

**APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**

Trinity Sunday

May 26, 2024

11:00 a.m.

**We Gather in God's Name**

PRELUDE "Medley in D Major" various composers

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Let us worship the Triune God.

**People: Let us worship the One who spoke in the beginning and created something out of nothing.**

Leader: Let us worship the Triune God.

**People: Let us worship the One who took on the clothing of humanity to set those who were oppressed free.**

Leader: Let us worship the Triune God.

**People: Let us worship the One whose Spirit rests continually upon us, calling us from sorrow-filled endings to bright new beginnings.**

Hymn #1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

CALL TO CONFESSION Kathy Wilson

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** For you so loved the world, O God, that you came among us to feel our pain, amplify our joy, and bless our broken stories. For you so loved the world, O God, that you are among us still, calling us by your spirit to follow in the way of your love.

Forgive us when we do not listen, O God: when we forget the love that you have for us and the love we are called to share with one another. Forgive us, three-in-one God, and let your love transform our lives.

**\*DECLARATION OF PARDON**  
People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI #581**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**We Listen to God's Word**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 8:12-17 NT p. 158

MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER

GOSPEL LESSON John 3:1-17 NT p. 93

PREACHING OF THE WORD "Three-In-One"

**We Respond to God's Word**

**\*HYMN #2 "Come, Thou Almighty King"**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (*adapted from The Confession of 1967*)  
Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory "America the Beautiful" Bell Choir

**\*Doxology #606**

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

## We Go Forth to Serve

HYMN #8 “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

\*CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE “He Is King of Kings”

C. Curtis

\*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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Zach Bush, Trumpeter Sam Mullooly, Trombonist

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



### The Trinity

by Andrei Rublev, 1411

*Cathedral of Christ the Savior, Moscow, Russia*

*The Trinity* (Russian: Троица, romanized: *Troitsa*, also called *The Hospitality of Abraham*) is an icon created by Russian painter Andrei Rublev in the early 15th century. It is his most famous work and the most famous of all Russian icons, and it is regarded as one of the highest achievements of Russian art. Scholars believe that it is one of only two works of art (the other being the Dormition Cathedral frescoes in Vladimir) that can be attributed to Rublev with any sort of certainty.

*The Trinity* depicts the three angels who visited Abraham at the Oak of Mamre (Genesis 18:1–8); the figures of angels are arranged so that the lines of their bodies form a full circle. The painting is full of symbolism and is interpreted as an icon of the Holy Trinity. At the time of Rublev, the Holy Trinity was the embodiment of spiritual unity, peace, harmony, mutual love and humility.

## WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Bonnie Machak  
 Peggy Marangoni  
 Faith Friend: Grace Simpson  
 Our Church: Pastor Niki  
 Church(s): Falls Creek Church Moderator: Dave Koehler  
 Faith Church Mod. Diane Flynn Rwanda Partner: Munazi  
 Presbytery: North Puget Sound (Synod of Alaska-Northwest)  
 Denomination: International Evangelical Churches  
 Nation: Vanuatu – Port Vila

**IMMEDIATE** *Patty Pavetti great-aunt again, Eric, Sierra Kane graduating Magna Cum Laude ☺, Barry & Glenna 56 years!, Mat Hilty Defensive Player of the Year! ☺, Family of Anna Kanish, Michael Ost family, Chris and Cassie traveling mercies, Kelcey and kids ☺, Hall's neighbor adoption ☺, Thanks from Niki for birthday celebration, **Bill Mumaw family.***

**CONTINUING** *Sam, family of Diane Magnes, Lisa, Joy! New leadership, TJ Lucas helping Ron & Candy F4K. Christine's spinal problems, Sarah, Family of Jim Crawford, Israelis, family dance joy!, Eric, Jodi Smoyer, Heather, **Mary Harbison family, Debbie, Curt Cyberling, Joe, Kim Liska, Joe Suain,***

**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.

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.

**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.



A gift has been given In Memory of Larry Johnson from Amy Shupe. Carol Kopnicky has given a gift In Memory of Florence Truffa. Gifts have been received In Memory of Mary Harbison from Don & Shirley Dick and from Carol Kopnicky. **Bill Mumaw** has been remembered with gifts from Don & Lydia Summerhill, Gil & Ruth Filer, Don & Shirley Dick, and the Apollo Lodge 437 F and AM.

## May 26, 2024 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<b>SUNDAY</b>	Worship & Youth Sunday School	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Crafters	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	<b>Mail Newsletter</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
	Prayer Shawl Knitters	<b>10:00 AM</b>
	Bells	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	PW Quarterly Meeting & Program	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Worship with Communion	<b>11:00 AM</b>

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

## SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS

May 26 ~ Scott Hollabaugh and Laura Uncapher  
 June 2 ~ Shelly Hilty and Carol Kopnicky



## VBS Help Needed & Information –

Our Apollo Community VBS is July 8-11, 2024 from 5:45 pm - 8:15 pm. Closing worship and program are on July 11. VBS will be held at Boiling Springs Presbyterian Church and we are seeking help for any and all nights! Clearances are required. Scan

QR code for registration form! Additionally, we are seeking donations of cases of small water bottles, Capri Sun drinks, and applesauce pouches. Please drop off any donations in the church nursery for Pastor Niki to take to BSPC. Thank you!

## *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!

**Planning Ahead!** - We will have a joint worship service together on **Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 10am** with our siblings in Christ AT Boiling Springs Presbyterian Church. Communion will be celebrated, a covered dish lunch will be shared, and decorating for VBS will happen! Make sure you join us that morning for a joyous time of worship!

– **On Sunday, August 11**, the Apollo Community Worship Service will be held at New Beginnings UMC in Spring Church at 10:30am with a potluck lunch to follow. AUPC is asked to bring desserts to share. Members of the Apollo Ministerium will be leading worship, with Rev. Niki Atkinson preaching that morning. \*There will be no scheduled service at AUPC that morning as we worship with our community's siblings in Christ.\*

**\*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

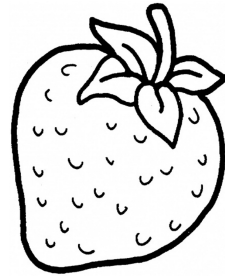
**\*We would like to provide an opportunity for those of you who are interested to participate in worship leadership. Following are the opportunities available.**

**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](mailto: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!**



**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 Sunday, June 2. Set up-date is Tuesday, June 4 and tear-down will be June 10<sup>th</sup>, both at 9 AM. Clean, donated items are still needed. Sign-up list for kitchen donations will be in the vestibule.



**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.**

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN  
QUARTERLY MEETING and  
PROGRAM ~ 9:00 AM  
SATURDAY, JUNE 1**







