

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

4th Sunday after Epiphany
February 2, 2025 11:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE "Nocturne" F. Mendelssohn

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

BIRTHDAYS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God alone is our refuge and hope, our shelter and protection.

All: From our very first breath to our last, God's love and compassion never fails.

One: So come, lift your voices in praise to God. Bear witness to God's acts of mercy and love.

All: Proclaim God's glory to all who will listen.

*** HYMN #744 "Arise, Your Light is Come!"**

CALL TO CONFESSION Carl Zukas

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Lord, we confess that we doubt your capacity to work through us. We hold on to fears that we are unworthy to speak your words, so we stay silent even as your Spirit pulls at our tongues. We struggle to fathom the wholeness of your claim over us, so we ignore the light of your love as it emerges in the dark places of our lives. We seek refuge in temporary towers, and are numb to the grasp of cruelty. Forgive us. Help us to trust you, to lean upon you, to speak your word to a weary world and accept the completeness of your loving claim on our lives.

*** DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We Listen to God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PROPHETIC LESSON Jeremiah 1:4-10

MOMENT OF WORD & WONDER

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

PREACHING OF THE WORD "The Best Way"

We Respond to God's Word

*** HYMN #693 "Though I May Speak"**

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Second Helvetic Confession)**
[We believe] faith [is] efficacious and active through love. It also quiets the conscience and opens a free access to God, so that we may draw near to [God] with confidence and may obtain from [God] what is useful and necessary. The same [faith] keeps us in the service we owe to God and our neighbor, strengthens our patience in adversity, fashions and makes a true confession, and in a word, brings forth good fruit of all kinds, and good works.

Invitation to Offer Ourselves in Ministry
Offertory "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" R.R. Perry
***Doxology #606**

Holy Communion
Invitation
Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

**Words of Institution
Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

Prayer following Communion (unison)

We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have fed us with your mercy and poured out your Spirit in this place. Continue to nourish and fill us each day, that we may live as your beloved people; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve

*** HYMN #722 “Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak”**

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE “Divine Praise” D. Bortniansky

**Please stand in body or spirit*

ACOLYTE TODAY: ADELYNN CARWILE

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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Amy Shupe, Organist; Joel Varga, Assistant Organist

Zach Bush, Trumpeter Sam Mullooly, Trombonist

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WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS
 Household: Derek, Candi, Caelin, & Alex Kaminski
 Rob and Becky Kane
 Faith Friend: Bob Reed
 Our Church: Staff
 Presbytery: Winnebago (Synod of Lakes & Prairies)
 Denomination: National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.
 Nation: Republic of the Congo - Brazzaville

IMMEDIATE *Butch, Peggy, Karen, Art Summerhill family, Lee Lookabaugh family, Martha Jane Wilkinson, Family of Nancie Allen, Vivian, Carole, Debbie McDivitt, Middle East Hostages, Butch, Nancy Joyce, Diane Grant, California fires, Kirk, Lisa, Scott & Nancy Hubbard, Ron's surgery, LaRue Mumaw family, Jordan, Caitlyn, Joe Mazur, Joyce M. traveling mercies, Wesson, 3 yr old Nora, Tim Kanish, Joy: Concordia Faith Friends doing well ☺, Pastor Niki's step-dad Dave.*

CONTINUING *Connie Kepple, Bea Blystone. Families of house fires, Betty Bateman, Katie, Jennie Baustert family, Steve Pavetti family, Adam Greece family, traveling mercies for Melissa & family.*

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.

SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS
 February 2 ~ Derek Hilty & Glenna Kanish
 February 9 ~ Glenna Kanish & Amy Zukas
 February 16 ~ Pam McMunn & Amy Shupe
 February 23 ~ Scott Hollabaugh & Derek Hilty

SUNDAY Worship/Communion, Youth Sunday School **11:00AM**

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 Congregation/Corporation Mtg. **12:00 PM**

FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY

ATTENTION AUPC CONGREGATION:
 On **Sunday, February 9**, immediately following worship, there will be a **Congregational/Corporation Meeting**. As per AUPC By-laws, the Financial Reports, Ministry Team Reports and other pertinent information is printed in the 2024 Annual Report and a copy of same is made available two (2) weeks prior to the meeting.
Copies of the 2024 Annual Report are available for you to pick up and review prior to the meeting. Copies can be found in the Chapel.

Pastor Niki will be changing her office days at Apollo United starting 2/2. Her office days will be Tuesdays and Wednesdays. You can usually find her here by 9:30am until around 4:00pm. However, she may be out for meetings or visits, so call ahead to schedule a time to visit with her at the office. Her cell is (724) 787-0848 and you can text her too!

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SCAMMERS are at it again. You will NEVER receive an email or text from Pastor Niki requesting gift cards or other financial "gifts." If you receive a suspicious request claiming to be Pastor Niki, just call her and ask!

