

**APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**December 1, 2024**

**11:00 a.m.**

**We Gather in God's Name**

**PRELUDE** "Of the Father's Love Begotten" W. Held

**ADVENT READING and LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE**

The Brooks/Ribar Family: Eric, Christy, Hayden, Claire, Emery and Preston.  
*(Liturgy to follow is under Church Family Announcements)*

**WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BIRTHDAYS**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*HYMN #363** "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

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

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

**\*DECLARATION OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI #581**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**We Listen to God's Word**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLDTESTAMENT SCRIPTURE**

**A MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER**

**NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE**

**SERMON** "Ready?"

**\*HYMN #88** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

**APOSTLE'S CREED**

p. 35

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER**

**We Respond to God's Word**

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**Offertory** "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" F. Bock  
**Doxology** p. 606

**\*Prayer of Dedication (unison)** Generous God, you are our portion and our cup. In You, hearts are glad, souls rejoice and bodies rest. Bless and multiply our offerings that they may bring the joy of Your presence more deeply into the world. Amen

**We Go Forth to Serve**

**\*HYMN #643** "Now Thank We All Our God"

**\*CHARGE & BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE** "The Echo Carol" arr. E. J. Lorenz

\*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:*  
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**ACOLYTE TODAY: ALEX KAMINSKI**

**PLEASE GET A NAME TAG FROM THE VESTIBULE.**

It will help our visitors know who we are and  
we will also know our visitors by name.



The theme for the sanctuary's Christmas tree for 2024 will be **"Words for the Beginning"**. Everyone is asked to bring (on loan) a cherished ornament with a "Word for the Beginning" (i.e., an ornament with the word **"JOY"**, or the word **"JESUS"** written on it.) We will be adding these to an undecorated tree, beginning in Advent. (First Sunday of Advent is December 1)



## WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Diane and James Detman  
Don and Shirley Dick  
Faith Friend: Bob Reed  
Our Church: Administration Team  
Church(s): Tidal Church Moderator: Diane Flynn  
Presbytery: Missouri River Valley (Synod of Lakes & Prairies)  
Denomination: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
Nation: Burkina Faso - Ouagadougou

**IMMEDIATE** Jennie Baustert family, Steve Pavetti family, Adam Greece family, traveling mercies for Melissa & family, Ann Cloonan, Nancy, Missy "Hurley", LaRue Mumaw, Jerry Travis family, Carwile's nephew Liam, Jordan, Ron George, **Veterans, John ☺**.

**CONTINUING** Bill Toland family, Jess Carwile ☺, Lisa B. ☺, Jim Eckenrod, Nancy, Pastor Niki's step-father Dave, Don Dick, Brenda Kaskan, Pat and Ann Cloonan, Darlene S., **John Williams, Tracy, Alex Dunmire, voters.**

**ONGOING** Bob Reed, Donnie Riggle, Gary Harkcom, Donna Fry, Bill & Linda Crabtree, Frank Kovak, Josh Hanus, Shannon Pruss, LaRue Mumaw, 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 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 Joe Biden, 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

December 1 ~ Derek Hilty & Amy Zukas

December 8 ~ Laura Uncapher & Bill Speer

December 15 ~ Bill Speer & Derek Hilty

**COMING UP:** CEF Christmas Party ~ December 8

Friday, Dec. 13 ~ Kid's Krafts ~ 6:30 PM

Saturday, Dec. 14 ~ Play Dress Rehearsal & Sunday School  
Christmas Party

Sunday, Dec. 15 ~ Kids Christmas Play & Reception

Tuesday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve Service

## December 1, 2024 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY

Worship, Youth Sunday School

11:00AM

**Welcome Randy Stear**

FRIDAY

**Office Closed**

SUNDAY

Worship, Youth Sunday School

11:00 AM

**Welcome back Pastor Niki**



### First Sunday of Advent

One: In a weary and worn world, how do we begin again?  
Where do we start?

**All: Let us begin with the good news!**

**Let us begin by trusting that we are a blessing, loved by a gracious God.**

**Let us begin with music and singing!**

**Let us begin with warmth and welcome.**

**Let us begin with hope.**

One: Yes, let us begin with hope.

Today we light the candle of hope to shine a light in a worn and weary world.

**All: May this be our foundation.**

**May this be our fresh start.**

**May this be our new beginning.**

One: May hope flow forth from here.

**All: Amen!**



**We're a little behind compared to years past. Don't miss your opportunity to help a family in need have a wonderful Christmas dinner!! A \$20 donation for the Apollo Area Food Bank Christmas Turkey Drive will do it!** (Donation can be included on the "other" line of your giving envelope. Checks made payable to AUPC. THANKS!)



