

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

2nd Sunday after Epiphany
January 18, 2026 11:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE

"Waters of New Life"

K. Kiel

WORDS of WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS and BIRTHDAYS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God is faithful; by him we were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: God is faithful; a new song is upon our lips.

One: God is faithful; by him we were called before we were born.

All: God is faithful; through him we are formed to be servants.

One: God is faithful; the Holy One of Israel has chosen us.

All: God is faithful; we follow the One who has saved us.

One: We are the people of God; we are to be called disciples.

All: Let us worship the God whose faithfulness knows no ending!

*** HYMN #39**

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Joyce Wildi

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

God of our baptismal waters, you sent the Baptist to point to your Son. But too often, we abandon his message and point only to ourselves. We point to our status rather than the grace that makes us all equal. We point to our values rather than the One who has always valued everyone. We point to our traditions rather than to the One who calls us to let go. We point to our past rather than to the One who

calls us into the future. Forgive us, Lord, for pointing in all the wrong directions. Hold our gaze on your baptismal promise sealed in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*** DECLARATION OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We Listen to God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 CEB NT p. 165

MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER

PROPHETIC LESSON Isaiah 49:1-7 CEB OT p. 679

PREACHING OF THE WORD "Partners"

We Respond to God's Word

*** HYMN #53**

"O God Who Gives Us Life"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from A Brief Statement of Faith*)
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. In him, God was reconciling the world to himself, loving us even before we were able to love in return. United to Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we are not spectators of God's work, but partners in it. Christ calls us to share in his ministry—to proclaim good news, to seek justice, to show mercy, and to live as signs of God's new creation. In gratitude for grace freely given, we offer ourselves—our gifts, our labor, and our lives—to the service of Jesus Christ, until he comes again in glory.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(responsive)*

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OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory “Love Devine, All Loves Excelling” Zundel/Tornquist

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Gratitude for God’s Abundance

Lord, you have called us to be your partners in ministry, your witnesses on our block, in our neighborhood, and to the ends of the earth. Fill these gifts with the power of your Holy Spirit, and make them a blessing to your people always, everywhere, and right now.

We Go Forth to Serve

* HYMN #691 “Lord, When I Came into This Life”

* CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Toccatina”

G. Lardelli

- *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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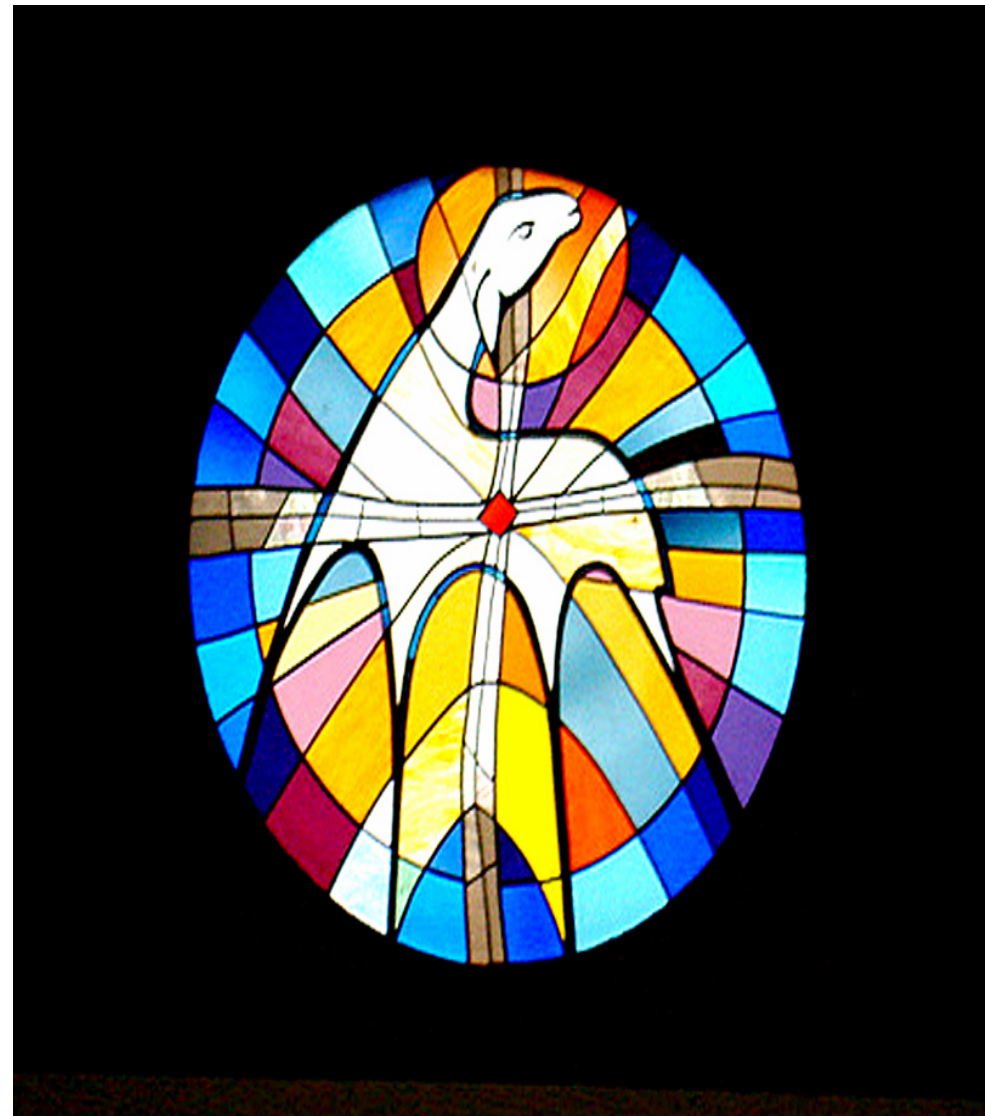
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Today’s Acolyte ~ *Gavin Motosicky*



“Agnus Dei”

by Cláudio Pastró
stained glass

Benedictine Monastery of Encontro
Parana, Brazil

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Mosteiro_Beneditino_do_Encontro_2.jpg
(accessed January 12, 2026.)

