

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

11:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE "Antiphonal Hosanna" G. A. Smith

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

BIRTHDAYS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

One: The stone that the builders rejected

All: Has become the chief cornerstone.

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

One: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

All: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

All: God's steadfast love endures forever! Let us worship God.

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN #197 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

CALL TO CONFESSION Jerri Mollick

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Have mercy on us, O God, for we are broken vessels. You call us to follow you, but we deny, abandon and betray. You call us to pursue justice and righteousness, but we stick to the status quo. You invite us into the hope of your Spirit, but we make despair our daily bread. You lead us to the

cross, but in our discomfort, we try to skip to the empty tomb. Transform us, O God. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon all our brokenness, that your grace may fill in the cracks of our broken places and make us whole. Amen.

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We Listen to God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON Philippians 2:5-11 NT p. 197

MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER

GOSPEL LESSON John 12:12-16 NT p. 106

PREACHING OF THE WORD "Illuminate"

We Respond to God's Word

*** HYMN #196** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH APOSTLE'S CREED** p. 35

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" C.B. Putman

***Doxology #606**

***Prayer of Gratitude for God's Abundance**

God, giver of all good gifts, we thank you for all that you have graciously poured out on us. As we begin Holy Week and walk the final steps to the cross, we give you thanks for the greatest of all gifts — the gift of yourself to your people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We Go Forth to Serve

* HYMN #160 "A Stable Lamp is Lighted"

* CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE "To Walk in God's Ways" L. Smith

*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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Amy Shupe, Organist; Joel Varga, Assistant Organist

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ACOLYTE TODAY: MARIANA SHURINA

DID YOU KNOW? There is a 'Prayer Request Box' located in the upper parking lot of our church. Request forms are located in a container just below the box. If you know someone who needs prayer, just fill out the little form, lift the lid of the box and insert. A member of the Mission Team checks the box weekly and will include your prayer request at Worship the next Sunday.

Just remember—prayer really does work!!

**'This is the confidence we have in approaching God—that
If we ask anything, according to His will, He hears us.'**

1 John 5:14



"Entry into the City"

John August Swanson Los Angeles, 1990

John August Swanson makes his home in Los Angeles, California, where he was born in 1938. His art reflects the strong heritage of storytelling he inherited from his Mexican mother and Swedish father. This colorful rendering of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem displays a large crowd all intently focused on him. They wave flags and palms as they follow Jesus in hope of changing circumstances. Among the crowd are also soldiers prepared to intervene should the crowd get too rowdy. Jesus sits peacefully atop a donkey, resigned to his future suffering and death. The sky is stormy, foreshadowing the coming Passion of Christ. This beautiful painting inspires in the viewer a similar hope for social justice, love, and peace.

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Patty Pavetti
Joe, Stephanie, Joey and Jordan Perona
Faith Friend: Pat Sharrar
Our Church: Session
The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery
Presbytery: Holston (Synod of Living Waters)
Denomination: Coptic Orthodox Church
Nation: Ghana - Accra

IMMEDIATE *Todd, Dave, Martha Jane Wilkinson, 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 ☺, Butch, Butch & Donna's son Dwayne, Bruce for healing, welcome back Ron ☺, Krystle's safe travels ☺, Pastor Niki's deer encounter.*

CONTINUING *Alan Shockey, Carole Kennedy (home), Niki's brother & sister-in-laws wedding☺, Pize, Carol Kopnick, Frank Flickinger, Natalie, The family of Donna Fry, Families of health care workers at UPMC York, Eric.*

ONGOING *Missy, Katie, Bob Reed, 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.*

SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS

April 13 ~ Glenna Kanish & Amy Shupe
April 20 ~ Pam McMunn & Laura Uncapher

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

March 5-April 20, 2025 Ending hunger, repairing after disasters,
and promoting the self-development of all people.

April 13, 2025 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>SUNDAY</u>	Worship, Youth Sunday School	11:00AM
<u>MONDAY</u>	Administration Team	1:00 PM
<u>THURSDAY</u>	Maundy Thursday Service @ BSPC	7:00 PM
<u>SUNDAY</u>	EASTER SUNDAY w/Communion	11:00AM

Beneath the Bulletin Board in the Vestibule:

*APRIL NEWSLETTERS w/CALENDAR

In the Vestibule:

CURRENT UPPER ROOM ISSUES

"Save the Date!" — The 2025 Secret Sisters Luncheon will be held on Saturday, May 17th at Falsetti's Villa Restaurant in Cadogan, PA at 11:30 AM. All women of the church, member or non-member, are invited to become a Secret Sister for a one-year term. Those that are currently "Sisters", and those who wish to become a "Sister" for the coming year, are encouraged to attend the luncheon. The purpose of a Secret Sister is to communicate, support and encourage the chosen Sister throughout the year by sending cards, and occasionally, if desired, giving a small gift for special occasions. In addition, the most important job is to keep that Sister in your daily prayers. We also exchange small gifts at the end-of-the-year luncheon. More info to come in May about the annual luncheon.



**Holy Week
Meditation
Stations**

REFLECT UPON THE EVENTS OF
JESUS' LAST WEEK THROUGH A
SERIES OF PRAYERFUL
EXPERIENCES, ALL AT YOUR
OWN PACE.

