

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2026

11:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE Meditation on "Surrender" B. Barret

WORDS of WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS

JOYS and CONCERNS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** Carl Zukas

Leader: The banqueting table is prepared and God calls us to the feast.

People: We have come from east and west, from north and south, to sit at Christ's table.

Leader: Here compassion, love, and grace pour out like fine wine.

People: Here we taste the bread of life, bread for our journey.

Leader: There are gifts of God for all the people of God.

People: Let us taste and see that the Lord is good!

*** HYMN #265 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We fail to condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of Grace, forgive who we have been, amend who we are and direct who we shall be through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

*** THE SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We Listen to God's Word

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 21:33-46 NRSV NT p.24

EPISTLE LESSON Philippians 3:4b-14 NSRV NT p. 198

SERMON "Christ Has Made Us His Own"

*** APOSTLES' CREED** p. 35

We Respond to God's Word

*** HYMN #525 "Let Us Break Bread Together"**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE *(please refer to the insert)*

OFFERING

Offertory "How Great is Our God" Reeves/Tomlin/Cash

***Doxology #606** p. 35

***Prayer of Dedication**

Generous God, we have received so much from you in Christ and in creation. Bless the gifts we offer so that they will speak of your love for the world in all its detail and diversity. May our gifts touch the need around us in the name of Christ who makes us one. Amen

We Go Forth to Serve

* HYMN #14 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

* CHARGE & BLESSING

*POSTLUDE “O Worship the King” arr. C. Tornquist

***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:

Amy Shupe, Organist; Joel Varga, Assistant Organist

Zach Bush, Trumpeter Sam Mullooly, Trombonist

Linda Truffa, Office Administrator

Jerrilyn Mollick, Custodian

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Today's Acolyte~*Natalie Uncapher*

*Thank you to Carol Kopnicky and friends
who donated food to our Emergency Food
Pantry “In Loving Memory of Carol's
daughter, Holly”*

SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS

October 4 ~ Nancy Russo & Glenna Kanish

October 11 ~ Pam McMunn & _____



Today's bulletin is given
IN MEMORY OF
Doc and Sam's Birthdays and
Dora and Sam's Anniversary
From Peggy Landon

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Joyce Mollick
Shirley Mumaw
Faith Friends: Lani Knox
Our Church: Our Pulpit Supplies
The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery
Presbytery: Pueblo (Synod of the Rocky Mountains)
Denomination: National Baptist Convention of America, Inc.
Nation: Pakistan - Islamabad

IMMEDIATE Homer Ament, Scott, Nancy & Cathy Hubbard, Christine Martin, Kim, Dom & family, Butch & Donna, Luke, Jess, Butch, **Sandy, new baby, Bill, Debbie, Mary, family of Donna Graham.**

CONTINUING Candy's 60th class reunion ☺, Ray's son (stroke), Tim and Glenna, Ron & Candy's 57th ☺, family of LaRue, family who lost baby, Mark Gizler, Flood victims, Bill home from hospital, Carol Kopnick, Cailen World Champion, family of Samantha McCutcheon, Bryan Dillick, Mariane Altmeyer, Shannan

ONGOING Shannan, Nora, Eric Ribar, Missy, Katie, Eddie, 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



2026 Christmas Tea tickets for Friday, Nov. 20 and Saturday, Nov. 21 will go on sale beginning **Wednesday, October 7** from **9-12:00** and every Wednesday thereafter. **Tickets are \$25 each.** Meal choices are Baked Ham or Chicken Salad Croissants. Menu selections will be necessary at the time of ticket purchase.

October 4, 2026 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>SUNDAY</u>	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Worship-World Communion Sunday	11:00 AM
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	Crafters	9:00 AM
	Knitters	10:00 AM
<u>SUNDAY</u>	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Worship/Reception	11:00 AM

*The ministry team is requesting donations of Halloween candy (regular and allergy friendly) and small "treat" items (stickers, fidgets, etc.) for its upcoming "Trunk or Treat" on Saturday, October 31 from 11am-1pm. We are also seeking people to decorate their trunks for the event itself. Please see Glenna, or Amy Z., for more info or ideas.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

11 AM ~ 1 PM

AUPC

PARKING
LOT!



CANDY
TREATS
SMALL TOYS



WELCOME

EVERYONE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE (*Congregation Responses)
THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you;

***And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts;

***We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;

***It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is our calling and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, Lord God, Creator and Sustainer of heaven and earth. You spoke, and all things came into being: the sun, moon and stars, the earth, sky and waters, and everything they contain. Your Spirit swept over creation, bringing order out of chaos and life out of the formless void. From the elements of earth, you created humankind in your image. You breathed life into us and called us to love and serve you. But we turned away, seeking to live in our own way. Yet you have never turned from us.

Through the law and the prophets, you called us back to you. In the fullness of time, you sent your son, Jesus, born of a mother's flesh, to reveal your grace and love. Again and again, you welcome us back to your side with the open arms of a loving father.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with those from every time and place, to proclaim your glory in the words of the unending hymn: ***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy is your son, Jesus. Walking this earth, feeding the hungry, calling the lost, offering healing and teaching to all who sought him, he revealed your kingdom at work in your world.

O God, pour out your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine. May they be for us the body and life blood of our Lord Jesus, healing, renewing and making us whole. Unite us in worship and witness with your Church throughout the world so that together we will bring honor and glory to your name through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in whose name we offer these words: Our Father who are in Heaven...

BREAKING OF THE BREAD / COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Among his friends, on the night he was betrayed, he took bread, broke it and said, "Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me." After supper, he took a cup and offered it to his friends, saying: "This cup is the new covenant, sealed in my blood, for the forgiveness of sins.

Drink from it, all of you." Every time we eat this bread and share this cup in Jesus' name, we recall the mystery of faith: ***Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

2026
CROP HUNGER WALKS

ENDING HUNGER
ONE STEP AT A TIME

TODAY @ 2:00 PM
ROARING RUN TRAIL, APOLLO
WALK AND/OR DONATE

Vivian will be accepting donations
for today's event after worship.

Please give generously!

RUMMAGE SALE FOLLOW-UP

Thanks to ALL who made our 2026 Rummage Sale a successful event! As of Sunday, September 27th, we netted \$2,220.15, with proceeds going to the church's General Fund!

The sale entails A LOT of work, before, during and afterward. But all of us who worked (tirelessly, I must say), would agree that most of the time, it was actually fun! A big shout out goes to those who donated items for the sale, those who unpacked and displayed those items, those who worked in the kitchen and on the sales floor, those who made the food and the baked goods for sale, who purchased items that were for sale, and those who helped pack up the items for donations to other organizations who could use them. The event has become a blessing for our community, and many folks show up year after year for the sale (and the hot dogs!).

A special shout out goes to the chairperson of the sale, who worked tirelessly for MONTHS before the sale and all the hours during the event.

THANK YOU, BILL SPEER! God bless your generous spirit!

