

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

**Second Sunday in Lent**

**February 25, 2024**

**11:00 a.m.**

## **We Gather in God's Name**

**PRELUDE**

**"I Am Thine, O Lord"**

arr. T. Webb

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Carol Kopnicky

*(Written by Rev. Dr. Bruce Reyes-Chow in "Everything Good About God is True")*

Leader: What does the church do when we gather?

**People: Woven together in moments momentary and lingering . . .**

Leader: to worship God,

**People: to know what it is to belong,**

Leader: to celebrate the jubilation of life,

**People: to grieve when life is loss,**

Leader: to lament and to confess,

**People: to forgive and to be forgiven,**

Leader: to worship, to pray, to march, to nap,

**People: to argue, to ponder, to weep, to laugh.**

Leader: to discern the mind of Christ and the will of God,

**People: to love the other as the world would not want us to love ourselves,**

Leader: to affirm and proclaim that we belong to one another,

**People: and in turn we belong to God.**

**\*HYMN #450 "Be Thou My Vision"**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Savior God, the public spectacle of the cross calls us to account. We hesitate and hedge when opportunities arise to speak of you. We are shy in faith and not bold to proclaim. Your story saves, yet we keep it to ourselves. Forgive our reticence of faith. Forgive the ways we fail to serve as public witnesses.**

**Help us be your candlelight, held high to set the world aglow. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI #581**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

## **We Listen to God's Word**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**GOSPEL LESSON Mark 8:31-38**

NT p. 44

**MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER**

**PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD "Fully Convinced"**

**\*HYMN #819 "Be Still My Soul"**

## **We Respond to God's Word**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER P. 35**

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**Offertory "A Lenten Classic"**

arr. L. Smith

**\*Doxology #606**

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

## **We Go Forth to Serve**

**\*HYMN #829 "My Faith Looks Up To Thee"**

**\*BENEDICTION**

## POSTLUDE

“We Worship Thee, O God” G. DaPalestrina

\*Please stand in body or spirit

**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.

*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

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**TODAY'S ACOLYTE: GAVIN MOTOSICKY**

**SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS**

**February 18 ~ Amy Zukas and Derek Hilty**



“God’s Covenant with Abraham”

Late medieval stained glass window, 15<sup>th</sup> century

St. Anne’s Chapel, Great Malvern Priory

Worcestershire, United Kingdom

<https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=55121>

“When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, ‘I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.’” Genesis 17:1-2

## WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Barry and Glenna Hall  
Chris, Ashleigh, Rylee and Fallyn Hannigan  
Faith Friend: Nancy Reynolds  
Our Church: Mission Team  
Church(s): Slate Lick Church  
Moderator: Marty Neal Rwanda Partner: Kavumu  
Presbytery: Lehigh (Synod of The Trinity)  
Denomination: National Council of Churches of Christ in USA  
Nation Paraguay - Asuncion

**IMMEDIATE** *Cathy, family of Dorothy Hancock, Eddie, Scott and Nancy Hubbard, Marge Bernat, Matt, Soup donations ☺, patient with kidney disease, Carol Kopnicki ☺, Sidney Jones family, Kim Altmire, Linda Gould, Ann Cloonan, Dwayne S. traveling mercies & also for Stephanie's brother, **Jim Crawford, Charlie Kukalis family, Florence Truffa family.***

**CONTINUING** *Mike Mollick, Jackie, Roberta, Tina, Melissa, Sue, Brenna Knox, Jim G.☺, Marlene, Donnie Riggle, accident victims, Noreen, Jim, David Watkins family, Kim Liska, Fred Crawford, Magill Family, **William Hileman family, Frank Crawford family, Barb Jones family, Larry Johnson family, Children's play ☺, Christie, family of Bob Rae, all who have lost loved ones, Michael Gerheim family.***

**ONGOING** Gary Harkcom, Donna Fry, Matt Summerhill, Bill & Linda Crabtree, Frank Kovak, Josh Hanus, Shannon Pruss, Mary Harbison, 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*

## FEBRUARY 25, 2024 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>SUNDAY</u>	Worship & Youth Sunday School	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<b>Mail Newsletter</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
	<b>Lenten Study</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	Prayer Shawl Knitters	<b>10:00 AM</b>
	<b>Quality Life Services</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
	<b>Lenten Service &amp; Luncheon</b>	
<u>SUNDAY</u>	Worship & Youth Sunday School	<b>11:00 AM</b>

Dear Congregation,

As you may have noticed, our church family has a lot of children coming to worship with their families. We're so glad that our AUPC family is growing and we want to make sure our kids have some great things to read while they're here! Children's books (especially ones about our faith) have come a long way in recent years and we would love to update some of our shelves in the nursery and children's classrooms. Below is an Amazon Registry Link where you can find many books that we are hoping to use in updating our collection. The books will ship directly to the church, where they can also be nameplated in honor or memory of someone you love. (Please note this in an email to Pastor Niki or the church office!) Thank you so much for your generosity and love of our youngest members of our church family! <https://shorturl.at/qrCEJ>

## A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

**In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.  
We trust in Jesus Christ,  
fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children,  
healing the sick  
and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts,  
forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.  
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.**





