

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

5th Sunday of Easter
SCOTTISH HERITAGE SUNDAY

May 18, 2025

10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE

"Highland Cathedral"

Amy Shupe, organ & Richard Horne, bagpipes

WORDS of WELCOME

BIRTHDAYS and Joys & Concerns

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Psalm 46)

One: God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.

All: So we will not fear, even if earthquakes come, and the mountains crumble into the sea.

One: Let the oceans roar and foam. Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

All: The Lord Almighty is here among us; the God of Israel is our fortress.

*** HYMN**

"Be Thou My Vision"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Carl Zukas

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

When we want to be a church ever-reforming, yet cling to comfortable ways: Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us! When we want to honor your "still speaking voice", but are fearful of insights which challenge old assumptions: Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us! When we want to live into Jesus' dream of oneness, but fail to listen to voices of difference: Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We Listen to God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PROPHETIC LESSON

Revelation 21:1-6

NT p. 259

MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER

EPISTLE LESSON

Acts 11:1-18

NT p. 130

PREACHING OF THE WORD "Tradition and/or Innovation"

We Respond to God's Word

*** HYMN #366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH APOSTLE'S CREED**

p. 35

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

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*After hearing: Lord, in your mercy, please respond: **Hear Our Prayer.***

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

"Cuil House"

Piper Richard Horne

***Doxology #606**

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

We dedicate this offering to the work of Your kingdom here on earth. May this collection be used wisely and diligently, that Your love may be known widely. We offer ourselves as well, for financial gifts are but tokens of ourselves. Take and use us, that our hands may reach out in service, our feet may walk the hard path of reconciliation, and that our words may be words of peace. or this we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve

* HYMN 649 “Amazing Grace” Vs. 1,3,5

* CHARGE & BLESSING Response: “Thanks be to God”
Last Response: **AMEN**

POSTLUDE “Duncan McInnis” Piper Richard Horne

*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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Zach Bush, Trumpeter Sam Mullooly, Trombonist

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ACOLYTE TODAY: CAELIN KAMINSKI

SUNDAY SCHOOL

**YEAR-END
CELEBRATION**

CELEBRATING A GREAT YEAR



*Every year, Presbyterians come together to celebrate **Heritage Sunday**, a day to reflect upon and learn more about the long and rich history of the Presbyterian Church. Presbyterian Heritage Sunday always falls on the Sunday closest to the 21st of May — the opening date of the inaugural General Assembly in the United States in 1789 in Philadelphia. At that time, the church had four synods, 16 presbyteries, 177 ministers, 419 congregations and an estimated membership of 18,000. Today, there are 16 synods, 166 presbyteries, nearly 18,000 ordained ministers (including retirees), and 1.1 million official members (roughly 2.5 million affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA).)*

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Lilly Shupe
Linda Slicker
Faith Friend: Judy Ormsby
Our Church: Staff
The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery
Presbytery: North Alabama (Synod of Living Waters)
Denomination: American Baptist Churches in the USA
Nation: Liberia - Monrovia

IMMEDIATE 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, 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 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

May 18 ~ Amy Shupe & Glenna Kanish

May 25 ~ Bill Speer & Joyce Mollick

Beneath the Bulletin Board in the Vestibule:

*MAY NEWSLETTERS w/CALENDAR

* Hand-outs for upcoming events

In the Vestibule: CURRENT UPPER ROOM ISSUES

May 18, 2025 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>SUNDAY</u>	Scottish Heritage Sunday	10:00 AM
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	SESSION	7:00 PM
<u>SUNDAY</u>	Welcome Pastor Samuel, Rwanda	11:00 AM

*Here's a wee bit about our guest piper,
Richard Horne. . .*

Rich has been a piper for 17 years, playing for the last 15 years with Seton Hill University Pipe Band. He has had much success playing in band and solo competitions with SHUPB at highland games in the five state regional area. Rich lives in Latrobe with his wife Sandy and his two Norwegian Elkhounds.

.we thank him for gracing us with his beautiful bagpipe music this morning!





