

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026 11:00 a.m.

**We Gather in God's Name**

PRELUDE “” R.W.Thygeron

WORDS of WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS and BIRTHDAYS

JOYS and CONCERNS

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: All things of God, all the heavens,

**All: Worship and praise your Maker.**

One: Sun, moon and stars; wind, rain and thunder,

**All: Worship and praise your Maker.**

One: Mountains and forests, streams and waterfalls,

**All: Worship and praise your Maker.**

One: Creatures beneath the seas, birds throughout the skies, all  
that leaps or crawls, all who walk or worry or wonder,

**All: Let us worship and praise our Maker together.**

**\* HYMN #634 “To God Be the Glory”**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Kathy Wilson

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

God our Redeemer, in raising Christ from the dead, you showed us your power to defeat all that brings fear and sorrow to our lives. Yet when things go wrong, we confess we are sometimes uncertain how to find him. Like Thomas, we are unsure if we can trust the promise of resurrection. Forgive us when we struggle with doubt about your presence with us. Breathe your Spirit upon us and bring us the peace Christ promised. Amen.

**\* DECLARATION OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI #581**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**We Listen to God's Word**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Peter 1:3-9 NRSV NT p. 232

MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER

EPISTLE LESSON Acts 2:14a, 22-32 NRSV NT p.119

PREACHING OF THE WORD Vivian Shaeffer  
“He’s Alive - And That Changes Everything!”

**We Respond to God's Word**

HYMN #629 “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle’s Creed p. 35

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

Offertory “Break Thou the Bread of Life” L. Smith

**\*Doxology #606**

**\*Prayer of Gratitude for God’s Abundance** (*unison*)  
Giver of every good and perfect gift, in Christ we see the power of sacrifice, and trust the hope of resurrection he offers. Receive our gifts given in gratitude for all we have received in him. Bless all that we give so that his healing work in the world may continue. Amen.

**We Go Forth to Serve**

\* HYMN #232 “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

\* CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE “” 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:*

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

Please call for appointments.

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Today's Acolyte ~ *Alex Kaminski*

“Christ Shows Himself to Thomas”

Mosaic artwork

Artists: Irene LaCompte and Rowan LaCompte  
Washington National Cathedral, Washington D.C

### WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Laura Uncapher  
 AJ, Krystle, Natalie & Mia Uncapher

Faith Friends: Sara Kerr

Our Church: Presbyterian Women  
 The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery

Presbytery: Northern New York (Synod of Northeast)

Denomination: Polish National Catholic Church

Nation: East Timor - Dili

**IMMEDIATE** *Chris, Jess & family, Ann, Kayley, Laura's nieces, Christine, our behind-the-scene church workers, Kelly's 40<sup>th</sup>!!, Lydia, Carole Kennedy, Pastor Niki's mom, Joey at Pinewood Derby, Michelle, Loretta ☺, Chris' car accident, Shirley Jackson, Yough students, Anne Cloonan, Scott Hubbard, The family of Carl Zukas, Sr., Jeff Kirkman home, Cathy, Chris Martin, Adam, Cate & baby Rosalind ☺, Mel Sylvis, Doris Ann 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Nancy Campitella, Rodger.*

**CONTINUING** *Shirley Coy, Cate Liska, SueEllen, Joanie, Laurie, family of Larry W., Liam, Kathy Wilson ☺, Grant, Thanks Kaminski, Gizzler & Hollabaughs for shoveling, David Rose, Mary K., Amanda C, Dreana, Diane Chavara, Nancy Reynolds 99 years young!, Dorothy, Carol, Dave, Sue Ellen & Nick, , Shannan.*

### ONGOING

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



Currently, in the vestibule near the ramp door, there is a box just waiting for donations for our Emergency Food Pantry. You may donate as you wish or see Nancy Russo for a list of "most needed" items. She can also provide you with a list of what is normally stocked. **Thanks for your donations!**

### April 12, 2026 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>SUNDAY</u>	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Worship– Welcome Vivian Shaeffer	11:00 AM
<u>MONDAY</u>	<b>Admin Meeting</b>	7:00 PM
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<b>Ministry Team Meeting</b>	10:00 AM
	<b>Mission Team Meeting</b>	6:00 PM
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<b>SPAGHETTI DINNER</b>	4 – 7:00 PM
<u>SUNDAY</u>	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Worship	11:00 AM
	<b>Kids Bake Sale</b>	

**HELP THE NEXT FAMILY ENJOY OUR PRAYGROUND! PLEASE TIDY-UP AFTER YOUR CHILDREN ATTEND THAT AREA. THANK YOU!**

*In the vestibule you will find:  
**APRIL Newsletter***

**SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS**  
 April 12 ~ Amy Shupe & Pam McMunn  
 April 19 ~ Laura Uncapher & Nancy Russo

**KID'S BAKE SALE**  
**NEXT SUNDAY, 4/19**  
**Proceeds will be used to bolster the Church Camper's Fund!**

**2026 GRADUATION DAY IS ALMOST HERE! IT IS AN AUPC TRADITION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ALL GRADUATES WHO HAVE ANY CONNECTION WITH OUR CHURCH. WE ARE ASKING YOUR ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING THOSE GRADUATING FROM COLLEGE, TRADE SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL, ETC. SO THEY MAY BE INCLUDED IN "GRADUATION SUNDAY" ON JUNE 14, DURING WORSHIP. A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE WITH THE GRADUATES INFO. THANKS!**



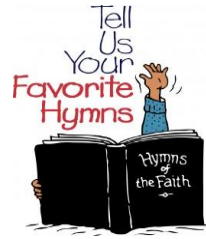
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**SUMMER CHURCH CAMPS ARE REGISTERING CAMPERS!**

Pine Springs Camp information is available online. Camps Lutherlyn and Lambec have information in our vestibule. If you have any questions or need more information, contact Amy Zukas @ 724-681-4044. If you're a perspective camper and have questions, speak with Miss Amy or to one of our kids who have already enjoyed church camp. Parents: There are several sources of funding available to get your kids to camp! See Miss Amy. **HAPPY CAMPING!**



**SPAGHETTI DINNER ~ SATURDAY, 4/18  
4:00 – 7:00 PM ADULTS \$12, KIDS UNDER 10  
\$8, UNDER 3 FREE! Benefits General Fund**



## "Hymns of Our Hearts"

Lots of us have favorite hymns...Pastor Niki wants to know YOURS! This summer, we will have a sermon series to focus on some of your favorite hymns, the scriptures they bring to mind, and what God is teaching us through them. Here's how to submit your favorite hymns to Pastor Niki for consideration:

- 1. Write your favorite hymns on the back of the yellow cards in the pew rack, or on a piece of paper, then put them into the offering plate for her to get later.**
- 2. Write a list of your favorite hymns and send via email to [pastor@aupc.comcastbiz.net](mailto:pastor@aupc.comcastbiz.net).**
- 3. Write your list and leave it in her mailbox next to the office.**

Your favorites don't have to be in our current hymnal. They don't have to be in the English language (but a translation is helpful!) Pastor Niki will tally up the submissions and choose the top 6 for our series. Thank you for your help!

