

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

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 2024

11:00 a.m.

**We Gather in God's Name**

PRELUDE

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

J. L. Macbeth

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

**People: Lord, we come to worship you, seeking sabbath rest.**

Leader: Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

**People: Lord, we come to worship you, to listen for your teachings and to seek rest for our souls.**

Leader: Jesus said, "For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

**People: Lord, we come to worship you, that we might serve you faithfully.**

Leader: Give thanks to God; bless God's name!

**People: For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.**

**\*HYMN**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Kathy Wilson

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Good and gracious God, we confess that we run ourselves ragged. We are busy and preoccupied with so many things. We neglect to be still and know that you are God. Even our sabbath time can be filled with "busy-ness." Forgive us, Lord, for not accepting your gift and guidance of rest and restoration. Help us to walk in the way Jesus models for us, mindful of our spiritual health and responding with compassion to the needs of our neighbors. Loving God, thank you for Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, who makes us complete in everything good so that we may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight. We pray through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

**\*DECLARATION OF PARDON**

Leader: God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

**People: Thanks be to God! For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI #581**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**We Listen to God's Word**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON    Jeremiah 23:1-6    OT p. 725

MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER

GOSPEL LESSON    Mark 6:30-34, 53-56    NT p. 40

**PREACHING OF THE WORD “To Shepherd or Not to Shepherd”**

**We Respond to God’s Word**

**\*HYMN #819 “Be Still, My Soul”**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Insert

**PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**Offertory “I Stand Amazed in the Presence”** M. Jordan

**\*Doxology #606**

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

**We Go Forth to Serve**

**\*HYMN**

**\*CHARGE & BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE “Let the Savior In”** E. L. Excell

\*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**

**Please call for appointments.**

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**Amy Shupe, Organist; Joel Varga, Assistant Organist**

**Zach Bush, Trumpeter Sam Mullooly, Trombonist**

**Linda Truffa, Office Administrator**

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**Office Hours: Monday through Thursday – 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM**

**CLEAN-UP BUCKETS** filled by the month. **July’s Items: 1 pair work gloves: cotton with leather palm or all leather.1 16-34 oz. bottle of disinfectant dish soap**Just slip your donation in one of the white buckets in the vestibule. Questions?.... . See Jerri Mollick.  
Thank you.



**“Landscape with Shepherd and Sheep”**

**Artist: Anton Mauve, ca. 1880**

**Cincinnati Art Museum**

This quiet painting by the Dutch 19th century artist, Anton Mauve, provides an opportunity for reflection upon the promises of Psalm 23 and of the author of the Gospel of Mark -- that God’s love provides caretaking comfort.

Considering this painting along with the lectionary texts for this week expands our awareness of God’s presence in the world, building upon the relationship between this world and the ‘other’ worldly.

## WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Bob Reed  
Nancy Reynolds  
Faith Friend: Bob Reed  
Our Church: Pastor Niki  
Church(s): Crossroads Community Church  
Rwanda Partner: Nyarurama  
Pastor: Rev. James Arter  
Presbytery: Eastminster (Synod of The Covenant)  
Denomination: Presbyterian Church (USA)  
Nation: Northern Mariana Islands - Saipan

**IMMEDIATE** Lois Trow, Brantley, Sarah Foley and family of Dick Macakanja, Jerry and Jack Travis, Donald Trump and those injured and family of Corey Comperatore, Franco family, family of Maxine Davis, Amy's eye surgery ☺, visitor from Phoenix-Cameron ☺, Family of Matt Summerhill, Eric Rebar, Todd, Nancy Campitella, General Assembly, **Karen & Denny 56 years, Chris George, Candy George, Carey Pfizer & Victoria Jones family, John Reed, Jane Cessna, Butch Schrecengost, Christine, Linda, Peggy Landon says Thank you , 2 yr.old Nora.**

**CONTINUING** Patty Pavetti's sister and Allen, Eric, Carolyn R, Family of Jim Talmadge, Family of Cathy Van der Wheel, Karen's family, Bill Mumaw family, Virginia Madison, Don Aber family, Scott and Nancy Hubbard, Apollo's Graduation ☺, Carole Kennedy test results and traveling mercies, Richard Shaeffer, Jacob & Kloey's wedding, Grads in Pastor Niki's family, family of Darrell Kennedy, **Patty Pavetti great-aunt again, Eric, Sierra Kane graduating Magna Cum Laude ☺, Barry & Glenna 56 years!, Mat Hilty Defensive Player of the Year! ☺.**

**ONGOING** 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.

## July 21, 2024 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>SUNDAY</u>	Worship & PrayGround	11:00 AM
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	Crafters	9:00 AM
	Prayer Shawl Knitters	10:00 AM
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**Welcome back ~ Vivian Shaeffer!**

*The office will be closed every Friday, June through August.*

### SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS

July 21 ~ Bill Speer and Derek Hilty

July 28 ~ Amy Shupe and Laura Uncapher

August 4 ~ Shelly Hilty and Scott Hollabaugh

### *From the Pastor:*

**\*\*Starting the week of June 10th through the end of August,** Pastor Niki's office days will fluctuate due to lack of childcare for parts of the summer. If she's not in the office, please call/text her or send an email. Thanks kindly for understanding!

**\*Looking for a fun place to listen to some free live music this summer? Check out these great bands at First Lutheran Church in downtown Apollo!**

- Sunday, July 28 @ 3:00pm - Gibbons Big Band
- Sunday, August 25 @ 3:00pm - Kittanning Firemen's Band



AUPC will be hosting the Child Evangelism Fellowship 5-DAY CLUB again this year! For 5 consecutive evenings beginning Monday, July 29, from 6:00 – 7:30 PM, AUPC will welcome ALL COMMUNITY KIDS between the ages of 5 through 12.



JOIN THE COMMUNITY FOR A  
**MORNING OF WORSHIP**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(from the Declaration of Faith)*

**God sent his Son to proclaim release to those who are bound, to announce that God's promised kingdom is at hand, to urge everyone to repent and believe the good news.**

The Lord is moving toward the time when the glorious liberty of the children of God will be manifest throughout the whole creation.

**We testify God is at work here and now when people obey Christ's commission to witness to him and make disciples of all nations, when they spread the good news by their words and embody it in their lives.**

We believe that God sends us to tell all nations that Christ calls everyone to repentance, faith and obedience.

**We are to proclaim by word and deed that Christ gave himself to set people free from sin and self-hatred, from ignorance and disease, from all forms of oppression, and even from death.**

We are to offer them in Christ's name fullness of life now and forever.

**We must not distort the gospel by weakening its promises or demands, by identifying it with oppressive structures, by pointing to ourselves instead of Christ.**

We must not restrict our proclamation to persons just like ourselves.

**We invite people everywhere to believe in Christ and become his followers. We urge them to join us in telling others the good news and in struggling for justice, compassion, and peace.**

BOILING SPRINGS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE**

for A-R District

thru Aug. 11

- PENCILS
- PAPER
- ERASERS
- MARKERS
- BACKPACKS
- NOTEBOOKS
- CRAYONS
- RULERS
- GLUE STICKS
- COLORED PENCILS







