

# Worship for the Lord's Day

December 6, 2009 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
10:00 AM

An asterisk \* indicates standing, as you are able.  
The congregation's responses are in **bold italics**.

## The Church is Gathered

**Welcome** The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***

**Announcements** Please see the bulletin insert for all announcements.

**Prelude** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* arr. Lani Smith

*In order to prepare for worship, you are invited to pray silently during the prelude.*

**Choral Introit** *Advent Song* **Supplement #2090**

## To Praise God's Name

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath** — *The Peace Candle*  
*The Taylor Family*

### Call to Worship

Arise, people of God, to receive the Lord's messenger;  
be reminded of our covenant with the living God.

***God has done great things for us;  
we are partners in the gospel of Jesus Christ.***

The messenger of God reminds us of promises made  
and of good work not yet completed.

***We are refined in the fires of God's love,  
and purified to carry forward God's intent.***

God will lead us in all times and places;  
God is with us here to bless and confront.

***We dedicate this hour of worship to God's glory,  
opening ourselves to true encounter with the Eternal.***

\* **Hymn** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* **Hymnal #8**

*The Presbyterian Two-Cents-a-Meal offering  
will be collected at the communion table during the hymn.*

### Unison Prayer of Confession

***You have been patient with us, loving God, for we have blended in  
with our surroundings and denied your claims on us. We revel in  
the things we have made for ourselves, forgetting that you have  
supplied the resources and granted us the ability to create. We  
have failed to embrace your way of love and have become  
prisoners of our own self-seeking ways. Forgive us, O God, that  
we may partake of your grace and manifest the fruits of  
righteousness. Amen.***

### Silent Prayers of Confession

#### Assurance of Forgiveness

\* **Song of Praise** *Gloria Patri* **Hymnal #579**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.

**Response** Forgiveness is ours in Jesus Christ. ***Thanks be to God!***

**Choral Anthem** *The Coventry Carol* V. Johnson

#### Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ is with you. ***And also with you.***

## To Hear God's Word

**Reception of New Members** *Alan & April Good*

#### Message for Children

*After the children's message all children through the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to depart  
for Children's Church.*

**Old Testament Reading** Malachi 3:1-5 **p.830**

**New Testament Reading** Luke 3:1-6 **p.890**

This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God!***

#### Prayer for Illumination

**Sermon** *Prepare the Way*



## Announcements

The session is delighted to welcome to our pulpit The **Rev. Joe Pallikkathayil**. Pastor Joe is a native of India, a former Roman Catholic priest. After his marriage he joined the Presbyterian Church and has served Presbyterian Churches in Cincinnati, Ohio, Kansas City and Crystal City, Missouri. His wife, Leonie, teaches at the University of Kansas, Kansas City, Kansas. He has two children and one granddaughter 17 months old.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Kevin deBernard**.

We would like to say a special thanks to Linda Janiak for making the beautiful **Advent Wreath** in our sanctuary.

As is our tradition, our church will again host a **Christmas Party** for the clients at the **Otter River Resource Center** (formerly the Sheltered Workshop). It will be this Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 1:30 PM in the fellowship hall. Please plan to join us.

Our annual **Christmas celebration** will take place next Sunday. The children will have their Christmas program during the worship service followed by our Koinonia lunch. Please plan to join us and bring a dish to share if you are able.

Please return **Angel Tree gifts** to the church by December 13<sup>th</sup>, with the paper angel secured to the outside of the package.

**Our choir** will be leading our worship service on December 20, with their annual series of Christmas anthems. Bring a guest to this special Sunday service next week.

The **Session** will meet for its December stated meeting Sunday, December 20, immediately following worship.

Our **Christmas Eve Candlelight service** will be at 6:00 PM on Thursday, December 24. As always, your visiting friends and family are invited and encouraged to attend.

On Wed. Dec. 31, APC will host a **Special Second Helping!** We will start at the usual 11 AM and keep the doors open until 6 PM. Please sign-up on the bulletin board by the office if you are able to help serve or bring menu items.