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Joyce Mollick
Shirley Mumaw

Faith Friend: Ed Bortz

Our Church: Ministry Team
The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery

Presbytery: Elizabeth (Synod of Northeast)

Denomination: Church of the Brethren

Nation: Afghanistan - Kabul

IMMEDIATE *Nancy Reynolds 90 years young!, Dorothy, Carol, Dave, Sue Ellen & Nick, Kathy Wilson, Shannan, Sara Burke, Jim, Carol, Niki's Dave, Ben & Ashley, Dommy, Missy ☺, Joyce Wildi's Marshall ☺, Doris Patterson family, Thunder Robinson, Kind family who lost baby, Aiden Miller family,.*

CONTINUING *Mark & Kasey Gizzler & family, Mary, Kristen, family of Sandy, family of Jim Dunmire, Gene Griffith, Debbie, Dave Highfield, Ron in church ☺, Dolores, beautiful sanctuary at Christmas, Ken Bowman, Jess's grandfather, Christmas Tea JOY!, Melinda here ☺, Family of Frank Lombardi, mary, KVCB ☺, Ronan, Ashley, Dan Pepler, Wendy, Ashley, Patty Pavetti, Janelle, Danny, Doris Patterson, Perona family.*

ONGOING

Nora, Eric Ribar, Missy, Katie, Eddie, Donnie Riggie, 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

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

January 18, 2026 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>SUNDAY</u>	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Worship	11:00 AM
<u>TUESDAY</u>	Ministry Team	10:00 AM
<u>SUNDAY</u>	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Worship	11:00 AM

**PLEASE NOTE: The Ministry Team will be meeting on
Tuesday, January 20th at 10:00 AM**

SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS

January 18 ~ Laura Uncapher & Carl Zukas

January 25 ~ Amy Shupe & Glenna Kanish

February 1 ~ Glenna Kanish & Jess Carwile

PER CAPITA: THERE WAS AN ERROR IN INFORMING MEMBERS OF THE AMOUNT FOR 2026 PER CAPITA. **2026 PER CAPITA is \$40.66**, NOT \$39.24 AS WAS PREVIOUSLY STATED.

Through January and February, AUPC encourages you to pay your per capita. Part of a member's responsibility is to pay their per capita yearly. We encourage the first two months so that two-month total may be deducted from the total AUPC is responsible for to pay the Kiskiminetas Presbytery. This year, based on prior year membership, AUPC is required to pay Presbytery \$4,187.98. We are permitted to make monthly payments, therefore, when the amount we collect in January and February is deducted from the above total due, that gives us a new balance which is divided by the 10 remaining months, hopefully giving AUPC a smaller monthly payment that does not increase the stress on the General Fund.

Please be aware that AUPC is responsible for the entire amount whether a member pays their fair share or not. January and February are suggested as per capita payment months for the reasons listed above. However, we accept per capita all year long.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: O Lord, we put all our hope in you. You have leaned down to us and listened to our cry for help.

All: You lifted us out of the pit and set us firmly on solid rock.

One: You have taught our mouths to sing new songs of praise to you.

All: Everyone who hears us will be amazed and learn to trust in you, our God.

One: What joy for those who learn to put their trust in you! Lord our God, you have done such marvelous things for us. We can't count your gracious acts for your people.

All: In place of offerings and sacrifices, we give you ears to hear and hearts to receive your instruction.

One: Help us to tell of your righteousness and your salvation.

All: Let our words tell your compassion and our actions express your faithfulness.

One: Grant forgiveness to those whose past catches up with them and protection to those who are surrounded by trouble.

All: Save your people from illness, injury, and death. Give your comfort to those who mourn and your healing to those who suffer.

One: Be especially present...Hear our prayers, faithful God, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray with this prayer...Our Father... Amen.

Each year, AUPC participates in the **SOUPER BOWL of CARING**. This year we are collecting cans of soup through **Sunday, February 8**. **Donated items will be split between the AUPC Emergency Food Pantry and the Apollo-Ridge Area Food Bank**. There is a collection box in the vestibule and also one at the rear entrance of the Christian Ed building. **Thank you for your donations!**

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AUPC's Mission Team is looking to welcome those moving into our community and also welcoming new additions to local families. The Mission Team is looking for candidates to receive WELCOME/NEW BABY BASKETS based on the Welcome Wagon concept. If you are aware of families in either of these categories, please pass their info along to Pam McMunn at 724.664.8303.

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**MISSION TEAM MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 @ 6:00 PM
LOCATION: AUPC Conference Room
(old Sunday school room off of chapel)
(Enter doors leading to downstairs)**