's surgery, Nancy Joyce's surgery, Maria Bearer, Zukas family, Ann Cloonan's friend, Kim Stankkus, Shannon Ebner, Don Pepper, Presbytery of Kiskiminetas(General Presbyter Search Committee) search for 2 Prebyters, family of Clarence, Eric, Kim Liska surgery, family of Bea Blystone.*

CONTINUING *Butch, Peggy, Karen, Art Summerhill family, Lee Lookabaugh family, Martha Jane Wilkinson, Family of Nancie Allen, Vivian, Debbie McDivitt, Middle East Hostages, Diane Grant, California fires, Kirk, Lisa, Scott & Nancy Hubbard, LaRue Mumaw family, Jordan, Caitlyn, Joe Mazur, Wesson, 3 yr old Nora, Tim Kanish, Joy: Concordia Faith Friends doing well ☺, Pastor Niki's step-dad Dave.*

ONGOING *Katie, Bob Reed, Donnie Riggie, Gary Harkcom, Donna Fry, 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
February 23 ~ Scott Hollabaugh & Derek Hilty

SWISS STEAK DINNER @ BSPC – SATURDAY, MAR. 9 – 4:00-7:00 pm
(or until the food runs out) Reservations or Take-out: 724-478-1523
\$14 each

February 23, 2025 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY Worship, Youth Sunday School **11:00AM**
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Welcome Rev. Lisa Lyon/Communion
Pastor Niki will be away on Study Leave Monday, Feb. 24 through Sunday, March 2.

Sunday, March 2, Worship & Communion with Rev. Lisa Lyon.

March 5th – ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE - 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 8, PW Quarterly Meeting, 9:00 AM

Saturday, March 15, Family Dance, 6-8 PM

Saturday, March 22 – SPAGHETTI DINNER – 4-7 PM

Wednesday, April 2 – 12:00 PM - AUPC hosting LENTEN LUNCHEON following Lenten Service.

RUMMAGE SALE???

There has been some interest shown in having a rummage sale here at AUPC sometime in 2025. So we are looking for someone to coordinate the fundraiser. Several people have offered to help, and even “learn the ropes” for being the coordinator for future sales. In the past, these sales have brought in thousands of dollars to the church. It's an opportunity to give back—donating your time and talent to help with the bottom line at AUPC, while having fun at the same time! Please let me know if you are interested in the coordinator's job, and we'll put a date on the calendar!
Thanks!

Amy Shupe, Chairperson of Stewardship and Finance

Lent Opportunities

apollopresby.org

Apollo United Presbyterian Church

401 First St., Apollo



ASH
WEDNESDAY*

March 5

Joint worship
w/Boiling
Springs PC

7:00 pm
Worship

*Communion will be
served
ALL are welcome



EASTER EGG
HUNT

April 5
2:00pm -
4:00pm

All ages are
welcome to
attend



PALM
SUNDAY

April 13
11:00 am

Service will be
streamed
youtube.com/
@apollopresby



MAUNDY
THURSDAY*

April 17
7:00pm

Joint Worship
AT Boiling
Springs PC

*Communion will be
served
ALL are welcome



EASTER
SUNDAY*

April 20
11:00 am

Service will be
streamed
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Lenten Worship & Luncheons

brought to you by the members of the Apollo Ministerium



March 12
12:00pm

First Lutheran
Church
214 N.
Pennsylvania
Ave.
w/Rev. T.J.
Lucas of
Quality Life
Services



March 19
12:00pm

Spring Church
Lutheran
3623
Lutheran
Church Road
w/Rev. Niki
Atkinson of
Apollo &
Boiling Springs
Presbyterian
Churches



March 26
12:00pm

New
Beginnings
UMC
210 Rainbow
Lake Road
w/Rev. Phil
Ramstad of
First Lutheran
Church



April 2
12:00pm

Apollo United
Presbyterian
401 First St.
w/Rev. June
Jeffries of New
Life Baptist
Church



April 9
12:00pm

Quality Life
Services
153 Goodview
Drive
w/Pastor
Erika
Rabickow of
Apollo Free
Methodist
Church

