

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

Trinity Sunday

June 15, 2025 11:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE "Prelude on an Old English Psalm Tune" O.A. Mansfield

WORDS of WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS and BIRTHDAYS

PRAYER CONCERNS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

All: Heaven and earth are full of the glory of God!

*** HYMN #1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Linda Gould

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, yours is a perfect relationship, one God in three persons, mutual and whole. We confess that our relationships are not that way. We have been too selfish; we have given too much; we have accepted too little. We have failed to love in the manner of Jesus. We have let sin drive us away from one another and from you. We long for wholeness and peace, but our sin pulls us in other directions. Forgive us and restore us. Pull us to you. With mercy and grace, pull us to you. Amen.

*** DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

One: With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God relentlessly seeks us out. This is 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

WISDOM LESSON Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 OT p. 590

MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER

GOSPEL LESSON John 16:12-15 NT p. 110

PREACHING OF THE WORD

We Respond to God's Word

*** HYMN #9 "The Play of the Godhead"**

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** NICENE CREED p. 34

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER p. 35

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory "Air from the D Major Suite" J. S. Bach

***Doxology #606**

Prayer of Gratitude for God's Abundance (*in unison*)

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve

* HYMN Congregation's Choice

* CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Postlude in C Major" C. H. Rinck

*Please stand in body or spirit

As many of you may know, our Emergency Food Pantry provides food for those in need, throughout our local community and beyond. We do not, however, have the capacity to store and provide fresh food items, i.e. eggs, milk, lunchmeats, etc. Nor can we anticipate other needs such as diapers, over-the-counter medicines or toiletries. Therefore, vouchers for Nasers Foods are made here and given in \$15 increments to those in need. When presented as payment for fresh food items at Nasers, the vouchers are then collected and are to be turned into the church for payment. (We used to purchase gift certificates to hand out. When not used, we had still spent that money.) Bill Naser suggested that we make the vouchers, costing us nothing, and then pay for what has been redeemed. Great system. So many have been helped. However for quite a while now, when used vouchers totaling hundreds of dollars are presented to our church for payment, the total due has been ZERO. **Please show Nasers Foods our appreciation for donating the amount of all those vouchers by patronizing their business.** The Nasers' kindness has truly helped many in the community and their generosity has enabled our Emergency Food Pantry to help many more.

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

Please call for appointments.

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Summer Office Hours: Monday through Thursday – 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM



"Trinity"

By Kelly Latimore, 2016

"I started painting icons in 2011 while I was a member of the Common Friars from 2009-2013. Our collective work was about being more connected: to ourselves, each other, our surrounding community and the land. This manifested itself as a place called "The Good Earth Farm" where we held weekly services and meals, and grew produce for our community and local food pantries.

Iconography has since become a practice of more considerations: of color and light, of brush stroke and form, symbol and meaning...However, I do not wish to approach Iconography as an art form that simply follows an inherited tradition, knowledge and practice. I want it to be a creative process, meditation, and practice that brings about new self knowledge for the viewer and myself. Who are the saints that are among us here and now? I was not taught by a traditional Iconographer, and so to some, I am breaking many rules. There are icons here that people may find theologically unsound and wrong, or for others, helpful and inspiring. I think both reactions are important. My hope is that these icons do what all art can potentially do, which is, to create more dialogue. The other may have something to teach us about

what we know, about who God is, the world we live in and who are our neighbors. This is the real work of being human and of art. Being more present.

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS
Household: Kaitlin and Charles Thompson and family
Dennis and Karen Travis
Faith Friend: Darla Tamski
Our Church: Ministry Team
The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery
Presbytery: Transylvania (Synod of Living Waters)
Denomination: Episcopal Church in the USA
Nation: Mali - Bamako

IMMEDIATE Family of Martha Jane Wilkinson, Congratulation Graduates, Jess Carwile, Antonelli adult children, Jean, Grace Assembly of God supporting F4K, Eric employment, Mrs. Riley, Shane, Thanks from Shelly, Geoff sang National Anthem at Thunderbirds game ☺, **Lani Knox, Mollick family, 12 year old drowning victim, Caelin & Alex ☺ ☺, Dillon ☺, Prayer Sister Luncheon, Judy.**

CONTINUING Nora, Traveling mercies for Ben Smoyer, Joyce, Mike & Jerri Mollick, Carole Kennedy, Vacationers, Visitors & families separated, ,Chloe, Gary Harkcom, Barb Hurley & Missy, Peggy's sister, Butch's surgery April 22, Dale Piffer family, Todd, Dave, Pat Jackson, Curt, Denny, Pat's friend is grandfather, SE Asia earthquake victims, Christine's knee replacement, **Karen's brother Gary, Sara Kerr, Pastor Niki's step-dad in remission ☺.**

ONGOING

Missy, Katie, Bob Reed, Donnie Riggie, 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.

SUNDAY, JULY 6 will be a Joint Worship Service with BSPC at BSPC's Pavilion at 10:00 AM.

Immediately following worship, there will be a

covered-dish luncheon.

The beautiful new banner adorning the front of the sanctuary has been gifted to the church for the Glory of God and **In Loving Memory of John Wildi**, from his wife, Joyce.

June 15, 2025 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY	Worship ~ Happy Father's Day	11:00 AM
WEDNESDAY	SESSION	7:00 PM
FRIDAY	This Friday and all Fridays thru Labor Day	Office Closed
SUNDAY		11:00 AM

Especially since Sunday School will be on summer hiatus, we invite you to take advantage of the PrayGround in the sanctuary for your little ones during worship.

Yes, caregivers can still enjoy worship during summer months, but just sitting in a different pew! While your children are enjoying the PrayGround, we ask that an adult (caregiver) remain with them. Also, we kindly ask that adults and children leave the PrayGround as sparkling as you found it. Enjoy and Thank You!

"One year ago, we commissioned our new playground in the sanctuary. Since then, it has been a well-loved, much-used space for our children to remain in worship and still get wiggly, if they need it. Please remember that if your child is in the playground, they need to have their caregiver present in the playground with them. Please also refrain from bringing loud toys from home; we have lots of great softer toys in our bins! Thanks for continuing to make this a great ministry to our children and their families." ~Pastor Niki

SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS

Through the summer months, as per Session action, Session persons who open/close, etc. will also be greeting at the "ramp entrance" vestibule area and will be responsible Collection of the offering. Thank You.

ATTENTION: USHERS and ACOLYTES

Thank you all for your service through the last year!
Summer is here and you get a well-deserved vacation.

We'll be contacting you if new schedules are made this coming September. Have a safe and healthy summer.



Beneath the Bulletin Board in the Vestibule:

*MAY NEWSLETTERS w/CALENDAR

* Hand-outs for upcoming events

In the Vestibule: CURRENT UPPER ROOM ISSUE

Pastor Niki will be working out of the office

June 16-June 20 and June 30-July 3.

Please feel free to call/email/text to connect!

