

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

Christ the King

November 24, 2024

11:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE

"God of Glory"

Richolson

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Joyce Wildi

Leader: Grace to you and peace from the one who is and was
and is to come,

People: **And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the
firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of
the earth.**

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts!

People: **The whole earth is full of God's Glory!**

***HYMN #82 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"**

CALL TO CONFESSION

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Jesus, we dare to call you king, but yield to you only
fragments of our lives. You had nowhere to lay your head;
we surround ourselves with comfort. We expect to serve
you with what remains *after* we have indulged our own
desires. Forgive our greed, our lack of trust, our desire to
pick the times and places we will respond to our call. In
your abundant mercy teach us what it means to follow,
even at the cost of our lives. Hear me now as I confess my
personal sins in silence...

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***DECLARATION OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We Listen to God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OT SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Samuel 23:1-7 OT p. 299

A MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER Children's Bells

GOSPEL LESSON John 18:33-37 NT p. 113

SERMON "Christ as Our King"

***HYMN #462** "I Love to Tell the Story"

APOSTLE'S CREED p. 35

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

We Respond to God's Word

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory "We Gather Together"

Bell Choir

Doxology

p. 606

***Prayer of Gratitude for God's Abundance**

We Go Forth to Serve

***HYMN #643** "Now Thank We All Our God"

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

*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 Wed. & Fri. 9:30-4:00

Please call for appointments.

E-mail pastor@aupc.comcastbiz.net

Amy Shupe, Organist; Joel Varga, Assistant Organist

Zach Bush, Trumpeter Sam Mullooly, Trombonist

Linda Truffa, Office Administrator

Dan Tomlinson, Custodian

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ACOLYTE TODAY: CALEB FLICKINGER

PLEASE GET A NAME TAG FROM THE VESTIBULE.

It will help our visitors know who we are and we will also know our visitors by name.



The theme for the sanctuary's Christmas tree for 2024 will be **"Words for the Beginning"**. Everyone is asked to bring (on loan) a cherished ornament with a "Word for the Beginning" (i.e., an ornament with the word **"JOY"**, or the word **"JESUS"** written on it.) We will be adding these to an undecorated tree, beginning in Advent. (First Sunday of Advent is December 1)



WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Nancy Campitella
Jon, Lindsay, Carson & Taylor Coulter

Faith Friend: Judy Ormsby

Our Church: Mission Team

Church(s): Brockway Church Pastor McCluskey

Presbytery: Minnesota Valleys (Synod of Lakes & Prairies)

Denomination: Episcopal Church in the USA

Nation: Botswana - Gaborone

IMMEDIATE Ann Cloonan, Nancy, Missy "Hurley", LaRue Mumaw, Jerry Travis family, Carwile's nephew Liam, Jordan, Ron George, Veterans, John ☺, Bill Toland family, Jess Carwile ☺, Lisa B. ☺, Jim Eckenrod, Nancy, Pastor Niki's step-father Dave.

CONTINUING , Don Dick, Brenda Kaskan, Pat and Ann Cloonan, Darlene S., John Williams, Tracy, Alex Dunmire, voters, Lilly, Jim, Linda, Donna, Judy.

ONGOING Bob Reed, Donnie Riggle, Gary Harkcom, Donna Fry, Bill & Linda Crabtree, Frank Kovak, Josh Hanus, Shannon Pruss, LaRue Mumaw, 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 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 Joe Biden, 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.

CLEAN-UP BUCKETS NOVEMBER Items: 5 dust masks (N95 particulate respirator dust masks preferred: No Surgical masks.) 2 pair heavy duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves. Latex free, non-surgical. Durable for multipurpose use. (Remove from pkg.) Just slip your donation in one of the white buckets in the vestibule. Questions?.... . See Jerri Mollick. Thank you.

SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS
November 24 ~ Derek Hilty & _____
December 1 ~ Derek Hilty & _____

November 24, 2024 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY Worship, Youth Sunday School 11:00AM
Welcome Back Rev. Sue Washburn

MONDAY Mail Newsletter

WEDNESDAY Crafters 9:00 AM
Prayer Shawl Knitters 10:00 AM

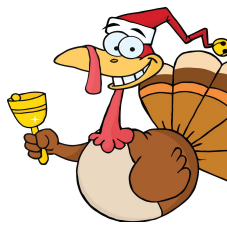
THURSDAY HAPPY THANKSGIVING

FRIDAY Office Closed

SATURDAY Hanging of the Greens 9:00 AM

SUNDAY Worship, Youth Sunday School 11:00 AM
Welcome Randy Stear

CHANGES for Newsletter delivery in 2025. In order to continue moving forward with responsible fiscal policies, some things must change. We are moving toward not continuing with bulk mailings as there is both a permit and monthly mailing cost. New options to receive 2025 newsletters are via your private email, our church website, picking up a copy in the vestibule, or having a single copy mailed to your home if you don't have an email or computer. Closer to this change, we will be contacting members with other information in bulletins and in the last bulk mailed 2024 newsletters. Thank You ~ Stewardship and Finance



We're a little behind compared to years past. Don't miss your opportunity to help a family in need have a wonderful Christmas dinner!! A \$20 donation for the Apollo Area Food Bank Christmas Turkey Drive will do it! (Donation can be included on the "other" line of your giving envelope. Checks made payable to AUPC. THANKS!)

COMING UP: CEF Christmas Party ~ December 8
Friday, Dec. 13 ~ Kid's Krafts ~ 6:30 PM
Saturday, Dec. 14 ~ Play Dress Rehearsal & Sunday School
Christmas Party
Sunday, Dec. 15 ~ Kids Christmas Play & Reception
Tuesday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve Service

