

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2025

11:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE "Fantasia on "St. George's Windsor"

WORDS of WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS and BIRTHDAYS

PRAYER CONCERNS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come and see the grace of God at work.

All: Joy overflows into generous lives.

One: God supplies seed to the sower and bread for food.

All: God will make us abound in every good work.

One: Let us worship with joy and open hearts!

All: Thanks be to God!

*** HYMN #733 "We All Are One in Mission"**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Mike Mollick

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

Your word reminds us that we are called to love our neighbors as ourselves. But we make far too many distinctions, treating one person with more dignity and respect than another. We gladly welcome those who look and act like us, but give a much less enthusiastic welcome to the stranger. Forgive us for the moments when our faith has been empty, for the times that our works have not matched our words. Help us lean ever more towards your goodness and help our lives reflect that goodness in concrete ways. Amen.

*** DECLARATION OF PARDON** *response: Alleluia! Amen.*

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We Listen to God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 CEB NT p. 182

MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER

EPISTLE LESSON 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 CEB NT p. 183

PREACHING OF THE WORD Pastor Niki and Glenna Kanish

**"Grateful Hearts, Open Hands:
Sowing for Others' Flourishing"**

We Respond to God's Word

*** HYMN #320 "The Church of Christ in Every Age"**

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(from The Heidelberg Catechism)*

Q. Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?

A. Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show ourselves thankful to God for his benefits, and that he may be praised through us; and further, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(responsive)*

One: God of love and peace, we come to you in faith,

opening every part of our lives to you.

All: May we not grow tired of doing what is good.

One: We pray for this congregation. Keep us from being idle or distracted.

All: May we not grow tired of doing what is good.

One: Help us to do our work quietly and faithfully, in ways that please you.

All: May we not grow tired of doing what is good.

One: Give us wisdom to do our work with care and purpose.

All: May we not grow tired of doing what is good.

One: We look to you, Lord of all, knowing that we depend on your strength.

All: Glorify your name even in our weakness.

We pray this in the name of our always-present Savior, Jesus Christ, who prays with us as we say: Our Father...

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory "His Loving and Mysterious Ways" B. A. Miller

Doxology #606

We Go Forth to Serve

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

* CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Alleluia! W. A. Mozart

*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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"The one who supplies seed for planting and bread for eating will supply and multiply your seed and will increase your crop, which is righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous in every way. Such generosity produces thanksgiving to God through us." 2 Corinthians 9

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WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS
Household: Derek, Candi, Caelin & Alex Kaminski
Robert and Rebecca Kane
Faith Friend: Lani Knox
Our Church: Pastor Niki
The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery
Presbytery: The Peaks (Synod of Mid-Atlantic)
Denomination: Coptic Orthodox Church
Nation: Tanzania – Dar es Salaam, Dodoma

IMMEDIATE 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.**

CONTINUING ☺, Melinda, Shannan K., Elaine Newton, Eddie, Ed Bortz, Knox Kanish, Debbie, Vinny, Chynna Finoli and CJ Williams, *JOY for Missy, **Denny Travis, Pastor Jodon, Sue Ellen and Nick Arnoldy, Charlie Kirk family, Ed Brown family, Peace on Earth, Emily, Anne Cloonan.**

ONGOING

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

Christmas Poinsettia order forms are in the vestibule. If you would like to donate to the Apollo Area Food Bank in honor or in memory of someone in lieu of purchasing a poinsettia, **please use the poinsettia order form and simply list FOOD BANK on the form and then fill in your other honoring or remembering info.** The

cost will be at least the same as the price of the plant. And if you wish, you may do both!

Today's bulletin is given **In Memory of Paul Michael Kosicek and his November 14th Birthday** from his sisters.

November 16, 2025 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS
SUNDAY Sunday School **10:00 AM**
Worship **11:00 AM**
WEDNESDAY SESSION 7:00 PM
FRIDAY Office Closed
SUNDAY Sunday School **10:00 AM**
Worship-Christ the King **11:00 AM**

This week's Thankful Practice:

This week, take a moment to reflect on the "seeds" God has given you — small gifts, talents, or opportunities that can grow into blessings for the future.

1 Write down three things you're grateful for today that have the potential to grow — maybe a relationship, a new idea, or a hopeful beginning.

2 Pray, asking God to help you **nurture these seeds** with care, patience, and faith.

3 If possible, plant an actual seed (a flower, herb, or tree) as a reminder that gratitude doesn't just look back on what God has done — it also looks forward in trust to what God will do.

"Let us not grow weary in doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." — *Galatians 6:9*

Today's Acolyte ~Alex Kaminski

SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS
November 16 ~ Glenna Kanish & _____

Beginning October 26 through November 30, we will be accepting donations for the Apollo Area Food Bank's Annual Christmas Turkey Drive. A \$20 donation will buy a nice-sized turkey for a family in need. A donated Christmas Turkey also

serves two purposes: Giving someone a Merry Christmas meal and feeding your joyful heart.



CHURCH OFFICE 2025 HOLIDAY HOURS

OFFICE CLOSED:

Friday, Nov. 14 & 21

Wednesday, Nov. 26

Thursday, Nov. 27 & Friday Nov. 28

Fridays, Dec. 5, 12, 19

Tuesday, Dec. 23, Wed. 24, Thurs. 25 & Fri. 26

December 29 thru January 2

OFFICE WILL REOPEN MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTERS WITH CALENDARS

and

separately THE GRATITUDE CALENDARS are available in the vestibule under the bulletin board.

Shhhhh I heard a rumor that there will be kids in pajamas on Sunday, Dec. 21, in your SANCTUARY! Santa says they are doing a Christmas Play for you. Shhhh . . .

YOU CAN ALL BE AUPC “CHRISTMAS HELPERS!”

*Please consider joining us to help with our annual **“Hanging of the Greens” On Saturday, November 29 at 9 a.m.** Many hands make light work, and it's always a fun and festive time!

*We hope to decorate this year's sanctuary Christmas tree with nativity-themed ornaments. Please bring your nativity ornaments in between now and November 30 and place them in the donation box in the vestibule. Our Sunday School kiddos are invited to stay after worship on **November 30 and decorate the tree**—they'll love seeing the ornaments you choose! Following the holiday, ornaments can be picked up on the table at the back of the chapel for you to take home and use on your tree.

*In addition to decking our sanctuary tree, we would love to have a variety of nativities on display this year. If you'd like to participate, please plan to join us for the **“Hanging of the Greens” on November 29** to set up your nativity. Please make your own judgement based on the size of your nativity and which pieces you bring; only the main figures are necessary. If you have questions, please reach out to any member of the Ministry Team or to Pastor Niki.

***Sunday, December 21 worship will include our annual children's Christmas program.** Help us get in the holiday spirit and wear your jammies to worship that Sunday! Our kids will be sharing a “bedtime story” this year. Join us for a brunch-style reception following worship, too!

*Kids participating in the program will have their **dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 20 at 10 a.m.** Immediately following, around noon, our annual children's “Happy Birthday, Jesus” Christmas party will be held in the social room. A light lunch, crafts, games and a story will be provided—complete with birthday cake! Cleared volunteers are needed; please reach out to Amy Zukas if you'd be willing to help out.

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