

**APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**

3rd Sunday after Epiphany  
January 26, 2025 11:00 a.m.

**We Gather in God's Name**

PRELUDE "Festival March" Beebe

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

BIRTHDAYS

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Jesus comes to proclaim good news to us all!

**All: Jesus releases those who are captive, gives sight to the blind, helps the oppressed, and declares the year of the Lord's favor!**

One: May we go and do likewise, offering hope to a hurting world.

**All: And may it all begin with our worship of God.**

**\* HYMN #395 "Blessed Jesus at Your Word"**

CALL TO CONFESSION Carol Kopnicky

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Gracious God, we are far from the people you have called us to be. We are mired in self-centeredness, seeing things only in terms of how they relate to us and our happiness. Turn our hearts, bent as they are towards ourselves, out to the world around us. Make us more concerned with others, with their welfare and happiness, leaving our own concerns to you, O God. Forgive us for our many mistakes and make us anew we pray. Amen.

**\* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*GLORIA PATRI #581**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**We Listen to God's Word**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 OT p. 692

MOMENT OF WORD & WONDER Kid's Bells

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a NT p. 174

SERMON "Mr. Potato Head"

**We Respond to God's Word**

**\* HYMN #300 "We Are One in the Spirit"**

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (1 Timothy 3:16)**

**Without any doubt, the mystery of our religion is great: Jesus was revealed in flesh, vindicated in spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among Gentiles, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. This is the story of our faith, and it fills us with hope. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory "Worthy Is the Lamb of God" Fettke

**\*Doxology #606**

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

**We Go Forth to Serve**

**\* HYMN #322 "We are One in Christ Jesus"**

**\*CHARGE & BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**      **“Bless the Name of Jesus”**      Carman

\*Please stand in body or spirit

**ACOLYTE TODAY: CAELIN KAMINSKI**



**“Jesus Mural of Faith, Hope, Love, and Peace”**

Chicago, IL

20<sup>th</sup> Century

This mural places Jesus centerstage with arms outstretched, welcoming all people to him. Incorporated into the figure of Jesus is a mosaic quality that undoubtedly represents his multifaceted nature as well as the ability for all peoples to claim him as their own. Surrounding him is a diverse group holding hands in unity. In loving one another, we stimulate peace, faith, and hope for the war-torn and unjust world in which we live. This painting reminds us that it is in our love for one another—a love that seeks equality and justice for all—that we show true, deep, and abiding love for God as well.

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

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WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS  
 Household: Cathy Hubbard  
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 Faith Friend: Judy Ormsby  
 Our Church: Administration Team  
 Church(s): St. Paul's and St. Benedict Churches  
 Presbytery: Twin Cities Area (Synod of Lakes & Prairies)  
 Denomination: National Baptist Convention of America, Inc.  
 Nation: Comoros - Moroni

**IMMEDIATE** *Martha Jane Wilkinson, Family of Nancie Allen, Vivian, Carole, Debbie McDivitt, Middle East Hostages, Butch, Nancy Joyce, Diane Grant, California fires, Kirk, Lisa, Scott & Nancy Hubbard, Ron's surgery, LaRue Mumaw family, Jordan, Caitlyn, Joe Mazur, Joyce M. traveling mercies, Wesson, 3 yr old Nora, Tim Kanish, Joy: Concordia Faith Friends doing well ☺, Pastor Niki's step-dad Dave.*

**CONTINUING** *Connie Kepple, Bea Blystone. Families of house fires, Betty Bateman, Katie, Jennie Baustert family, Steve Pavetti family, Adam Greece family, traveling mercies for Melissa & family.*

**ONGOING** Bob Reed, Donnie Riggle, Gary Harkcom, Donna Fry, 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.

SUNDAY Worship, Youth Sunday School **11:00AM**

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FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY

To My Secret Prayer Sister,

Thank you soooo much for the Thanksgiving/Fall arrangement and the amaryllis. I don't have much of a green thumb, but I've managed to keep it living and blooming! It's so beautiful! Thank you for gifts, thoughtfulness and prayers, especially. May you have a blessed 2025 –

**SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS**

January 26 ~ Bill Speer & Laura Uncapher

February 2 ~ Derek Hilty & Glenna Kanish

February 9 ~ Glenna Kanish & Amy Zukas

February 16 ~ Pam McMunn & Amy Shupe

February 23 ~ Scott Hollabaugh & Derek Hilty

**January 26, 2025 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Love - Vivian

