

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

11:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE

"Preparation for the King"

Corelli

WORDS of WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS and BIRTHDAYS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Candy George

PRAYER CONCERNS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH The Zukas Family
One: A long time ago, a baby was born in a town called "House of Bread." His name was Jesus. Before his birth, his mother, Mary, sang of God's goodness: "God has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; God has filled the hungry with good things."

First, we light the candle of hope. Hope is believing things can get better with compassion and imagination. Today, we light the candle of peace. Peace is what happens when everyone treats each other, themselves, and the world kindly.

All: As we light this candle, we are reminded that, from the manger, peace is growing...growing to be God with us. His name is Jesus, Bread of Life.

*** HYMN #87 "Comfort, Comfort Now My People"**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jerri Mollick

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

Loving God, you made us to live in peace with each other and with the world. But sometimes we don't do that. Sometimes we don't take care of ourselves or ask for help when we feel sad or hurt. Sometimes we hold onto little

grudges and forget to forgive our friends. Sometimes we stay in situations that make us unhappy because we are scared to change. Sometimes we ignore people who are hungry, lonely, or hurting. Please forgive us. Help us to let go of these things and trust you. Fill our hearts with your peace, so we can share it with the world. Amen.

*** DECLARATION OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We Listen to God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PROPHETIC LESSON Ezekiel 34:1-12 CEB OT p. 803

MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 10:1-6 CEB NT p. 71

PREACHING OF THE WORD "From the Manger, Peace Grows"

We Respond to God's Word

*** HYMN #100 "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed pg 35

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory "Emmanuel" McGee

Doxology #606

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

Loving God, these gifts and offerings are a reflection of our commitment to Christ's peace. May they provide sustenance to those in need and extend your love and justice throughout the world. Bless the generosity of this community, prompting us to compassionately share in building a world where the hungry are filled. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve

* HYMN #115 "Away In a Manger"

* CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Soon and Very Soon" Crouch

- *Please stand in body or spirit*
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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

Please call for appointments.

E-mail pastor@aupc.comcastbiz.net

Amy Shupe, Organist; Joel Varga, Assistant Organist

Zach Bush, Trumpeter Sam Mullooly, Trombonist

Linda Truffa, Office Administrator

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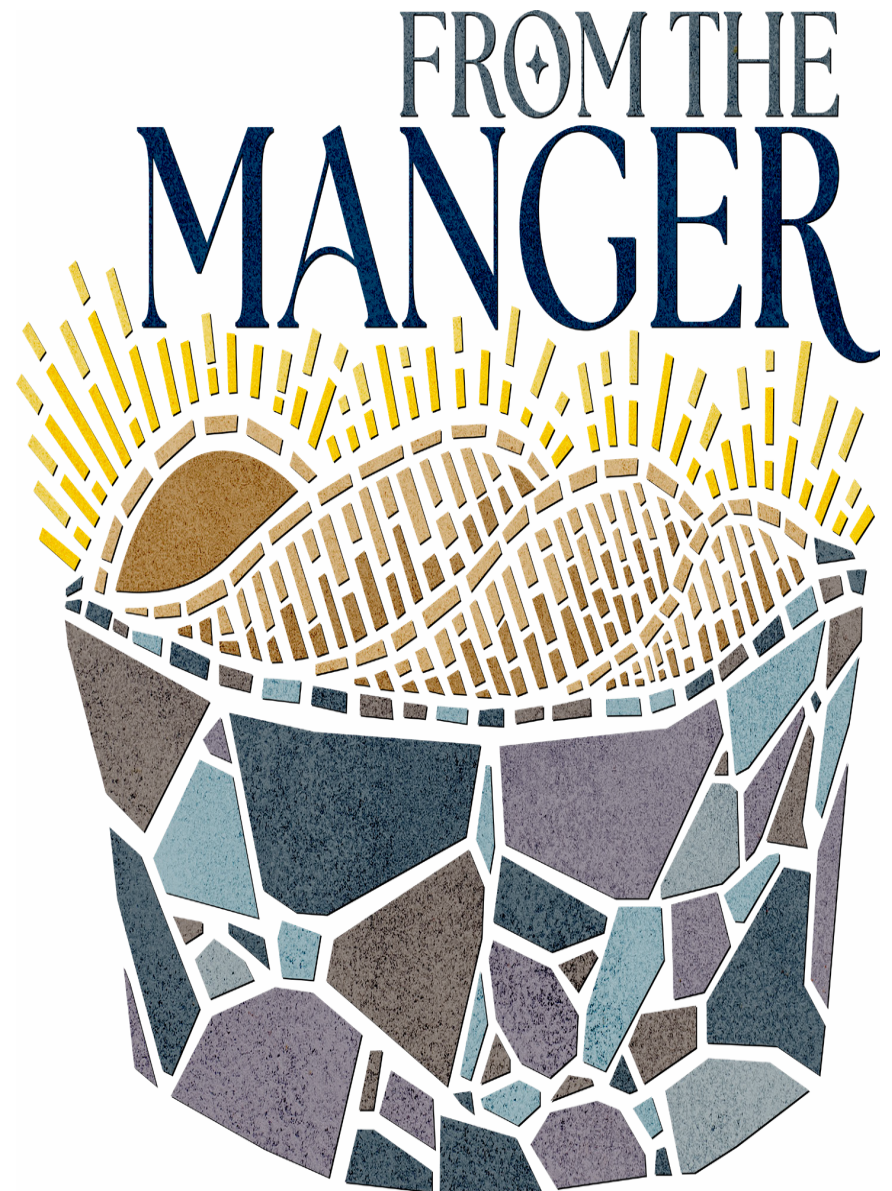
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Office Hours: Holiday Schedule in bulletin