**BOILING SPRINGS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
1668 PA-56, SPRING CHURCH

SUN. 4/13 - 1PM-4PM
MON. 4/14 - 9:30AM-4PM
TUES. 4/15 - 9:30AM-6PM
WED. 4/16 - 9:30AM-4PM
THUR. 4/17 - 12PM-9PM

**“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations”... Matthew
28:19**

On Sunday, April 27, we will be welcoming a speaker from Gideons International. All loose offerings will be donated to the organization. *We hope you will be generously share with this historic Christian organization. Your donation will assist the Gideons to reach those who are lost and in need by spreading The Good News both personally and in print.*

Thank You.

Sunday, April 27, We Welcome to the Pulpit Rev. Liddy Gerchman Barlow.

The Rev. Liddy Barlow is a creative and passionate servant of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church in all its complicated diversity. She works to bring Christians of all traditions together to make visible our true unity as the Body of Christ.

In April 2014, Rev. Barlow became the first woman to be installed as Executive Minister of Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania. She reports to the Council of Bishops and Judicatory Executives, who represent 28 Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox church bodies throughout greater Pittsburgh. As Executive Minister, Rev. Barlow sets a vision for Christian Associates and manages all of the organization's projects and relationships.

Rev. Barlow is ordained in the United Church of Christ, and is a member of the national Manual on Church working group and the state-wide Keystone Working Group.

Rev. Barlow grew up in Keene, New Hampshire and attended Mount Holyoke College. After teaching sixth grade in Rocky Mount, North Carolina with the Teach for America program, she earned a Master of Divinity degree from Andover Newton Theological School. Prior to her ministry at Christian Associates, Rev. Barlow served congregations in downtown Pittsburgh and North Huntingdon. She lives in Pittsburgh with her husband Gregory, a robotics entrepreneur, and their two children.

ATTENTION CRAFTERS: There will be no crafts during Holy Week. We will begin meeting again on April 23.

AUPC FINANCIAL UPDATE—

I would like to keep you all apprised on the financial status at AUPC. Last Wednesday, the Session approved the following critical building maintenance updates: \$39,600 for the purchase of two new boilers for the Education Building, \$5,774 for ceiling replacements in two rooms in the sanctuary building, and \$3,200 for painting in those two rooms (later lowered to \$3,000). Because our Building Fund balance was approximately \$27,000, we voted to close two \$11,000 c.d.'s (at penalty) to come up with the difference. This leaves our Building Fund at a near \$0 balance. Another much-needed project for the near future is repairing the steps to the upper parking lot. The Building and Grounds Team is currently getting bids for that project.

PW voted on Sunday, March 23, to donate \$3,000 to the Building Fund, and our spaghetti dinner grossed \$1,371.25 towards that fund as well. Many thanks to those who organized and worked at the dinner, and to the very active women's organization for stepping up to the plate! We ARE blessed that we had savings to complete these projects. God is good!

I also have to let you know that we are showing a shortage each month with income vs. expenses. That shortage at the end of February was \$3,222.10, year-to-date. Of course, our utility bills are killing us during the winter months, and we should see some relief with the Spring weather.

We would like you to consider making a donation to our Building Fund to shore up that Fund, and to consider a small increase in your regular giving as you are able.

♥ **Malachi 3:10: "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."**

We are so blessed to have a wonderful, compassionate congregation and a beautiful sanctuary and education building, and to continue to reach out into the community and the world to support our mission statement-- "Wrapping our community in God's love, one person at a time." Thank you, dear friends!

Amy Shupe,

Treasurer

Lent Opportunities

apollopresby.org

Apollo United Presbyterian Church

401 First St., Apollo



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WEDNESDAY*

March 5

Joint worship
w/Boiling
Springs PC

7:00 pm
Worship

*Communion will be
served
ALL are welcome



EASTER EGG
HUNT

April 5
2:00pm -
4:00pm

All ages are
welcome to
attend



PALM
SUNDAY

April 13
11:00 am

Service will be
streamed
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MAUNDY
THURSDAY*

April 17
7:00pm

Joint Worship
AT Boiling
Springs PC

*Communion will be
served
ALL are welcome



EASTER
SUNDAY*

April 20
11:00 am

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Lenten Worship & Luncheons

brought to you by the members of the Apollo Ministerium



March 12
12:00pm

First Lutheran
Church
214 N.
Pennsylvania
Ave.
w/Rev. T.J.
Lucas of
Quality Life
Services



March 19
12:00pm

Spring Church
Lutheran
3623
Lutheran
Church Road
w/Rev. Niki
Atkinson of
Apollo &
Boiling Springs
Presbyterian
Churches



March 26
12:00pm

New
Beginnings
UMC
210 Rainbow
Lake Road
w/Rev. Phil
Ramstad of
First Lutheran
Church



April 2
12:00pm

Apollo United
Presbyterian
401 First St.
w/Rev. June
Jeffries of New
Life Baptist
Church



April 9
12:00pm

Quality Life
Services
153 Goodview
Drive
w/Pastor
Erika
Rabickow of
Apollo Free
Methodist
Church





