

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026 10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE "Blessed Be Your Name" arr. C. Tournquist

WORDS of WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS and BIRTHDAYS

JOYS and CONCERNS

* CALL TO WORSHIP (*inspired by Psalm 145:1-8*)

One: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised

All: **God's greatness is unsearchable.**

One: From generation to generation, we sing of your
righteousness.

All: **The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and
abounding in steadfast love.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, when we follow the path of Jonah and allow
our anger and frustration to cut us off from others, you sit
next to us and call us back to your way of mercy, love and
redemption. It is one thing to accept these gifts for
ourselves; it is another to extend them to those who
frustrate us. Forgive us. We ask that you create a new heart
within us, one modeled after your steadfast love and
generosity. Help us to see the world in new ways. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI #581

* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

We Listen to God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PROPHETIC LESSON Jonah 3:10-4:11 CEB OT p. 861

MOMENT of WORD and WONDER

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 20:1-16 CEB NT p. 21

PREACHING OF THE WORD "What is Grace?"

We Respond to God's Word

* HYMN #719 "Come, Labor On"

* APOSTLES' CREED p. 35

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory "God of Wonders" M. Byrd/S. Hindalong
*Doxology #606 p. 35

Prayer of Gratitude for God's Abundance

Almighty God, we offer you these gifts and our hearts
alongside them. May they be blessed to do your bidding.
May our expectations of what is right and what is wise
always be governed by your unruly love. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve

* HYMN #487 "These Treasured Children"

* CHARGE & BLESSING

*POSTLUDE "O Worship the King" T. Birchwood

***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

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Today's Acolyte~*Natalie Uncapher*



Coming September, Friday 25th &
Saturday 26th, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Clean, useable items will be accepted
through Sunday, Sept. 20. All items
must be taken downstairs and neatly

arranged behind the curtain on the stage. On
Wednesdays, during the months of June and August,
from 4 to 6 PM, Bill Speer will be at the church and
available to assist with large items or help if you are
unable to negotiate the stairs. If those dates and times
aren't convenient, an appointment may be made. All
other donations not requiring assistance may be brought
to the church Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM

up to the Sept. 20 deadline, TODAY!

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WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Peggy Marangoni
Pam & Ron McMunn
Faith Friends: Barry and Glenna Hall
Our Church: Presbyterian Women
The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery
Presbytery: Glacier (Synod of the Rocky Mountains)
Denomination: International Evangelical Church
Nation: North Korea - Pyongyang

IMMEDIATE 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 ☺, family of LaRue, family who lost baby.

CONTINUING 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 Coukna, Vicki, Mary Kay, Jean, Becca, Newt, family of Nick, Amy Shupe, **Dance Clik Recital ☺, Ronan ☺, Rachel, Dave's return of cancer, family of Linda Rollinson, National Cancer Survivor Day ☺.**

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

September 20, 2026 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>SUNDAY</u>	RALLY DAY! SUNDAY SCHOOL	10:00 AM
	Worship	11:00 AM
<u>MONDAY</u>	Begin Set Up for Rummage Sale	
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	Crafters	9:00 AM
	Knitters	10:00 AM
	F4K Packing Day	3:00 PM
<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.

