

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 13, 2024

11:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE

"Open My Eyes"

P. Taylor

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,

All: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: O give thanks to the God of gods,

All: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: O give thanks to the Lord of lords,

All: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Let us worship God!

***HYMN of PRAISE #14 "For the Beauty of the Earth"**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Linda Gould

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious and merciful God, we often wonder what we must do to be right with you. The gospel tells us what you have done for us in Jesus Christ to make us right with you. We establish rules and try to follow them to win your love. You call us to trust in your grace and promises in Jesus Christ. We strive for security by piling up the things of this life. Jesus says, "Come, follow me." Lord, forgive our self-centeredness that seeks our well-being while we ignore the needs of others. Forgive our relying on ourselves rather than accepting fully Jesus's call to discipleship. Help us to

seek your kingdom and righteousness first in our lives. Through Jesus Christ, we pray...

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***DECLARATION OF PARDON**

One: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,

All: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

One: Children of God, hear and believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We Listen to God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 10:17-31`

NT p. 48

A MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER

EPISTLE LESSON

Colossians 3:12-17

NT p. 201

PREACHING OF THE WORD

"Clothing Ourselves With Kindness"

***HYMN #692 "Spirit, Open My Heart"**

***AFFIRMATION of FAITH** (from "A Declaration of Faith")

Jesus broadened the definition of neighbor to include those ordinarily despised and excluded. His life on behalf of others led to persecution and death. He commanded his disciples to live the same way. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives that recognize all people in all cultures as our neighbors on this planet. Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to treat our neighbor's needs as our own, to care passionately for the other's good, to share what we have. It

is part of our discipline to live in simplicity, avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor's survival. We are obligated to speak the truth in love, to listen with patience and openness, to love our enemies, to accept the risk and pain which love involves.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

We Respond to God's Word

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory "Sonnet of Love" R. H. Young

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Gratitude for God's Abundance

Generous and merciful God, we thank you for your indescribable gift of Jesus Christ. As we present our offerings today, give us grateful and generous hearts, that we may always follow Jesus in what we say and do. Help us to remember that every generous act of giving and every perfect gift is from above, from you, our heavenly Creator.

We Go Forth to Serve

*HYMN #435 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

*CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE "The Happy Trumpeter" G. Young

*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

Please call for appointments.

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Amy Shupe, Organist; Joel Varga, Assistant Organist

Zach Bush, Trumpeter Sam Mullooly, Trombonist

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ACOLYTE TODAY: MARIANA SHURINA



WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Deana Waters
Joyce Wildi
Faith Friend: Pat Sharrar
Our Church: Administration Team
Church(s): Saltsburg Church Pastor Dan Satler
Presbytery: Dakota (Synod of Lakes & Prairies)
Denomination: African Methodist Episcopal Church
Nation: Tonga – Nuku`alofa

IMMEDIATE Lilly, Jim, Linda, Donna, Judy, Jim ☺, Nancy C. ☺, Pastor Niki and family on the death of her father, Nora, Benjamin, Ruth, Linda Gould's daughter & Son-in-law, **Barb Hurley, Rich & Marcie Painter's 45th ☺, Kiski Band 1st Place ☺, Nick ☺.**

CONTINUING Patty, Butch Schrecengost, Jess Carwile, Robert Altmire, Lynn Frain, Jim, Linda, Kate, Barb, Matt & Franklin safety during football season, Lisa Bittner knee replacement, **Caelin, Christine ☺, Will at Pitt ☺, Mary Ann, Noreen & Kelcey home fire, Ron & Candy 55th Anniversary ☺.**

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.

CLEAN-UP BUCKETS October Items: **1 6-9 oz bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent** (Pump spray bottles must have protective covers.) **Packs of 10-20 insect repellent wipes also acceptable.** Just slip your donation in one of the white buckets in the vestibule. Questions?.... See Jerri Mollick. Thank you

CHANGES for Newsletter delivery in 2025. In order to continue moving forward with responsible fiscal policies, some things must change. We are moving toward **not** continuing with bulk mailings as there is both a permit and monthly mailing cost. New options to receive 2025 newsletters are via your private email, our church website, picking up a copy in the vestibule, or having a single copy mailed to your home if you don't have an email or computer. Closer to this change, we will be contacting members with other information in bulletins and in the last bulk mailed 2024 newsletters. Thank You ~ Stewardship and Finance

October 13, 2024 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY Worship, Youth Sunday School 11:00AM
WEDNESDAY Crafters 9:00 AM
Prayer Shawl Knitters 10:00 AM
Bells 6:00 PM
SUNDAY Worship, Youth Sunday School 11:00 AM
Welcome Back Dave McFarland and Joel Varga!
MONDAY Office Closed

SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS
October 13 ~ Amy Shupe & Carol Kopnicky
October 20 ~ Amy Zukas & Derek Hilty
October 27 ~ Shelly Hilty & Carol Kopnicky
November 3 ~ Bill Speer & Scott Hollabaugh

Coming Soon

October, Sat. 26 : Trunk or Treat AUPC parking lot, 3-5 PM
(Candy donations appreciated. Drop off in vestibule.)

November 22 & 23: Annual Christmas Tea

Friends in Christ...my family and I cannot thank you enough for every single thing you have done for us in this time of grief. Words fail every time I try. Your generosity and compassion and love are truly a gift from God to us.

I will be taking a family leave of absence to start on Monday, October 14. This will allow me time to get much of the administration of my dad's estate underway, remember his life with our family in NH, and to grieve. I will return to the pulpit on Sunday, December 8, right after our family's trip to DisneyWorld and just in time for our congregational meeting.

Know that each of you will be on my mind and in my heart while I take this time away.

Blessings, Pastor Niki



Dear Presbytery Members,

The Presbyterian Church of Brookville is celebrating their 200th Year Anniversary on October 20th. On behalf of the Congregation and Session, we invite you and your Congregation to join us in this time of celebration.

We ask that the participating clergy please wear their robes and red stole, and please pass this message on to your Congregation. We hope to see you there.

Thank you,
Stanley Bhasker

*Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful. Psalm 149:1*

*The Presbyterian Church of Brookville
is celebrating our 200th year*



Love. Celebrate. Serve

*You are cordially invited to join in our
200th Year Celebration Worship Service
on October 20, 2024, 3 p.m.*

*100 North White Street
Brookville, PA 15825*

Join in fellowship after the Service.

*Please RSVP by phone (814) 849-2413, or by email at
brookvillepresbyterian@gmail.com by October 11th.*



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 at 9:00 AM

Church grounds are looking a little shabby so. . . . we're organizing a member/volunteer cleanup day. Bring your rakes, trimmers, snippers and cutters along with any yard tools you like to use. Chain saws will be helpful. Wheelbarrows to move the trimmings and cuttings will also be useful. We'll be getting down and dirty so don't forget your garden/work gloves. There will be plenty of work for everyone so the more, the merrier. And, we'll be moving fast as "Trunk or Treat" will be in the parking lot from 3 - 5 PM. We hope to have it all tidied up by the time the goblins arrive.



