

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

**Baptism of the Lord**

**January 12, 2025**

**11:00 a.m.**

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

**PRELUDE** "Sing Praise to God" L. Smith

### **WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

#### **\* CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)**

One: The voice of our God and King is heard in blessing, as it echoes in its majestic powers over all creation.

**All: We come to worship our God, and to celebrate the Mystery and Reality that is God's everlasting glory.**

One: The voice of God is heard in all creation – and it responds with joy to the voice of its Creator, Sustainer and Renewer.

**All: We come to worship our God, and to celebrate God's power and generosity towards all creation and all peoples.**

One: We come to worship our God, and to celebrate the way we are welcomed into God's glorious presence.

**All: The voice of our Holy God is heard in the sacred spaces, and God's grace is received as we worship. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #475** "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

**CALL TO CONFESSION** Joyce Wildi

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

**We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord. We have entered the season in which Your Light has been given to the world, your blessings have been poured out on the world, and yet all we can think about is our own problems, our own needs, our own desires.**

**Help us to desire you, Lord. Help us to yearn for your presence. Pour your baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us from our self-pity and arrogance. Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you. Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts and behaviors that stand in the way of our truly being the people you have called us to be.**

**Let us again receive the blessings offered in creation, in the birth and baptism of Jesus, and in the ministry of the saints of light. We ask this in Jesus' Name.**

**\* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*GLORIA PATRI #581**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Isaiah 43:1-7 OT p

**MOMENT OF WORD & WONDER**

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Acts 8:14-17 NT p

**PREACHING OF THE WORD** "Remember Your Baptism"

**HYMN #816** "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"

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

**WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS**

**Reception of New Members  
Presentation of Glenna Kanish & Luke Kanish  
Profession of Faith  
Welcome**

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostle's Creed p, 35  
**ORDINATION/INSTALLATION** Insert

## OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Meditation on "Showalter" B. Logan

\*Doxology #606

\*Prayer of Gratitude for God's Abundance

### We Go Forth to Serve

\*HYMN #547 "Go, My Children, With My Blessing"

\*CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE "The Cleansing Wave" Mrs. J. F. Knapp

\*Please stand in body or spirit

## ACOLYTE TODAY: CALEB FLICKINGER

*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.

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"Baptism of Christ"

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### WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Derek, Shelly, Mathew, Jacob & Chloe Hilty  
Faith Friend: Lani Knox  
Our Church: Ministry Team  
Church(s): Coolspring Church Moderator Boyd Edmondson  
Presbytery: Prospect Hill (Synod of Lakes & Prairies)  
Denomination: International Evangelical Church  
Nation: Central African Republic

**IMMEDIATE** Kirk, Lisa, Scott & Nancy Hubbard, Ron's surgery, LaRue Mumaw family, Jordan, Caitlyn, Joe Mazur, Joyce M. traveling mercies, Wesson, 3 yr old Nora, Tim Kanish, Joy: Concordia Faith Friends doing well ☺, Pastor Niki's step-dad Dave, **Connie Kepple, Bev Blystone,**

**CONTINUING** Families of house fires, Betty Bateman, Katie, Jennie Baustert family, Steve Pavetti family, Adam Greece family, traveling mercies for Melissa & family .**Ann Cloonan, Nancy, Missy "Hurley Jerry Travis family.**

**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.

Get your tissue paper ready and wrap up some boys and girls under ware, socks, T-shirts, sweatpants etc. Anything that the school nurse at Apollo Elementary School would need to make a little one's day a little easier after a romp in the rain, or a slide in the mud, or a bathroom or illness emergency. These items, when appropriate, would allow a child to continue his/her school day or travel home clean and dry. **White gifts may be placed in the vestibule and will be collected through Epiphany Sun.**



A gift has been received In Memory of LaRue Mumaw from Amy Shupe.

### January 12, 2025 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<b>SUNDAY</b>	Worship, Youth Sunday School	<b>11:00AM</b>
	<b>Session Retreat after Worship</b>	<b>12:30 PM</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Admin Team canceled	
	<b>Mission Team</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Zukas party downstairs	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Worship, Youth Sunday School	<b>11:00 AM</b>



We're hoping you'll help decorate our special tree. Again this year, AUPC will be giving the gift of warmth to Apollo-Ridge students.

Mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves will help warm not only the body but the hearts of many.

**Donations will be taken to the Apollo-Ridge school nurse on January 11.** We hope to be sharing the

warmth with boys and girls of all ages and sizes. Your gifts will be warmly appreciated ☺. Thanks!

### SUNDAY MORNING COUNTERS, OPENERS & CLOSERS

January 5 ~ Amy Shupe & Derek Hilty

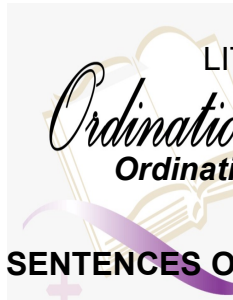
January 12 ~ Bill Speer & \_\_\_\_\_

January 19 ~ Amy Zukas & \_\_\_\_\_



### FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY

**ATTENTION ALL MINISTRY TEAM CHAIRPERSONS:**  
PLEASE SEND ELECTRONICALLY YOUR END-OF-YEAR REPORTS TO THE OFFICE BY **FRIDAY, 1/24.**  
ALL REPORTS ARE NEEDED FOR THE CONGREGATION/CORPORATION FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> MEETING. PACKETS . THANK YOU.



LITURGY OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION  
*Installation to the Office of Ruling Elder*  
 -Glenna Kanish  
*Ordination & Installation to the Office of Ruling Elder*  
 -Pamela McMunn -Joyce Mollick

**SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE**

**STATEMENT ON ORDINATION**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

**CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS**

**PRAYER OF INSTALLATION**

**DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

God of light and darkness, through water and Word you shine your light into the darkness of our lives. We give thanks for this incredible gift. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of love and hate, your love comes in spite of our animosity; you bring reconciliation to those who are divided. We pray for better relations between Canada and its native peoples. Strengthen us to be peacemakers. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of hope and fear, you walk with us through the challenges which surround us. Wash away our anxiety by your promised presence, and set us free from despair. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of church and world, in baptism you unify yourself with our world, and bring your reign into being. Keep us from seeing your love as a hiding place. Motivate us to infuse the world with your justice. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of health and illness, there is nothing that separates us from your love. Inspire us to bring your health to the sick, your encouragement to the discouraged, your promise to the dying, especially those we name before you now. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of life and death, all that exists is from you, and for you. Enable us to trust your baptismal promise, and serve this hurting world. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**



