

Worship for the Lord's Day

December 3, 2017 – 1st Sunday of Advent
10:00 AM

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

The Gathering Of The Church

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

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

Dedication of the Advent Candelabrum

Prelude *The Holly and the Ivy* Old English Carol

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

Call to Worship

O that God would tear open the heavens and come down!

Of that day or hour, no one knows, only God.

Be alert! Keep awake! The time is drawing near:

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

* **Hymn** *Prepare the Way* Hymnal #13

Unison Prayer of Confession

Emmanuel – God with us – even in Advent, we confess that we fail to see your presence. In our hurt, doubt, and fear, we do not try to draw closer to you; instead, we lash out against you. Forgive us, we pray, and come to save us! Let your face shine until our tears are dried, our sins are faded, and our hope is restored. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Choral Kyrie *Lord, Have Mercy, Christ, Have Mercy*

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

* **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.*

* **Passing the Peace of Christ**

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

The Hanging Of the Greens

Introduction of Hanging of the Greens

Paraments and Banners

* **Hymn** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Hymnal #2

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

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Advent Wreath

The Advent Candles

* **Hymn** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* Hymnal #5

* **Profession of Faith**

The Son of God, the second person of the Trinity, is truly the eternal God, of one substance and equal with the Father. In the fullness of time he took on himself the nature of man, with all the essential qualities and ordinary frailties of man – except that he was sinless. Jesus was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary out of her substance. These two complete, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in the one person of Jesus without being altered, disunited or jumbled. The person Jesus is truly God and truly man, yet one Christ, the only mediator between God and man.

Evergreen Garland

Wreaths

Poinsettias

Choral Offertory *The Colors of Winter* arr. Joseph M. Martin

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

* **Song of Thanksgiving** *Doxology* **Hymnal #592**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* **Prayer of Dedication**

* **Hymn** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* **Hymnal #9**

Chrismons and Tree

Tree Lights

Nativity Scene

The Sending Of The God's People

* **Hymn** *Comfort, Comfort You My People* **Hymnal #3**

* **Charge and Benediction**

* **Postlude** *Deck the Halls* Welsh Carol

Schedules

Ushers, December	Carolyn Lees, Darlene Robertson Ron Coleman, Jack Ritzer Samantha Janiak (Dec. 3 & 17)
Lay Reader, Dec. 10	Martha Moore
Lay Reader, Dec. 17	Beverly Eubank
Nursery, Dec. 10	Alice Barkdoll
Nursery, Dec. 17	Gary Taylor
Communion Servers <u>Dec. 10</u>	Beverly Eubank, Jeffrey Janiak Dennis & Linda Janiak

December 4-9, Daily Lectionary Reading

MONDAY	Morning: Pss. 122; 145 Evening: Pss. 40; 67 Amos 2:6-16 2 Peter 1:1-11 Matt. 21:1-11	THURSDAY	Morning: Pss. 18:1-20; 147:12-20 Evening: Pss. 126; 62 Amos 4:6-13 2 Peter 3:11-18 Matt. 21:33-46
TUESDAY	Morning: Pss. 33; 146 Evening: Pss. 85; 94 Amos 3:1-11 2 Peter 1:12-21 Matt. 21:12-22	Friday	Morning: Pss. 102; 148 Evening: Pss. 130; 16 Amos 5:1-17 Jude 1-16 Matt. 22:1-14
WEDNESDAY	Morning: Pss. 50; 147:1-11 Evening: Pss. 53; 17 Amos 3:12-4:5 2 Peter 3:1-10 Matt. 21:23-32	SATURDAY	Morning: Pss. 90; 149 Evening: Pss. 80; 72 Amos 5:18-27 Jude 17-25 Matt. 22:15-22

People to Contact at APC

Session (Active Elders)

Gary Andrews ('18) <i>Ministry Beyond the Congregation</i>
Ron Coleman ('19) <i>Christian Education</i>
Kelly deBernard ('19) <i>Ministry Within the Congregation</i>
Anne Mabry ('18) <i>Worship</i>
Stephanie Moehlenkamp ('19) <i>Worship</i>
Chip Roark ('18) <i>Ministry Support</i>
Dana Taylor ('18) <i>Christian Education</i>
Mark Younkin ('19) <i>Property</i>
Rev. Ed Soto <i>Moderator of Session</i>

Staff

Rev. Ed Soto <i>Pastor</i>
Carolyn Doss <i>Church Secretary</i>
John Erb <i>Clerk of Session</i>
Dot Hogan <i>Organist</i>
Dennis Janiak <i>Treasurer</i>
Stephanie Moehlenkamp <i>Choir Director</i>

Other Contacts

Dolores Drumheller <i>Prayer Fellowship Request</i>
Jack Ritzer <i>The Men of the Church</i>

Altavista Presbyterian Church strives to show compassion to all people within our Congregation and beyond our doors just as Jesus showed compassion to all those in need.

Joys and Concerns for Prayer

Please contact the church office if you have prayer concerns.

Prayers For....

- God's church here at APC and for His guidance.
- Our Session & Church Leaders.
- Dean Smith's health.
- Dianne Emmett's, health.
- Ted Phillips' health.
- David Lyons, cancer.
- Hospice patients and their caregivers.
- Elaine Button, health concerns.
- Ryan Hedgepeth, recovering from a severe accident.
- All those who have been affected by the recent fires and hurricanes.
- Jeremy Larkin, as he serves in the military as a helicopter pilot.
- Grant Martin (Dennis & Linda Janiak's son-in-law) deployed to Korea.
- Our homebound members, Tim Coleman, Janet Soddors, Dean Smith, Essie Moore.
- Our nation and all our elected leaders.

Today's Prayers and Sermon Notes

Announcements



Welcome to Altavista Presbyterian Church! We greet you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ as we prepare for His birth.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Mark Younkin**.

The Presbyterian Men will meet for our **Men's lunch** at Noon this Tuesday, Dec. 5, at Taste of Italy.

Pastor Ed's Bible Study will meet this Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 6:30 PM at the church, this meeting will be B.Y.O.D. Bring Your Own Dinner. The morning Bible Study will meet this Thursday, Dec. 7, at 10 AM at the church.

December DAWN Donation: Flour & Canned Green Beans

December Reminders:

- Ring the bell for the Salvation Army at the Altavista Wal-Mart Saturday December 9, from 9 AM - 7 PM.
- Return **angel tree gifts, food boxes, and gift cards** to the church by Sunday, December 10th.
- Bring your completed **Pledge Card** to worship Sunday, December 10th.
- Christmas Party for the clients at the **Otter River Resource Center** Tuesday December 12th, 1:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited!
- Receive **Christmas Joy Offering** Dec. 17th. This offering will be matched by our ACT for Missions funds. Please make checks payable to APC and indicate on the memo line or the pew envelope as special offering.
- **Annual Christmas Koinonia Celebration** will take place Sunday Dec. 17th, at 5:00 PM. Please bring a dish to share
- **Coffee Hour**, Sunday December 24th at 9 AM
- **Choral Cantata**, Sunday December 24th at 10 AM
- **Christmas Eve Service**, Sunday December 24th at 7 PM.