

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026 11:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE "Praise the Triune God" Broughton

WORDS of WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS and BIRTHDAYS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: As darkness gives way to light and winter sleep to fresh beginnings,

All: We come today to be reminded of God's love for us.

One: Like the green shoots of renewed life, stirring beneath the soil,

All: We welcome an awakening of God's word in our lives.

One: In this time of reflection and repentance,

All: We affirm our identity, we claim our security, as children of God.

* HYMN #166 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

CALL TO CONFESSION Kathy Wilson

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

God our creator, you asked us to tend this garden of your creating, to care for the creatures of your making, to join you in creating your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. We confess that we have sinned: we have used your creation rather than cherished it, we have lived greedily rather than gratefully, we have spoken words of destruction rather than love. We acknowledge the damage our heavy footprints, our hard hearts, and our rash tongues have done, and we pray for your forgiveness. Take the dust of

our lives and re-form us into your image, and then breathe into us the grace to live for you. Amen.

*** DECLARATION OF PARDON**

One: In the beginning, God breathed life into being, and every morning God's mercies are new. Know that you, child of God, made in God's image, are forgiven, loved and free. Believe and live the good news:

All: God's goodness is planted more deeply than all that is wrong. Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI #581

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

We Listen to God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 5:12-19 CEB NT p. 156

MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 23:38-43 CEB NT p. 89

PREACHING OF THE WORD "Salvation"

We Respond to God's Word

* HYMN #41 "Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – APOSTLE'S CREED P. 35

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory "We Are an Offering" Liles

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Gratitude for God's Abundance

God of the wilderness, we give these offerings in gratitude, rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us. We give these offerings in faith, trusting that you will provide for our

needs. We give these offerings in hope, knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world. And with these offerings, we give ourselves; May we live with generous hearts and open hands. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve

* HYMN #21 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

* CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE "God Will Make a Way" Moen

- *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.

E-mail pastor@aupc.comcastbiz.net

Amy Shupe, Organist; Joel Varga, Assistant Organist

Zach Bush, Trumpeter Sam Mullooly, Trombonist

Linda Truffa, Office Administrator

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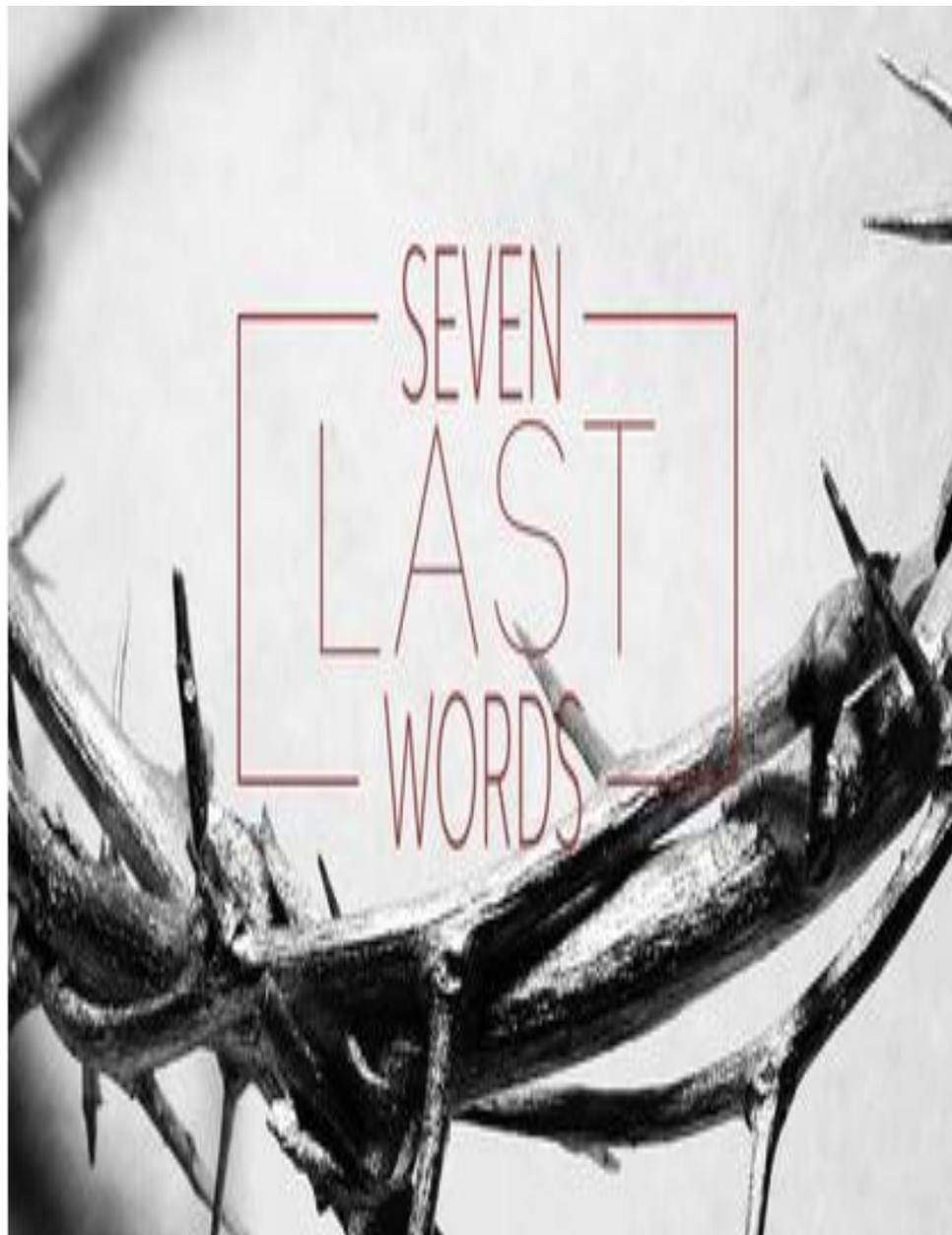
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Today's Acolyte ~ *Gunner Hanus*



“Salvation”

“Today, you will be with me in paradise.”

