

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

Transfiguration Sunday
February 15, 2026 11:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE "Wonderful Word of Life" arr. L. Foster

WORDS of WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS and BIRTHDAYS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Listen to God, whose voice speaks from top of the tallest mountain to the depths of humanity.

All: May the peace of God's words resonate within us!

One: Marvel at the light of the Holy Spirit, which inspires all goodness and shines forth brilliantly against the darkness of sin and evil.

All: May the light of the Holy Spirit be the lamp to our true path!

One: Follow Jesus wherever he leads you – for Jesus' way is love.

All: May the love of Jesus lead us to change ourselves and the world! Amen.

*** HYMN #12** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

CALL TO CONFESSION Carl Zukas

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

You know, O God, how often we set our mind on human things instead of divine things. You know the ways we try to force your Spirit to fit our agenda, to manipulate your grace for our own ends. You know that we are prone to thinking of our desires long before we ever consider yours. We confess these things to you, praying that saying them

out loud might make us aware of our own brokenness, so that we can also be more aware of your ever-present grace. Startle us with your truth and your love. Set our minds and hearts on you, and lead us on your way. Amen.

*** DECLARATION OF PARDON**

One: The grace of God is always doing a new thing—whether we are prepared, or worthy, or not. Let yourself live and believe this good news:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We Listen to God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON 2 Peter 1:16-21 CEB NT p. 236

MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 17:1-9 CEB NT p. 18

PREACHING OF THE WORD "It's So Bright!"

We Respond to God's Word

*** HYMN #190** "Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory!"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*using language from the Confession of 1967 and A Brief Statement of Faith, both found in our Book of Confessions*)

One: We believe in God, who has not left the world alone, but acts in history to reconcile and renew all things.

All: We trust in Jesus Christ, the image of the invisible God, in whom God's glory is revealed.

One: On the mountain, God said, "Listen to him."

All: In life and in death, we belong to God.

One: Through the Holy Spirit, we are given courage to pray, to witness, and to serve.

All: Transformed by grace, we follow Christ from the mountaintop into the world. Amen.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory "This Is My Father's World" arr. C. Tornquist

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Gratitude for God's Abundance

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, made flesh for us and for the sake of the world. These gifts are a reflection of your grace and an offering of our love, for the healing and restoration of all people. We give ourselves to you for Jesus' sake. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve

* HYMN #662 "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

* CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Prelude I" J. S. Bach

- *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

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"Transfiguration"

Rev. Cara B. Hochhalter

"It is out of a time of retreat into prayer with three of his disciples that suddenly Jesus appears to be elevated spiritually. There is a whirl of energy in this image and story. Jesus is seen shimmering with Divine Light. Alongside him appear great prophets of the faith from the past, Moses (with tablets) and Elijah (by a broom tree). In the story, the disciples are astounded beyond words. In their thrill of the moment, they want to build a shrine, a memorial to mark this incredible occurrence... Instead, they are told to listen to Jesus... Perhaps it is more important that the disciples really hear what Jesus has to say than to idolize and worship him in that place. Questions might be raised about our own tendency to create idols that may or may not help us listen to the Divine."

Cara B. Hochhalter, Transfiguration. <http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=59015>

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Nancy Reynolds
Debbie Rupert
Faith Friends: Cathy McCain
Our Church: AUPC Staff
The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery
Presbytery: Hudson River (Synod of Northeast)
Denomination: Holy Apostolic Catholic Assyrian Church of the East
Nation Bahrain - Manama

IMMEDIATE 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, Jeff Kirkman, Diane Chavara, Nancy Reynolds 99 years young!, Dorothy, Carol, Dave, Sue Ellen & Nick, , Shannan,

CONTINUING 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, Mark & Kasey Gizzler & family, Mary, Kristen, family of Sandy, family of Jim Dunmire, Gene Griffith.

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



Today's bulletin is given *In Loving Memory of Boots & Vernon Harkcom's February 16th Wedding Anniversary* from their daughter, Linda Harkcom Gould.

February 15, 2026 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| <u>SUNDAY</u> | Sunday School | 10:00 AM |
| | Worship | 11:00 AM |
| <u>WEDNESDAY</u> | Ash Wednesday Service @ BSPC | 7:00 PM |
| <u>SUNDAY</u> | Sunday School | 10:00 AM |
| | Worship – First Sunday in Lent | 11:00 AM |

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. February is almost over and Per Capita giving is behind previous years, to date. This shortage may result in the General Fund paying a higher monthly amount to Presbytery. Your earliest contribution to per capita will be greatly appreciated. ~Stewardship & Finance

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

***In the vestibule you will find:
February Newsletter
Lenten Luncheon Schedules
Lenten Opportunities***

Today's Acolyte~Hunter Hanus

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.

SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS
February 15 ~ Carl Zukas & Amy Shupe
February 22 ~ Glenna Kanish & _____

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Consider volunteering on an AUPC Committee . . . Here's why:

"Volunteering is at the very core of being a human. No one has made it through life without someone else's help." *Heather French Henry*

"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless. " *Sherry Anderson*

"Volunteers do not have more time --they just have more heart."

Anonymous

You don't need to be in charge ~ Just lend a hand! See Pastor Niki or call the office!

**Session will be meeting
Wednesday, February 25
At 7:00 pm**



We are collecting donations of items to fill plastic Easter eggs for the **Apollo Community Easter egg hunt!** There is a collection box outside of Pastor Niki's office. All items need to be in by Wednesday, March 12th! Help is

needed for stuffing eggs on the afternoon of Sunday, March 15th (details to come!) The Easter egg hunt is open to all in the community on Saturday March 28 at 1pm in Owens Grove Park. If you'd like to help out, please contact Pastor Niki to get in touch with the organizers. Thank you!

This year, our tradition of purchasing Easter Flowers "In Memory of or In Honor of" a family member or special friend continues with beautiful flowers for the sanctuary, Your special someone will be remembered/honored in the Easter and Palm Sunday bulletins.

From _____

Deadline – Sunday, March 8 - Checks payable to AUPC

EASTER LILY \$14 EACH #ORDERED _____ \$PAID _____

HYACINTH \$9 EACH #ORDERED _____ \$PAID _____

ASSOR.TULIPS \$9 EACH #ORDERED _____ \$PAID _____

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Check # _____ Cash _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