## Schedules

<b>Ushers, December</b>	Margaret Liebchen, Christine Oliver Anne & Erika Mabry
<b>Greeters, December</b>	David & Anne Mabry
<b>Lay Reader, December 13</b>	Jennifer McCrickard
<b>Lay Reader, December 20</b>	Debbie Berger
<b>Nursery, December 13</b>	Rob Gilliam
<b>Nursery, December 20</b>	Allison Mabry
<b>CC Teachers, Dec.</b>	Stephanie Moehlenkamp & Jenny Roark
<b>CC Assistant, Dec. 13</b>	Sang-il Lee
<b>Youth Group Helper, Dec. 13</b>	Alline Rogers
<b>Youth Meal Preparer Dec. 13</b>	Dana Taylor

## Daily Scripture Readings

Theme: *Getting Ready* Psalm of the week: **62**

MONDAY	Luke 1:5-25	THURSDAY	Isaiah 62:1-12
TUESDAY	Luke 1:57-80	FRIDAY	Luke 12:35-48
WEDNESDAY	Matthew 3:1-12	SATURDAY	Isaiah 51:1-8

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Sun., Dec. 6</b>	Adult Sunday School Worship/Communion Children's Church Youth Group Meeting	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>Wed., Dec. 9</b>	Prayer Fellowship - Pastor's Study Second Helping Lunch Choir Practice	<b>9:30 AM</b> <b>11:00-12:30 PM</b> <b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>Sun., Dec 13</b>	Adult Sunday School Children's Christmas Program Koinonia Lunch immediately after Program Youth Group Meeting	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>5:00 PM</b>

## Joys and Concerns for Prayer 12/6/09

- Pastor Bob Button and his ministries
- The session and the staff
- All the Committee members.
- Our Youth Groups
- Help to grow in the grace and knowledge of God, and to share the Good News with others this year.
- Those who are lonely and those in need
- Financial uncertainty and the unemployed
- Hospice patients and caregivers.
- Health (Gary Alley, Elizabeth Brocklenhurst, Cayla Coalson, Mollie Cofflin, Tim Coleman, Nancy Cummings, Dr. Joseph Eller, Dianne Emmett, Dante Erk, Tim Fenn, Steve Graham, Barbara Hare, Elizabeth Hawkins, Marie Hoffman, Tim Howdysshell, Brenda Hunt, Lucy Irvine, Diane Janiak, , Hannah Johnson, Dan Kauffman, Ralph Liebchen, Phil and Carol Wills McCartney, Betty Sue Moehlenkamp, Darnell Moorman, Conner Niblett, Bob and Ellen Ragsdale, Herman Shelton, Charles Thomas, John Trotti, John Tuck, Heath Tuttle, Kathy Woodall)
- Leaders in the town, county, state, country and world.
- Military and their family (Robert Kinard, Jeremy Larkin, Grant Martin, Joshua Wright)
- Our church mission projects.
- Missionaries: John and Julie Farmer with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, John and Beth Muehleisen with World Gospel Mission, and Paul and Reinhild Sydnor with the International Teams. (Their newsletters are posted on the bulletin board.)
- Residents in retirement homes and residential care (Thelma Blanchard, Joseph Eller, Francis Harvey, Ruth Knight, Wilmoth McClelland, Roy Tucker, Margaret Young)

## People to Contact at APC

### **Session (Active Elders)**

Barbie Andrews  
*Ministry Beyond the Congregation*

Ron Coleman  
*Ministry Beyond the Congregation*

Kelly deBernard  
*Ministry Within the Congregation*

Bill Ferguson  
*Property & The Men of the Church*

Rob Gilliam  
*Ministry Support*

Sang-il Lee  
*Christian Education*

David Mabry  
*Property & The Men of the Church*

Jennifer McCrickard  
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Stephanie Moehlenkamp  
*Worship & Nominating*

Caroline Peerman  
*Worship*

Jenny Roark  
*Christian Education*

Robert E. (Bob) Button  
*Moderator of Session*

### **Staff**

Rev. Robert E. (Bob) Button  
*Interim Pastor*

Carolyn Doss  
*Church Secretary*

Stephanie Moehlenkamp  
*Choir Director*

Dot Hogan  
*Organist*

Preston Andrews  
*Treasurer*

John Erb  
*Clerk of Session, Presbytery Delegate*

Shannon Moorman  
*Nursery Attendant*

### **Other Contacts**

Sue Ferguson  
*Link Newsletter Editor*

Sally Sease  
*Women's Circles*

Alline Rogers  
*Meal Coordinator*

Annie Shelton  
*Nursery Coordinator*

Janet Soddors  
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