Luke 23:38-43

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Nancy and Harry Russo
Butch and Donna Schrecengost
Faith Friends: Shirley Mumaw
Our Church: Presbyterian Women
The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery
Presbytery: Long Island (Synod of Northeast)
Denomination: Hungarian Reformed Church in America
Nation: Bahrain - Manama

IMMEDIATE Adam, Cate & baby Rosalind ☺, Mel Sylvis, Doris Ann 90th Birthday, Nancy Campitella, Rodger, Shirley Coy, Cate Liska, SueEllen, Joanie Laurie, family of Larry W., Liam, Kathy Wilson ☺, Grant, Thanks Kaminski, Gizzler & Hollabaughs for shoveling.

CONTINUING, David Rose, Mary K., Amanda C, Dreana, Jeff Kirkman, Diane Chavara, Nancy Reynolds 99 years young!, Dorothy, Carol, Dave, Sue Ellen & Nick, , Shannan, Sara Burke, Jim, Carol, Niki's Dave, Ben & Ashley, Dommy, Missy ☺, Joyce Wildi's Marshall ☺, Doris Patterson family, Thunder Robinson, Kind family who lost baby, Aiden Miller family.

ONGOING

Nora, Eric Ribar, Missy, Katie, Eddie, 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

February 22, 2026 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>SUNDAY</u>	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Worship	11:00 AM
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	Lenten Service/Luncheon @ BSPC	12:00 PM
	SESSION	7:00 PM
<u>SUNDAY</u>	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Worship/Communion	11:00 AM
	Confirmation class @ BSPC	1:00 PM

PER CAPITA: THERE WAS AN ERROR IN INFORMING MEMBERS OF THE AMOUNT FOR 2026 PER CAPITA. **2026 PER CAPITA is \$40.66**, NOT \$39.24 AS WAS PREVIOUSLY STATED. February is almost over and Per Capita giving is behind previous years, to date. This shortage may result in the General Fund paying a higher monthly amount to Presbytery. Your earliest contribution to per capita will be greatly appreciated.
~Stewardship & Finance

HELP THE NEXT FAMILY ENJOY OUR
PRAYGROUND! PLEASE TIDY-UP AFTER
YOUR CHILDREN ATTEND THAT AREA.
THANK YOU!

*In the vestibule you will find:
February Newsletter
Lenten Luncheon Schedules
Lenten Opportunities
Easter Flower Order Forms*

Holy Week Meditation Stations

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

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401 FIRST ST., APOLLO

SUN. 3/22 - 1PM-4PM
MON. 3/23 - 9:30AM-4PM
TUES. 3/24 - 9:30AM-7PM
WED. 3/25 - 9:30AM-9PM
THUR. 3/26 - 12PM-9PM



BABY BASKETS based on the
Welcome Wagon concept. If you are aware of families in either of
these categories, please pass their info along to
Pam McMunn at 724.664.8303.

AUPC's Mission Team
is looking to welcome
those moving into our
community and also
welcoming new
additions to local
families. The Mission
Team is looking for
candidates to receive
WELCOME/NEW

SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS
February 22 ~ Glenna Kanish & _____



Thank you from AUPC's Mission Team!
We asked and you delivered enough cans of soup
to donate to our Emergency Food Pantry and
the Apollo-Ridge Area Food Bank.
You're "Souper" for Caring!!



This year, our tradition of purchasing Easter Flowers "In Memory of or In Honor of" a family member or special friend continues with beautiful flowers for the sanctuary, Your special someone will be remembered/honored in the Easter and Palm Sunday bulletins.

EASTER LILY \$14 EACH #ORDERED _____ \$PAID _____
 HYACINTH \$9 EACH #ORDERED _____ \$PAID _____
 ASSOR. TULIPS \$9 EACH #ORDERED _____ \$PAID _____
 DAFFODIL \$9 EACH #ORDERED _____ \$PAID _____

Check # _____ Cash _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

From _____

Deadline – Sunday, March 8 - Checks payable to AUPC

Lent Opportunities

apollopresby.org

Apollo United Presbyterian Church

401 First St., Apollo

				
ASH WEDNESDAY*	APOLLO COMMUNITY SPRING FLING	PALM SUNDAY	MAUNDY THURSDAY*	EASTER SUNDAY*
February 18 7:00 pm	Saturday, April 25 TBD	March 29 11:00 am	April 2 7:00pm	April 5 11:00 am
Joint worship w/Boiling Springs PC at BSPC	held at Owen's Grove Park	Service will be streamed youtube.com/ @apollopresby	Joint Worship with Boiling Springs PC	Service will be streamed youtube.com/ @apollopresby
*Communion will be served ALL are welcome	All are welcome to attend		*Communion will be served ALL are welcome	*Communion will be served ALL are welcome