Today's Acolyte ~*Natalie Uncapher*

PLEASE NOTE: There will be a **Congregations Meeting**, **Sunday, December 14**, immediately following worship for the purpose of **ELECTION OF OFFICERS** and **RECEIVING THE 2026 BUDGET**.



Peace Grows.

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom God favors!"
Luke 2:14

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Dennis and Elaine Kinter
Pat Kipp
Faith Friend: Judy Ormsby
Our Church: Administration Team
The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery
Presbytery: Western North Carolina (Synod of Mid-Atlantic)
Denomination: African Methodist Episcopal Church
Nation: Uganda - Kampala

IMMEDIATE *Debbie, Dave Highfield, Ron in church ☺, Dolores, beautiful sanctuary at Christmas, Ken Bowman, Jess's grandfather, Christmas Tea JOY!, Melinda here ☺, Family of Frank Lombardi, mary, KVCB ☺, Ronan, Ashley, Dan Pepler, Wendy, Ashley, Patty Pavetti, Janelle, Danny, Doris Patterson, Perona family, Laura's brother-in-law, people of Jamaica, Jeff, Shirley Jackson.*

CONTINUING *John Moats, Diane & Jim Detman on the loss of Diane's father, Kim, Ashley & Ben, Ronan, Luke, new baby, Melinda, Shannan K., Elaine Newton, Eddie, Ed Bortz, Knox Kanish, Debbie, Vinny, Chynna Finoli and CJ Williams, *JOY for Missy.*

ONGOING

Nora, Eric Ribar, Missy, Katie, 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

Christmas Eve Service
7:30 PM
"Lessons & Carols"

Today's bulletin is given **In Loving Memory of Jacob Dunmire** from his Grandma,
Joan Orr.

December 7, 2025 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>SUNDAY</u>	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Worship-2 nd Sunday of Advent	11:00 AM
	Confirmation Class meets	1:00 PM
<u>MONDAY</u>	Admin Team	7:00 PM
<u>TUESDAY</u>	Ministry Team	10:00 AM
	Mission Team	6:00 PM
<u>FRIDAY</u>	Office Closed	
	Yackmack/Morelli Wedding Rehearsal	5:00 PM
	Kids Krafts	6:30 PM
<u>SATURDAY</u>	Yackmack/Morelli Wedding (11:30)	2:00 PM
<u>SUNDAY</u>	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Worship-3 rd Sunday of Advent	11:00 AM

SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS

December 7 ~ Laura Uncapher & Amy Zukas

December 14 ~ Laura Uncapher & _____

December 21 ~ Glenna Kanish & Scott Hollabaugh

December 28 ~ Derek Hilty & Glenna Kanish

Children's Advent Bulletins and Advent Calendars for anyone are available in the vestibule.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE! We are so pleased that the playground has been such a big hit! Parents, here are a few reminders: *An adult must be with the child (children) *If toys are brought from home, soft & quiet is best *It is the adult's responsibility to clean up after their children-this is not our custodians responsibility.

THANKS!

**Thanks A Lot! Your
generosity has raised \$505 for
the
Apollo-Ridge Area
Food Bank's Annual
Christmas Turkey Drive!
Well done and
Merry Christmas!**

**CHURCH OFFICE 2025 HOLIDAY HOURS
OFFICE CLOSED:
Fridays, Dec. 12, 19
Tuesday, Dec. 23, Wed. 24, Thurs. 25 & Fri. 26
December 29 thru January 2
OFFICE WILL REOPEN MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026**

**DECEMBER NEWSLETTERS WITH CALENDARS
and
separately THE GRATITUDE CALENDARS are
available in the vestibule under the bulletin board.**

**The downstairs
of the church has
been reserved
Monday, Dec. 15
through
Thursday, Dec. 18 for the
Dance Clik**

**Class Christmas Parties!
Merry Christmas to Candi,
her staff and dancers!
It's a Blessing to have you in
our buildings!**

**Please note: Participants in the
play will have their dress rehearsal
on Saturday, December 20**

**at 10:00 AM. After rehearsal,
around noon, we will have our
annual children's "Happy Birthday,
Jesus" party in the social room.**

**ALL Sunday School children are
invited to the party☺! A light lunch,
crafts, games and a story will lead
up to Jesus' birthday cake!**

**Volunteers are needed ~ call Amy
Zukas if you can help.**