

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2026 10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE "If You Will Trust in God to Guide You" B. Boertje

WORDS of WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS and BIRTHDAYS

MINUTE 4 MISSION Pam McMunn

JOYS and CONCERNS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: O God, you have searched us and known us.

All: You know our sitting down and our rising up.

One: You know our hearts, our hopes, our fears, and our questions.

All: There is nowhere we can go where your presence is not already there.

One: Whether we walk through familiar places or uncertain paths, God is with us.

All: We come trusting the God who knows us and loves us.

One: Come, let us worship the God whose love will not let us go.

All: We come to worship, to listen, and to trust.

CALL TO CONFESSION Mike Mollick

*** HYMN #403 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious and loving God, you know us more completely than we know ourselves. You know the things we carry quietly. You know the questions we are afraid to ask. You know the places where we are hurting, and the places

where we simply do not know what comes next. Forgive us when fear keeps us from trusting you. Forgive us when we try to control what we cannot control. Remind us that we do not have to understand everything in order to trust you. Search us, O God, and know our hearts. Lead us in your way. And when we cannot see the way ahead, help us trust that you are already there. Amen.

*** ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Hear the good news: There is nothing in all creation that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. In Christ, we are forgiven, held, and loved.

People: Thanks be to God. Nothing can separate us from God's love.

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

*** THE PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We Listen to God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER LESSON Psalm 139:1-18, 23-24 CEB OT p.577

MOMENT of WORD and WONDER

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 8:31-39 CEB NT p. 157

PREACHING OF THE WORD "Held By God"

We Respond to God's Word

*** HYMN #463 "How Firm A Foundation"**

*** APOSTLES' CREED p. 35**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory "Sweet Hour of Prayer" G. Clarke
*Doxology #606 p. 35

Prayer of Gratitude for God's Abundance

Gracious God, you have given us more than we could ever return. Receive these gifts we offer today and use them to bring hope where there is despair, welcome where there is loneliness, justice where there is injustice, and love wherever it is needed. Bless the ministries of this congregation and all the ways these gifts will be used. Guide us as we seek to follow you and trust that you are already at work in places we cannot yet see. We offer these gifts and ourselves in gratitude for your unfailing love. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve

* HYMN #833 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

* CHARGE & BLESSING

*POSTLUDE "Old Hundredth" 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, typically Wed. & Fri. 9:30-4:00

Please call for appointments.

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Amy Shupe, Organist; Joel Varga, Assistant Organist

Zach Bush, Trumpeter Sam Mullooly, Trombonist

Linda Truffa, Office Administrator

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"Come



Today's Acolyte~Alex Kaminski

I'm convinced that nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord..." Romans 8:38

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Rich and Melinda Miller
Mike and Jerrilyn Mollick

Faith Friends: Sara Kerr

Our Church: Session
The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery

Presbytery: Plains & Peaks (Synod of the Rocky Mountains)

Denomination: Moravian Church in America

Nation: Oman - Muscat

IMMEDIATE Luke, Jess, Geoff, Butch, Sandy, new baby, Bill, Debbie, Mary, family of Donna Graham, Candy's 60th class reunion ☺, Ray's son (stroke), Tim and Glenna, Ron & Candy's 57th ☺,

CONTINUING family of LaRue, family who lost baby, Mark Gizler, Flood victims, Bill home from hospital, Carol Kopnick, Cailen World Champion, family of Samantha McCutcheon, Bryan Dillick, Mariane Altmeyer, Shannan. Nancy, Scott & Cathy Hubbard, Debi Harker and family on death of her stepfather Don Funk, Luke Kanish, Carol Kopnick, Family of Ashley, Butch and Donna 56th anniversary, Ron George, family and friends of Gus Couknas, Vicki, Mary Kay, Jean, Becca, Newt, family of Nick, Amy Shupe.

ONGOING Shannan, Nora, Eric Ribar, Missy, Katie, Eddie, 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



2026 Christmas Tea tickets for Friday, Nov. 20 and Saturday, Nov. 21 will go on sale beginning **Wednesday, October 7** from **9-12:00** and every Wednesday thereafter. **Tickets are \$25 each.** Meal choices are Baked Ham or Chicken Salad Croissants. Menu selections will be necessary at the time of ticket purchase.

September 27, 2026 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>SUNDAY</u>	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Worship	11:00 AM
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	Crafters	9:00 AM
	Knitters	10:00 AM
<u>SUNDAY</u>	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Worship	11:00 AM

*The ministry team is requesting donations of Halloween candy (regular and allergy friendly) and small "treat" items (stickers, fidgets, etc.) for its upcoming "Trunk or Treat" on Saturday, October 31 from 11am-1pm. We are also seeking people to decorate their trunks for the event itself. Please see Glenna, Amy Z., or Pastor Niki for more info or ideas.



TRUNK OR TREAT

ALL AGES & ABILITIES ARE WELCOME!

SAT. OCT. 31

11AM-1PM

PARKING LOT OF APOLLO

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

401 1ST ST., APOLLO

* any person of any age or ability, costume or no costume, speaking or non-speaking, is welcome to participate. There will be candy and small treats/toys available at each station. A kind place for all to trick or treat safely.

