

# **APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**

**4th Sunday of Easter**

**April 21, 2024**

**11:00 a.m.**

## **We Gather in God's Name**

**PRELUDE** “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” F. Ritter

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** David McFarland, Gideons International Org.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**BIRTHDAYS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Our Good Shepherd has led us to this place.

People: **He leads us beside still waters; he restores our soul.**

Leader: Even though we walk through dark valleys, wven though we are fearful and in need of comfort,

People: **Our cup overflows with God's goodness and mercy; we shall dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.**

Hymn #246 “Christ is Alive!”

**CALL TO CONFESSION** Kathy Wilson

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Savior God, you guide us, but we are slow to follow and stubborn. You welcome us, but we make others feel as if they don't belong. Forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment; the way we evaluate and compare, demean and degrade. Redeem us. Restore us. Help us be faithful as your people. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews. Christ leads us down the path of new beginnings.

People: **We are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen!**

**\*GLORIA PATRI #581**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

## **We Listen to God's Word**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**PSALTER LESSON** Psalm 23 OT p. 501

**MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER**

**GOSPEL LESSON** John 12:20-29 NT p. 106

**SERMON** “A Seed Falling to the Ground”

## **We Respond to God's Word**

**\*HYMN #351** “All Who Love and Serve Your City”

**\*Affirmation of Faith** *from a Brief Statement of Faith*  
In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve... With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

Offertory “The God of Love My Shepherd Is” Setting by R. Hopp

**\*Doxology #606**

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

**We Go Forth to Serve**

**HYMN #296 "Go In Grace and Make Disciples"**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE "Jesus Shall Reign" arr. M. Joseph**

\*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 Wed. & Fri. 9:30-4:00

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**TODAY'S ACOLYTE: CAELIN KAMINSKI**

Soon you will be seeing new (traffic) signs on the church property. This is to limit some of the liberties our neighbors have been taking regarding our property. The signs are meant to protect church property and reduce our liability in the event of accidents. The signs will also be a means of protecting unattended children who use the church property without permission and will help to protect the children in our programs and participants in the DanceClik. For members or friends of AUPC, we will allow non-church hour parking with prior notice and permission. If you have a need to use our parking lot for an extended period of time, please contact the office. Thank you,  
Building and Grounds

*A special welcome to our visitors.* If you are seeking Christ, we trust you will find Him; if you are sorrowing, we pray you will receive comfort; if you are troubled in spirit, we pray you will gain the blessings of peace; if you are discouraged, we pray you will find hope in our Lord. If you are seeking a spiritual home, we invite you to consider uniting with us.



**Seed Resurrection**

by Frank Wesley, 1923-2002

Frank Wesley was born in Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh into a fifth generation Christian family of Hindu and Muslim descent. He belongs to the Lucknow school of painting. His paintings reflect this influence and that of the Chughtai school of painting that flourished in India at the turn of the century. Wesley made art based on both biblical and secular themes. "My main work," said Wesley, "is to paint the Bible in our own Indian way. It is to do something for the church in the field of art." He used watercolors, oil paintings, miniatures and wooden carvings. He is also known for designing the funeral urn for Mahatma Gandhi's ashes.

## WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Derek, Candi, Alex and Caelin Kaminski  
Rob and Becky Kane  
Faith Friend: Bill and Shirley Mumaw  
Our Church: Mission Team  
Church(s): Atwood and Plumville Churches  
Rwanda Partner: Ruhango Supply: Colleen McFarland  
Presbytery: Washington (Synod of The Trinity)  
Denomination: Episcopal Church in the USA  
Nation: New Zealand - Wellington

**IMMEDIATE** Family of Jim Crawford, Bill and Shirley Mumaw, Israelis, family dance joy!, Eric, Jodi Smoyer, Heather, Mary Harbison family, Debbie, Curt Cyberling, Christine, Joe, Kim Liska, Joe Suain, **Geoff Atkinson, Family of Kayla Green, family of Marge Bernat, family of Judy Herstek.**

**CONTINUING** Kiski Musical joy, Chester Ferracio family, Niki's father (David Brodeur), Marilyn Repasky, Kirk Siverling, Cindy, Linda's shoulder, Butch and Donna Schrecengost, Clarissa Dill Family, Joelene, Family and friends of Jane Perkins, 8-yr-old John, Kim Altmire, Tim Kanish. Sam Deliek, Candy Graham and family, Bill Schriber family, Cathy Piper-Bikle, **Chelsea, Nancy Campitella, Cathy, family of Dorothy Hancock, Eddie, Scott and Nancy Hubbard, Matt.**

**ONGOING** Donnie Riggle, Gary Harkcom, Donna Fry, Matt Summerhill, 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.



*Today's bulletin is given In Loving Memory of Sam Hollabaugh, Scott's father, from Scott and Mary Ellen.*

## April 21, 2024 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>SUNDAY</u>	Welcome Rev. Dr. Don Wilson and Mr. David McFarland	11:00 AM
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	Crafters	9:00 AM
	Prayer Shawl Knitters	10:00 AM
	Bells	6:00 PM
	Session	7:00 PM
<u>THURSDAY</u>	Ministry Team	9:30 AM
<u>SUNDAY</u>	Worship & Youth Sunday School	11:00 AM

### SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS

April 14 ~ Laura Uncapher and Amy Zukas  
April 21 ~ Amy Shupe and Scott Hollabaugh  
April 28 ~ Derek Hilty and

**CLEAN-UP BUCKETS** filled by the month. April's requested donations **scrub brushes and pump-style air fresheners**. Just slip your donation in one of the white buckets in the vestibule. Questions?.... See Jerri Mollick. Thank you.

Apollo Community VBS  
July 8-11; 5:45pm-8:15pm  
@ Boiling Springs Church



"God's Neighborhood"



*All women of the church are invited to the Annual Secret Prayer Sisters Luncheon being held on April 27 at A Mano in Kittanning. All those interested in participating next year are encouraged to attend this luncheon, if possible. Please contact Lynn Hemke by April 25 at 724-972-6800.*

COMING UP!  
PENNY COUNT & PIZZA PARTY ~ May 5 after worship  
KIDS KRAFTS ~ Friday, May 3, 6:30 PM  
MOTHER'S DAY ~ Sunday, May 12  
YOUTH LOCK IN ~ Fri. (5/17) 7 PM - Sat. (5/18) 8 AM  
PENTECOST, GRADUATION SUNDAY, RECOGNITIONS &  
THANK YOUS ~ Sunday, May 19 WEAR RED!



**Update on the Spaghetti Dinner:** Wanted to let you all know that the dinner netted in excess of \$1,100 for our general fund! We were somewhat hampered by pouring rain on the day of the dinner, but things went smoothly and everyone worked hard doing their jobs to aid the cause. A big "thank you" to all who helped, all who brought desserts, all who attended, and all who recruited attendees! A special "thank you" goes out to Jonathan Coulter from Le Cafe, who donated all the food (except desserts) and who brought his own staff to man the kitchen! Jon wants to do it again in the Fall. So, we'll get another date on the church calendar ASAP!

Thanks again, everyone!  
Amy Shupe





