

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

7th Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024

11:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE

“O Be Joyful”

J.S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked.

People: We delight in God's Word, we meditate on God, day and night.

Leader: Our worship grounds us in God, like trees planted by streams of water

People: God helps us yield good fruit. We do not wither when we spend time in God's presence.

Hymn #305 “Come Sing, O Church, In Joy”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Linda Gould

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Savior God, we invite you into our lives for a season, only to forget and neglect you once again. You beckon us, calling for our attention, but we are distracted and busy taking care of other priorities. Remind us, Holy God, that you are the source of our flourishing. You are the living water by which we have been planted. Forgive our neglect. Forgive our unfaithfulness. Focus us on you, your Word, and all that your Spirit provides. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Leader: Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews. Christ leads us down the path of new beginnings. We are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We Listen to God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON

John 17:6-19

NT p. 111

MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER

EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 5:9-13

NT p. 241

PREACHING OF THE WORD

“Life in Christ”

We Respond to God's Word

***HYMN #481**

“I Believe in God the Father”

***Affirmation of Faith** (adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith) **We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of**

Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory "Little Rondo" R. Blake
*Doxology #606
*Prayer of Gratitude for God's Abundance

We Go Forth to Serve

HYMN #634 "To God Be the Glory"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Postlude in G Major" V. Engel

*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 Friday – 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

TODAY'S ACOLYTE: MARIANA SHURINA

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.



He Who Is of God Hears The Word Of God

painting by James Tissot, 1886

James Tissot was a French artist known for the realism in his paintings. In this painting, the central figure, Jesus, is surrounded by a group of people who listen attentively as he speaks to them. The expression of each of the characters is unique and reflects the emotion of the moment. Tissot converted to Catholicism in 1885 and this had a great impact on his work. "He Who Is of God Hears the Word of God" is one of the first paintings he created after his conversion and reflects his newfound faith.

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Pat Kipp
 Lani, Emma, Brenna Knox
 Faith Friend: Nancy Reynolds
 Our Church: Presbyterian Women
 Church(s): Concord/Dayton and Zion/Templeton Churches
 Commissioned Pastor: Joel Kinnard
 Presbytery: Central Washington (Synod of Alaska-Northwest)
 Denomination: Hungarian Reformed Church in America
 Nation: Papua New Guinea – Port Moresby

IMMEDIATE *Bill Mumaw family, Tim Kanish's aunt, Sam, family of Diane Magnes, Lisa, Joy! New leadership, TJ Lucas helping Ron & Candy F4K, Christine's spinal problems, Sarah, Michael Ost, Family of Jim Crawford, Israelis, family dance joy!, Eric, Jodi Smoyer, Heather.*

CONTINUING *Mary Harbison family, Debbie, Curt Cyberling, Joe, Kim Liska, Joe Suain, Geoff Atkinson, Family of Kayla Green, family of Marge Bernat, family of Judy Herstek. 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.,*

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.

COMING UP!

MOTHER'S DAY ~ Sunday, May 12
YOUTH LOCK IN ~ Fri. (5/17) 7 PM – Sat. (5/18) 8 AM
PENTECOST, GRADUATION SUNDAY, RECOGNITIONS &
THANK YOU'S ~ Sunday, May 19 WEAR RED!

CHANGE FOR NEXT SESSION: TUESDAY, MAY 21

May 12, 2024 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY Worship and Youth Sunday School **11:00 AM**
Happy Mother's Day ~ Reception
TUESDAY Admin Team 6:00 PM
Mission Team 6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY Crafters 9:00 AM
 Prayer Shawl Knitters **10:00 AM**
 Bells **6:00 PM**
THURSDAY Ministry Team 9:30 AM
FRIDAY Youth Lock-In (bring a friend) 7 PM – 8 AM Sat.
SUNDAY Worship & Youth Sunday School **11:00 AM**
Pentecost, Graduation Sunday, Special
Recognitions, Cake and Cookie Reception

SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS

May 12 ~ Derek Hilty and Carol Kopnicky
 May 19 ~ Bill Speer and Shelly Hilty

CLEAN-UP BUCKETS filled by the month. **May's** requested

donations **1 pkg of 36-50 clothespins** and **1 50-100 ft. clothesline**, cotton or plastic. Just slip your donation in one of the white buckets in the vestibule. Questions?.... See Jerri Mollick. Thank you.



Attention All Acolytes: If you have an interest in being an acolyte throughout the summer months, please see Miss Shelly or sign up on the sheet in the vestibule.

Check out our BRAND NEW WEBSITE!

www.apollopresby.org

We heard you couldn't hear us? We're switching to Youtube!
Make sure you enter this link into your browser and hit
"Subscribe."

<https://www.youtube.com/@apollopresbychurch>

***OUR NEW CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!
PLEASE SEE SHELLY HILTY FOR YOUR COPY!**

***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, June 23 @ 3:00pm - Alle-Kiski Community Band
- Sunday, July 28 @ 3:00pm - Gibbons Big Band
- Sunday, August 25 @ 3:00pm - Kittanning Firemen's Band

***We would like to provide an opportunity for those of you who are
interested to participate in worship leadership. Following are the
opportunities available.**

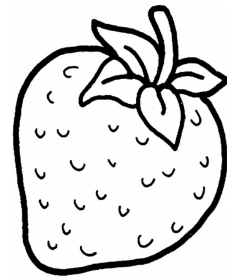
Communion servers are needed for June 2, July 7 (only 1 for joint
service with BSPC) and August 4. With the exception of 7/7,
four servers are needed for each Communion Sunday.

New lay readers are always welcomed to join the rotation. Anyone
who doesn't have difficulty with reading aloud in public is welcome to sign up
via email (office@aupc.comcastbiz.net) or call the church office
(724.478.4807).



When the craft ladies asked for used greeting cards
to be recycled, little did they know the response
would be so magnificent! The donations were so
plentiful that no more will be needed for quite a
while. THANK YOU ALL AGAIN!

THANK YOU! Thank you, thank you, thank
you. So much. I am so very grateful to you all for
helping me to have one of the best birthdays ever!
It was so wonderful to be surprised with SO MANY
CARDS and Facebook messages and cake and ice
cream and singing from our wonderful children
and such celebration. And oh that bulletin cover!
Ha ha! This was truly a special day for me and I
thank you lots! ❤️ Pastor Niki



**BSPC is hosting its Annual Strawberry
Festival on Saturday, June 8, from 4 to 7
PM. The menu is Sloppy Joe of Ham BBQ
sandwich with macaroni salad and baked
beans, strawberry shortcake, and ice
cream for \$11.00.**

**Don't forget! The church Rummage
Sale will be Friday, June 7 and
Saturday, June 8 from 8:00 AM to
2:00 PM**

**each day. Lunch and snack items,
baked goods, and beverages will be available to purchase
while you're looking for your special "something". Last day
for donated items is Friday, May 24.**



**Thank you! We're half way to our goal of reaching a
mile of pennies! After Sunday's roll of 9,050 we have
a total of 43,300 pennies. Thanks to everyone who
helped count and roll. Praying for more pennies from
heaven.**

