

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

11:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE "Sing . . . a New and Glorious Song" Smith

WORDS of WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BIRTHDAYS

MINUTE FOR MISSION The Gideons

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

All: Praise God in God's sanctuary!

One: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

All: Praise God for God's mighty deeds! Praise God according to God's surpassing greatness!

One: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

All: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Hallelujah!

One: Let us worship God!

*** HYMN #233 "The Day of Resurrection"**

CALL TO CONFESSION Linda Gould

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your

promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We Listen to God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PROPHETIC LESSON Revelation 1:4-8 NT p. 245

MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER

GOSPEL LESSON John 20:19-31 NT p. 115

PREACHING OF THE WORD "A God Who Gets It"

We Respond to God's Word

*** HYMN #817 "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"**

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

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

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory "Our God Reigns" Smith

***Doxology #606**

***Prayer of Gratitude for God's Abundance (in unison)**
God of abundance, take these gifts, which were already yours, and use them to knit us closer to each other and closer to the world you so love. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve

* HYMN #462

“I Love to Tell the Story”

* CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Because He Lives”

Gaither

*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

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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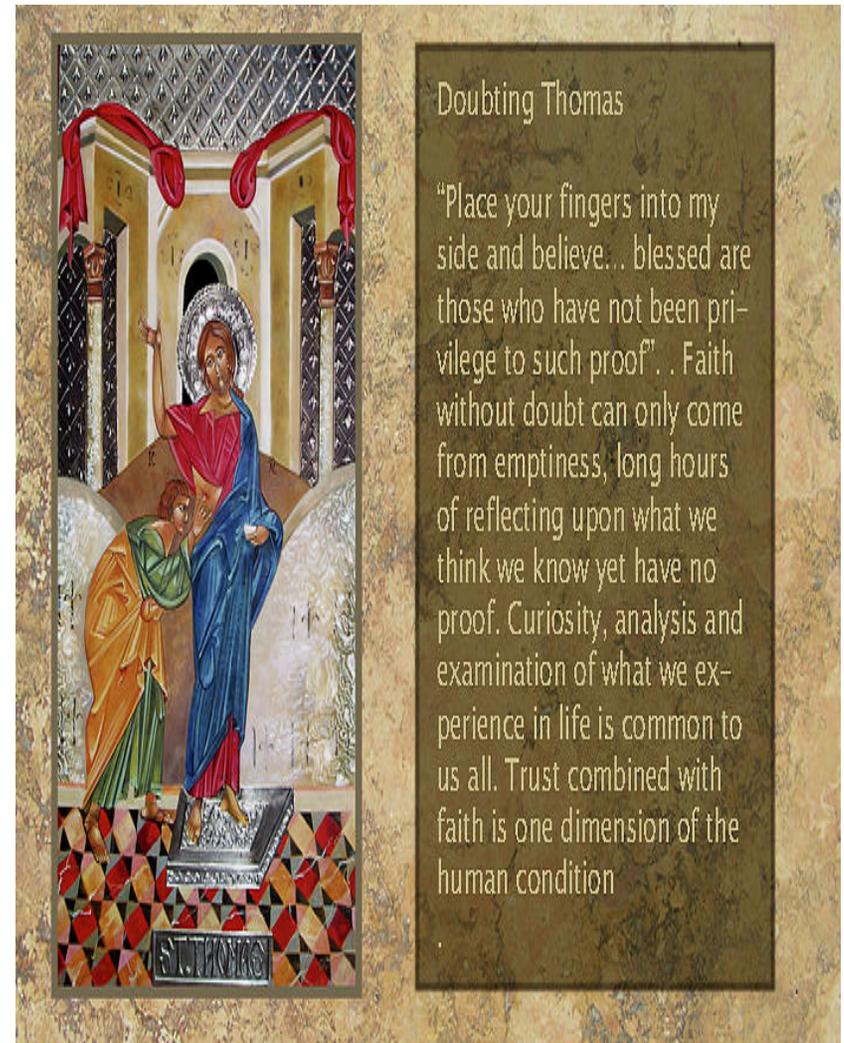
ACOLYTE TODAY: AVERY ZUKAS

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



Doubting Thomas

“Place your fingers into my side and believe... blessed are those who have not been privileged to such proof”. . Faith without doubt can only come from emptiness, long hours of reflecting upon what we think we know yet have no proof. Curiosity, analysis and examination of what we experience in life is common to us all. Trust combined with faith is one dimension of the human condition

“Doubting Thomas”

**Mary Jane Miller, 2008 San Miguel de Allende
Guanajuato, Mexico**

“Thomas proclaims, “My Lord and My God!” To look upon the face of Christ, is to look upon God incarnate. Christ has always been present in my life, everywhere and sometimes just beneath a thin garment waiting for me to reach out and touch him. Sacred space, spiritual awe, divine understanding, mystical awareness, cannot be limited to any one place or only the men. If we believe with our whole heart, mind, and soul that God is everywhere, the question becomes where can there be no God?”

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Debbie Rupert & Jim Hilty
Nancy & Harry Russo
Faith Friend: Nick & Sue Arnoldy
Our Church: Ministry Team
The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery
Presbytery: Mid-South (Synod of Living Waters)
Denomination: National Council of Churches of Christ in USA
Nation: Guinea-Bissau – Bissau

IMMEDIATE *Traveling mercies for Jerrilyn & Mission Trip to NC, Chloe, Gary Harkcom, Barb Hurley & Missy, Peggy's sister, Butch's surgery April 22, Dale Piffer family, 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 ☺.*

CONTINUING *Butch, Butch & Donna's son Dwayne, Bruce for healing, welcome back Ron ☺, Krystle's safe travels ☺, Pastor Niki's deer encounter. Alan Shockey, Carole Kennedy (home), Niki's brother & sister-in-laws wedding☺, Pize, Carol Kopnick, Frank Flickinger, Natalie.*

ONGOING Missy, Katie, Bob Reed, Donnie Riddle, 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 27 ~ Amy Zukas & Bill Speer

SESSION MEETS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30 @ 7:00 pm

April 27, 2025 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY Welcome Rev. Liddy Barlow 11:00AM
Welcome Gideons International
WEDNESDAY **SESSION** 7:00 PM
SUNDAY Star Wars Sunday 11:00AM

Beneath the Bulletin Board in the Vestibule:
*MAY NEWSLETTERS w/CALENDAR
* Hand-outs for upcoming events
In the Vestibule:
CURRENT UPPER ROOM ISSUES

TODAY, 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.

SANDWICH & SALAD BAR



PW Annual Spring

Sandwich & Salad Bar Friday, May 9

11 AM – 1:30 PM

**\$9 PER PERSON INCLUDES
SANDWICHES, SALADS, DESSERTS &
BEVERAGES.**

BEST LUNCH IN THE VALLEY!



"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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

YEAR~END
CELEBRATION

CELEBRATING A GREAT YEAR

