

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

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**March 30, 2025**

**11:00 a.m.**

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

**PRELUDE**

**"Arabesque"**

Scott

**WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**BIRTHDAYS**

### **\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: In times of trouble, in days of fear,

**All: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

One: When we are lost and lonely, not sure of our place,

**All: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

One: When we are hard-hearted and cynical,

**All: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

One: When we struggle to believe God's promise of redemption,

**All: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

One: Together we look to God to teach us the way we should go.

**All: Steadfast love surrounds us, as together we place our trust in the Lord.**

**\* HYMN #766 "The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound"**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Carl Zukas

### **\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those**

**things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.**

**\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI #581**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**EPISTLE LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

OT p. 685

**MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

**Luke 3:10-14**

NT p. 16

**PREACHING OF THE WORD "Disrupt"**

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

**\* HYMN #96 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"**

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)**

**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. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER** (as prompted please respond "Have mercy, O God; hear our prayer")

**Our Gifts to God**

**Offertory** "Great Are You, Lord" Cook

**\*Doxology #606**

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

Lord of all, we give you thanks for your unfailing love. All that we have and all that we are is a gift from you, and we return it to you now with thanks and praise. Take and bless what we offer here today, that it may be used to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, liberate the oppressed, care for the suffering, and share the good news of your redeeming love with the world. In Christ's name we pray, amen.

**We Go Forth to Serve**

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

**\* CHARGE & BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE** "He Will Reign" Darnall/Dearman

\*Please stand in body or spirit

*Wrapping our community in God's love, one person at a time.*

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Rev. Niki Atkinson – Office Hours Tues. & Wed. 9:30-4:00

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**ACOLYTE TODAY: ADELYNN CARWILE**



"Going to Church"

ca. 1940-1941

William H. Johnson, 1901-1970

Smithsonian American Art Museum

Washington, D.C.

William H. Johnson was an American born painter who studied at the National Academy of Design in NY before spending time in Europe. While living in Scandinavia, he was influenced by the strong folk art tradition. After moving back to the States, he taught at the Harlem Community Art Center.

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Joyce Mollick  
Shirley Mumaw  
Faith Friend: Bob Reed  
Our Church: PW  
The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery  
Presbytery: Whitewater Valley (Synod of Lincoln Trails)  
Denomination: United Church of Christ  
Nation: Gabon - Libreville

**IMMEDIATE** Karen's brother Gary, Sara Kerr, Pastor Niki's step-dad in remission ☺, Butch, Butch & Donna's son, Bruce for healing, welcome back Ron ☺, Krystle's safe travels ☺, Pastor Niki's deer encounter, **Alan Shockey, Carole Kennedy (home), Niki's brother & sister-in-laws wedding☺, Pize, Carol Kopnick.**

**CONTINUING** Frank Flickinger, Natalie, The family of Donna Fry, Families of health care workers at UPMC York, Eric., **Glenna Hall, Dan P., Betty , Mindy, Sally, Cathy Hubbard,, domestic violence victim.**

**ONGOING** Missy, Katie, Bob Reed, 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.

**SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS**  
March 30 ~ Glenna Kanish & Bill Speer  
April 6 ~ Derek Hilty & Glenna Kanish  
April 13 ~ Glenna Kanish & Amy Shupe

**Graduate Sunday is just around the corner. If you are associated with anyone graduating this year and would like to have them recognized on Graduate Sunday, please call the office with their name and from where they are graduating. We'd love to honor them!**

March 30, 2025 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUNDAY** Worship, Youth Sunday School 11:00AM  
**WEDNESDAY** Lenten Service & Luncheon 12:00 PM  
**SATURDAY** Easter Egg Hunt & Party 2-4:00 PM  
**SUNDAY** Worship, Youth Sunday School 11:00AM  
Communion

**Wednesday, April 2 – 12:00 PM  
– AUPC hosting LENTEN  
LUNCHEON following Lenten  
Service.**

**Saturday, April 5 ~ Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Party  
from 2 ~ 4:00 pm! EVERYONE WELCOME!**

The Christian Ed Team is welcoming donations for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt/Easter Party. There will be a donation box next to the Kid's table in the vestibule. ?? see Shelly Hilty!  
Thank you bunny much!

**Beneath the Bulletin Board in the Vestibule:**  
  
\*Lent schedules and opportunities.  
  
\*APRIL NEWSLETTERS w/CALENDAR  
  
\*Easter Flower Order Forms  
(ordering deadline is today)

**“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations”... Matthew  
28:19**

**"Save the Date!" — The 2025 Secret Sisters Luncheon will be held on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at Falsetti's Villa Restaurant in Cadogan, PA at 11:30 AM.** All women of the church, member or non-member, are invited to become a Secret Sister for a one-year term. Those that are currently "Sisters", and those who wish to become a "Sister" for the coming year, are encouraged to attend the luncheon. The purpose of a Secret Sister is to communicate, support and encourage the chosen Sister throughout the year by sending cards, and occasionally, if desired, giving a small gift for special occasions. In addition, the most important job is to keep that Sister in your daily prayers. We also exchange small gifts at the end-of-the-year luncheon. More info to come in May about the annual luncheon.

