

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

Palm Sunday ~ Confirmation

March 29, 2026

11:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE "O Lord, Save Your People" J. A. Hasse

WORDS of WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS and BIRTHDAYS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

**All: We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips;
we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling
hope deep in our hearts.**

One: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for
he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

**All: We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our
love before him, to cushion his walk.**

One: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes:
modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

**All: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us
the kingdom of God.**

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN #197 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

CALL TO CONFESSION Mike Mollick

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

One: On this day, O God, we gather with the children who lead
the crowd into Jerusalem that first Palm Sunday;

**All: And we consort with the scribes and leaders who
condemn Jesus.**

One: We work with the disciples to prepare the way,

All: And we linger with those who do not understand.

One: We follow the crowd, shouting, "Hosanna,"

All: The same crowd who will say all the louder, "Crucify

him!"

One: We celebrate the Son of David,

**All: And we confess we do not follow him to the end.
Forgive us, Lord, when we deny you, when we fail to
love as you loved or to serve as you served. As we
find ourselves in your story this week, reveal the
grace you share all the way, even on the cross, Amen.**

*** DECLARATION OF PARDON**

One: Brothers and sisters, hear the good news! Who is in a
position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us,
Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ
prays for us! Friends, believe the good news!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We Listen to God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON Philippians 2:5-11 NRSV NT p. 197

**THE REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT
(CONFIRMATION) PRESENTATION**

RENUNCIATIONS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – APOSTLE'S CREED p. 35

THE BLESSING

WELCOME

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 23:44-46 NRSV NT p.89

PREACHING OF THE WORD "Reunion"

We Respond to God's Word

*** HYMN #215 "What Wondrous Love Is This"**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory "Wind in the Olive Trees" L. Smith

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Gratitude for God's Abundance

You are always good, O God! We put our trust in you, so we gladly offer you all of our gifts. Use them to do more good things for everyone who needs them. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve

* HYMN #220 "Go to Dark Gethsemane" vs. 1-3

* CHARGE & BLESSING

One: Jesus' face turns toward the cross

All: Even if we wish to look away, we shall not.

One: We will watch what comes, though our hearts may break.

All: In the breaking, we shall be made whole.

One: This is our blessing: that Love endured death for us.

All: And then, there was something new. . .

POSTLUDE "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" 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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“Reunion”

“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”

Luke 23:44-46

Today's Acolyte ~ *Lennon Kanish*

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Don and Lydia Summerhill
Darla Tamski
Faith Friends: Nick and Sue Arnoldy
Our Church: Administration Team
The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery
Presbytery: Newton (Synod of Northeast)
Denomination: National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.
Nation: Peoples Republic of China - Beijing

IMMEDIATE 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 90th Birthday, Nancy Campitella, Rodger, **Shirley Coy, Cate Liska, SueEllen,**

CONTINUING 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, **Sara Burke, Jim, Carol, Niki's Dave, Ben & Ashley, Dommy, Missy ☺, Joyce Wildi's Marshall ☺.**

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!**

March 29, 2026 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>SUNDAY</u>	Sunday School & EASTER PARTY	10:00 AM
	Worship Palm Sunday	11:00 AM
<u>MONDAY</u>	Holy Week Begins	
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	Crafts	9:00 AM
<u>THURSDAY</u>	Maundy Thursday Service	7:00 PM
<u>FRIDAY</u>	Good Friday – Office closes at noon	
<u>SUNDAY</u>	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Worship-HE IS RISEN!	11:00 AM

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
Lenten Luncheon Schedules
Lenten Opportunities

SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS

March 29 ~ Scott Hollabaugh & Laura Uncapher
April 5 ~ Nancy Russo & Amy Shupe
April 12 ~ Amy Shupe & Pam McMunn



Communion will be served
Maundy Thursday and
Easter Sunday

Holy Week Meditation Stations

REFLECT UPON THE EVENTS OF
JESUS' LAST WEEK THROUGH A
SERIES OF PRAYERFUL
EXPERIENCES, ALL AT YOUR
OWN PACE.

**APOLLO UNITED
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401 FIRST ST., APOLLO

SUN. 3/29 - 1PM-4PM
MON. 3/30 - 9:30AM-4PM
TUES. 3/31 - 9:30AM-7PM
WED. 4/1 - 9:30AM-9PM
THUR. 4/2 - 12PM-9PM

**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**

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

