

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**March 23, 2025**

**11:00 a.m.**

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

**PRELUDE** "Hymn Tapestry" *with Geoff & violin* arr. J. Purifoy

**WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**BIRTHDAYS**

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

One: O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;

**All: My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

One: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

**All: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.**

One: So I will bless you as long as I live;

**All: I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

**\* HYMN #720** "Jesus Calls Us"

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Mike Mollick

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

Merciful God, we confess that we have been quick to judge others and slow to make changes in our own lives. We confess that we have focused on others' shortcomings instead of reforming our own. Turn us, O Lord, from these ways that lead to perishing. Lead us, O Lord, in your ways that lead to abundant life. Amen.

**\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI #581**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**PROPHETIC LESSON** Isaiah 55:1-9 OT p. 685

**MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER**

**GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 16:24-26 NT p. 16

**PREACHING OF THE WORD** "Repent"

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

**\* HYMN #718** "Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said"

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(from The Confession of 1967)*  
God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love. God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God's dealings with humankind. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator.

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

## Our Gifts to God

Offertory "Flow, My Tears" arr. T. Chesterton

\*Doxology #606

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

Gracious God, you give to us out of your abundance. For the material gifts and the spiritual gifts you give us, we thank you. We dedicate these gifts of time and talents and tithes to you and ask that you continue to lead us as we use these gifts to join your work in this community.

### We Go Forth to Serve

\* HYMN #444 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

\* CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Of the Glorious Body Telling" W. Barlow

\*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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Amy Shupe, Organist; Joel Varga, Assistant Organist

Zach Bush, Trumpeter Sam Mullooly, Trombonist

Linda Truffa, Office Administrator

Dan Tomlinson, Custodian

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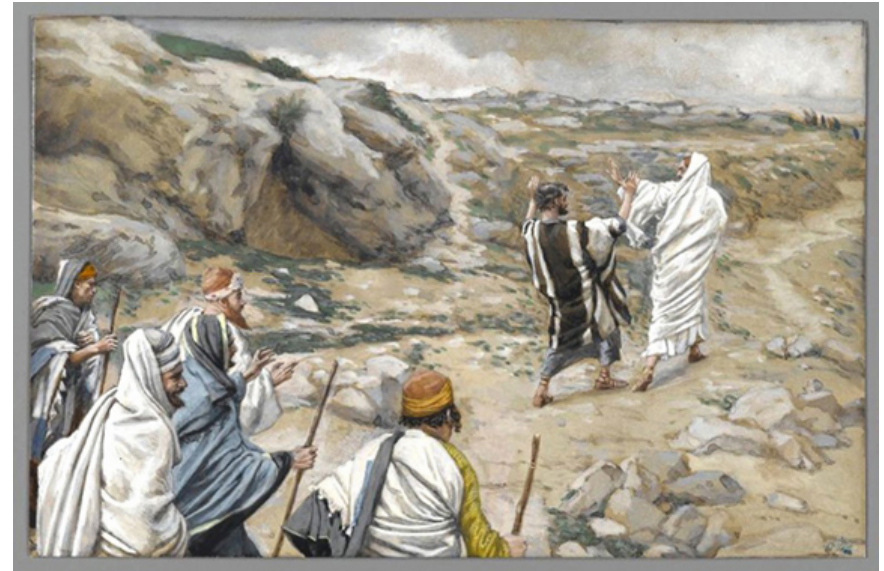
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Office Hours: Monday through Friday – 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

## ACOLYTE TODAY: CAELIN KAMINSKI

**We are pleased to announce that Food 4 Kids has received another blessing from the SW PA Lutheran Synod, via the Ethyl Verney Grant program. The grant is for \$9,950 and will be distributed quarterly to Food 4 Kids. This is the second time the SW PA Lutheran Synod has so generously responded to the needs of this "back pack" program which provides food for elementary students on weekends during the school year. (This volunteer program has no administrative costs. All donations are used for program supplies.)**



**"Get Thee Behind Me, Satan!"**

**By James Tissot, ca. 1886-1894**

**Brooklyn Museum, New York, NY**

***The Life of Our Lord Jesus Christ* project took nearly ten years to complete. When it was done, it chronicled the entire life of Jesus as recorded in the New Testament in a series of 350 watercolors. To research the project Tissot traveled to Egypt, Syria, and Palestine in 1886–87, and again in 1890. While in the Holy Land he closely observed the landscape, the vegetation, the architecture, and the manner of dress, and filled sketchbooks with what he saw. He talked with rabbis and studied Talmudic literature as well as theological and historical volumes. He believed that there was still a remaining "aura" in the places where the Gospel events took place, and he spoke of having mystical experiences that added to his careful research. What he wanted to create was something as close as possible to an eyewitness account of the life of Jesus." [from Terry Glaspey's "75 Masterpieces Every Christian Should Know"]**

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS  
 Household: Paul and Melinda Miller  
 Mike and Jerrilyn Mollick  
 Faith Friend: Judy Ormsby  
 Our Church: Staff  
 The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery  
 Presbytery: Wabash Valley (Synod of Lincoln Trails)  
 Denomination: Religious Society of Friends; Friends United Mtg.  
 Nation: Ethiopia – Addis Ababa

**IMMEDIATE** *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, **Craig Flickinger, Natilie.***

**CONTINUING** *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, **LaRue Householder family, Howard, Jordan Perona's surgery, Nancy Joyce's surgery, Maria Bearer, Zukas family, Ann Cloonan's friend, Kim Stankus, Don Pepper.***

**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 23 ~ Amy Zukas & Laura Uncapher  
 March 30 ~ Glenna Kanish & Bill Speer

**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!**

**LENT SCHEDULES ARE UNDER THE BULLETIN BOARD IN VESTIBULE.  
 March 23, 2025 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

SUNDAY  
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Worship, Youth Sunday School **11:00AM**  
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**SATURDAY, MAR. 29 – 4:00-7:00 pm SWISS STEAK DINNER @ BSPC – (or until the food runs out) Reservations or Take-out: 724-478-1523 \$14**

**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!*

**"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.

# Lent Opportunities

apollopresby.org

Apollo United Presbyterian Church

401 First St., Apollo



ASH  
WEDNESDAY\*

March 5

Joint worship  
w/Boiling  
Springs PC

7:00 pm  
Worship

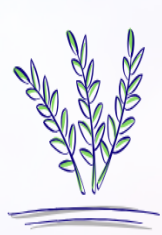
\*Communion will be  
served  
ALL are welcome



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/  
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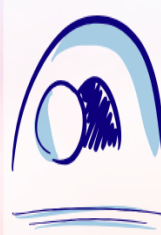


MAUNDY  
THURSDAY\*

April 17  
7:00pm

Joint Worship  
AT Boiling  
Springs PC

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served  
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EASTER  
SUNDAY\*

April 20  
11:00 am

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# Lenten Worship & Luncheons

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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