Wanted to let you all know that our spaghetti dinner on March 22nd grossed \$1,371.25 for our Building Fund! We were blessed by great weather for the event, things went smoothly, and everyone worked hard doing their jobs to aid the cause.

A big “thank you” to the many volunteers who helped, all who brought desserts, all who attended, and all who recruited attendees!

A special “thank you” goes out to John Fouse, who organized the event, made the sauce, obtained all of the donations from local grocery stores and worked hard in the kitchen the day of the event.

A lot of hard work goes into the planning and execution of a dinner like this, and the cooperation of all who were involved was a sight to see!

Thanks again, everyone!

Amy Shupe

On Sunday, April 27, we will be welcoming a speaker from Gideons International. All loose offerings will be donated to the organization. *We hope you will be generously share with this historic Christian organization. Your donation will assist the Gideons to reach those who are lost and in need by spreading The Good News both personally and in print.*

Thank You.

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**Sunday, April 27, We Welcome to the Pulpit  
Rev. Liddy Gerchman Barlow.**

The Rev. Liddy Barlow is a creative and passionate servant of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church in all its complicated diversity. She works to bring Christians of all traditions together to make visible our true unity as the Body of Christ.

In April 2014, Rev. Barlow became the first woman to be installed as Executive Minister of Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania. She reports to the Council of Bishops and Judicatory Executives, who represent 28 Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox church bodies throughout greater Pittsburgh. As Executive Minister, Rev. Barlow sets a vision for Christian Associates and manages all of the organization's projects and relationships.

Rev. Barlow is ordained in the United Church of Christ, and is a member of the national Manual on Church working group and the state-wide Keystone Working Group.

Rev. Barlow grew up in Keene, New Hampshire and attended Mount Holyoke College. After teaching sixth grade in Rocky Mount, North Carolina with the Teach for America program, she earned a Master of Divinity degree from Andover Newton Theological School. Prior to her ministry at Christian Associates, Rev. Barlow served congregations in downtown Pittsburgh and North Huntingdon. She lives in Pittsburgh with her husband Gregory, a robotics entrepreneur, and their two children.

# Lent Opportunities

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Apollo United Presbyterian Church

401 First St., Apollo



ASH  
WEDNESDAY\*

March 5

Joint worship  
w/Boiling  
Springs PC

7:00 pm  
Worship

\*Communion will be  
served  
ALL are welcome



EASTER EGG  
HUNT

April 5  
2:00pm -  
4:00pm

All ages are  
welcome to  
attend



PALM  
SUNDAY

April 13  
11:00 am

Service will be  
streamed  
youtube.com/  
@apollopresby



MAUNDY  
THURSDAY\*

April 17  
7:00pm

Joint Worship  
AT Boiling  
Springs PC

\*Communion will be  
served  
ALL are welcome



EASTER  
SUNDAY\*

April 20  
11:00 am

Service will be  
streamed  
youtube.com/  
@apollopresby

\*Communion will be  
served  
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# Lenten Worship & Luncheons

brought to you by the members of the Apollo Ministerium



March 12  
12:00pm

First Lutheran  
Church  
214 N.  
Pennsylvania  
Ave.  
w/Rev. T.J.  
Lucas of  
Quality Life  
Services



March 19  
12:00pm

Spring Church  
Lutheran  
3623  
Lutheran  
Church Road  
w/Rev. Niki  
Atkinson of  
Apollo &  
Boiling Springs  
Presbyterian  
Churches



March 26  
12:00pm

New  
Beginnings  
UMC  
210 Rainbow  
Lake Road  
w/Rev. Phil  
Ramstad of  
First Lutheran  
Church



April 2  
12:00pm

Apollo United  
Presbyterian  
401 First St.  
w/Rev. June  
Jeffries of New  
Life Baptist  
Church



April 9  
12:00pm

Quality Life  
Services  
153 Goodview  
Drive  
w/Pastor  
Erika  
Rabickow of  
Apollo Free  
Methodist  
Church

## ***In Memory of . . . . .***

**Lenore and Tom Muffley, Walter F. Smail and  
Mary Kolish *from Amy Shupe and Walt Smail***

**Dr. Lyndon H Landon, Jr., Dora H. and Samuel E.  
Gallagher, Nancy L. Macakanja, and Wilda B.  
Guthrie *from Peggy Landon***

**Mr. and Mrs. Merle Silvis & Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert  
Kane *from Robert and Rebecca Kane***

**John Wildi, Mr. and Mrs. Blair Kiebler, Mr. and Mrs.  
Lawrence Wildi *from Joyce Wildi***

**A. Dean and Kathryn Orr  
*From Nancy and Harry Russo***

**Loved Ones  
*From Ron, Candy, Sean, and Chris George***

**Boots and Vern Harkcom  
*from family, Linda, Gary, Mary Alice, Cara & John***

**A. Dean and Kathryn Orr  
*from Deana Waters***

## ***In Honor of . . . . .***

**Our grandchildren, Maggie, Nathan,  
Franklin, Samuel, and Harrison  
*from David and Linda Truffa***

**My granddaughters, Miranda and  
Riley Gartley  
*from Kathy Heller***

***He is Risen***  
***Death Could Not Hold Him***  
***Rejoice in the Resurrection***  
***of Jesus Christ***



