

Worship for the Advent Season

December 13, 2009 – 3rd Sunday in 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 *Infant Holy* Polish Carol

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

Congregational Introit *Advent Song* Supplement #2090(vs.3)

To Praise God's Name

Lighting of the Advent Wreath — *The Joy Candle*
The Moehlenkamp Family

Call to Worship

Sing aloud to God, our strength and our song;
rejoice and exult with all your heart.

*God is in our midst, renewing us;
we will be glad and sing praises.*

We have come together in faith
to draw water from the wells of salvation.

*As we have received the water of baptism
we seek once more to be cleansed and made whole.*

Come to be baptized with the Holy Spirit and fire;
for God is ready to change your life.

*God is restoring us before one another;
We are witnesses to God's transforming power.*

* **Hymn** *Savior of the Nations, Come* Hymnal #14

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, we are anxious and ashamed. Too often we are shaped by our fears, not by faith. We have said and done things unworthy of our calling. Our thoughts have been so dominated by the past and the future that we have failed to live fully in the present. We have not trusted you or let you set us on fire with good news. Forgive us. Change us. Inspire our caring and doing so we may bear fruit as your forgiven and forgiving children. 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!***

Hymn *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night* Hymnal #20

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

To Thank God

Prayers by and for the People · The Lord's Prayer

Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Offering *Love Came Down at Christmas* Allanson Brown

During the offertory, you are invited to offer silent prayers of gratitude.

To Hear God's Word

Children's Presentation "Radio J-O-Y!"
Where the Best Songs are Songs about Christmas

Cast of Characters→

Cast of Characters: *(in order of appearance)*

Dee Jay:	<i>Travis Taylor</i>
Choristers:	<i>Olivia Baker, ElizaAnne Copes, Caroline Mattox, Cara Mattox, Jackson Moehlenkamp</i>
Pastor:	<i>Holly Roark</i>
Off-stage Voice:	<i>Charlotte Mabry</i>
Mary:	<i>Megan Ingram</i>
Scoop Newson:	<i>Faith Mari' Tucker</i>
Joseph:	<i>Chandler McCrickard, Travis Taylor</i>
Chris Storm:	<i>Cara Mattox</i>
Shepherds:	<i>ElizaAnne Copes, Emma McCrickard, John Roark, led by Caroline Mattox</i>
U-Turn Lavern:	<i>Olivia Baker</i>
Tracy Tackle:	<i>Karli Winston</i>
Cows:	<i>ElizaAnne Copes, Emma McCrickard, John Roark</i>
Sheep:	<i>Keegan deBernard, Kiernan deBernard, Jackson Moehlenkamp</i>
Donkey:	<i>Charlotte Mabry</i>
Wisemen:	<i>Keegan deBernard, Charlotte Mabry, Jackson Moehlenkamp, led by Faith Mari' Tucker</i>
Choir:	<i>Olivia Baker, ElizaAnne Copes, Keegan deBernard, Kiernan deBernard, Megan Ingram, Charlotte Mabry, Erika Mabry, Cara Mattox, Caroline Mattox, Chandler McCrickard, Emma McCrickard, Jackson Moehlenkamp, Holly Roark, John Roark, Travis Taylor, Faith Mari' Tucker, Karli Winston</i>
Sound/Lighting:	<i>Alison Mabry, Georgie Roark</i>

Special thanks to all of the children for their hard work and dedication! And a HUGE thank you to all of the parents and children's church helpers for your assistance and support!

Announcements

Welcome to Altavista Presbyterian Church! Our church exists to proclaim the good news of God's love made known in Jesus Christ, to build a fellowship of Christian love, and to serve this community and the world in the way of compassion. If you would like information concerning membership in this church or information about the Presbyterian tradition, the pastor or a greeter would be happy to assist you.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Jennifer McCrickard**.

Altavista Presbyterian Church members and guests are invited to the **Koinonia Luncheon**, today, immediately following the Children's Presentation.

Our choir will be leading our worship service next Sunday, 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 next Sunday, immediately following worship.

A reminder that the annual Presbyterian **Christmas Joy Offering** will be received next Sunday. If you would like contribute, please make checks payable to APC and indicate in the memo line that your gift is for the Christmas Joy Offering.

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.

The Ministry Beyond the Congregation would like to say a **Special Thanks** to all those who helped with the Otter River Resource Center Christmas Party.

Schedules

Ushers, December	Margaret Liebchen, Christine Oliver Anne & Erika Mabry
Greeters, December	David & Anne Mabry
Lay Reader, December 20	Debbie Berger
Lay Reader, December 27	David Sease
Nursery, December 20	Allison Mabry
Nursery, December 27	Abbey Bogert
CC Teachers, Dec.	Stephanie Moehlenkamp & Jenny Roark
CC Assistant, Dec. 20	Margaret Liebchen
Youth Group Helper, Dec. 13	Alline Rogers
Youth Meal Preparer Dec. 13	Dana Taylor

Daily Scripture Readings

Theme: *Good News* Psalm of the week: **80**

MONDAY	Mark 13:1-13	THURSDAY	John 1:14-18
TUESDAY	Luke 21:25-36	FRIDAY	Ezekiel 34:11-16
WEDNESDAY	Revelation 1:1-8	SATURDAY	Acts 1:1-11

Weekly Calendar

Sun., Dec 13	Adult Sunday School Children's Christmas Program Koinonia Lunch immediately after Program Youth Group Meeting	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 PM
Wed., Dec. 16	Prayer Fellowship - Pastor's Study Second Helping Lunch Choir Practice	9:30 AM 11:00-12:30 PM 5:30 PM
Sun., Dec. 20	Adult Sunday School Worship/Children's Church Session Meeting immediately after Worship	9:00 AM 10:00 AM

Joys and Concerns for Prayer 12/13/09

- 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.
- Doug Hecht for health concern.
- Health (Gary Alley, Elizabeth Brocklenhurst, Cayla Coalson, Mollie Cofflin, Tim Coleman, Nancy Cummings, Dianne Emmett, Joseph Eller, Dante Erk, Tim Fenn, Steve Graham, Barbara Hare, Elizabeth Hawkins, Marie Hoffman, Tim Howdyshell, 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

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Christian Education

David Mabry
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Jennifer McCrickard
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Caroline Peerman
Worship

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Moderator of Session

Staff

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Church Secretary

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Choir Director

Dot Hogan
Organist

Preston Andrews
Treasurer

John Erb
Clerk of Session, Presbytery Delegate

Shannon Moorman
Nursery Attendant

Other Contacts

Sue Ferguson
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Sally Sease
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Alline Rogers
Meal Coordinator

Annie Shelton
Nursery Coordinator

Janet Soddors
Prayer Fellowship Request

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