

Worship for the Lord's Day

December 15, 2019 – Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 AM

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

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

Announcements Please see the bulletin insert for all announcements.

Prelude *He Shall Feed His Flock* from Handel's "Messiah"

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

Advent Call to Worship

* **Hymn** "Sleepers, Wake!" *A Voice Astounds Us* Hymnal #17

Prayer of Confession

In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need repentance. We have broken Your commands. We have not trusted Your Word, and we have not obeyed Your Son. Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise, for the sake of the one who proclaims the good news. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Do not worry; let us live in peace.

Thanks be to God!

* **Passing the Peace of Christ**

May the peace of Christ be with you. *And also with you.*

* **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.*

* **Profession of Faith** *Apostles' Creed (Traditional)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

A Time For Young Christians

All children 6 and younger are invited to Children's Church in the nursery.

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson *Psalm 146:5-10* p.545

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

Anthem *Westminster Carol* Carl J. Nygard, Jr.

Offering *The Coventry Carol* arr. Robert Hughes

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**

Pastoral Prayer & 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.

* **Hymn** *Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending* Hymnal #6

* **New Testament Lesson** *Mark 4:33-41* p.871

Please remain standing for the reading of God's Word.

The word of God for the People of God. *Thanks be to God!*

Sermon *"Weathering the Storms of Life"*

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

* **Charge and Benediction**

* **Postlude** *In Bethlehem a Babe Was Born* Barbara Mays

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.
- Our nation and all our elected leaders.
- Hospice patients and their caregivers.
- Dianne Emmett
- Ryan Hedgepeth
- Cynthia Erb
- Al Smith
- Carol Moorefield
- Cherie Maulbeck – cancer
- Margaret Liebchen
- Alline Ritzer
- Joyce Coleman
- LeeAnn Head
- Billy Robertson
- Our service members: Jeremy Larkin, Grant Martin
- Our homebound members: Tim Coleman, Janet Soddors, Dean Smith, Essie Moore.

People to Contact at APC

Session (Active Elders)

- Kevin deBernard ('20)
Christian Education
- John Erb ('21)
Clerk of Session
- Susan Gilliam ('20)
Ministry Beyond the Congregation
- Carolyn Lees ('20)
Worship
- Barbara Podrebarac ('21)
Ministry Beyond the Congregation
- Jack Ritzer ('20)
Ministry Support
- Chip Roark ('21)
Property
- Janette Walker ('21)
Ministry Within the Congregation
- Rev. Ed Soto
Moderator of Session

Staff

- Rev. Ed Soto
Pastor
- Carolyn Doss
Church Secretary
- Dot Hogan
Organist
- Dennis Janiak
Treasurer
- Stephanie Moehlenkamp
Choir Director

Other Contacts

- Dolores Drumheller
Prayer Fellowship Request
- Jack Ritzer
The Men of the Church

Schedules

Ushers, December

Lay Reader, December 22

Lay Reader, December 29

Nursery, December 22

Nursery, December 29

- Chip & Jenny Roark
- Jeff Janiak, Sang-il Lee
- Samantha Janiak
- Brenda Cuthbertson
- Keegan deBernard
- Need Someone

December Events

December 1	10 AM Worship/Communion/Children's Church
December 3	10 AM Bible Study Men's Lunch at Noon – Mama Rosa'a
December 7	10 AM Advent Workshop
December 8	10 AM Worship/Children's Church Return Angel Tree Gifts 5 PM Youth Group Meeting
December 10	10 AM Bible Study
December 11	9:30 AM Prayer Fellowship
December 12	1-2 PM Otter River Resource Center Christmas Party
December 14	9 AM -7 PM Ring the Salvation Army Bell at Wal-Mart 5 PM Deck the Heels Encouragement Station
December 15	10 AM Worship/Children's Church Return Pledge Card Session Meeting after Worship 5 PM Christmas Koinonia Celebration/Christmas Play
December 17	8:30 AM Bingo at Dialysis Center 10 AM Bible Study Men's Lunch at Noon – El Cazador 1:00 PM Bingo at Dialysis Center
December 18	8:30 AM Bingo at Dialysis Center 9:30 AM Prayer Fellowship 9:30 AM APC Serves Lunch at Daily Bread 1:00 PM Bingo at Dialysis Center
December 22	10 AM Worship/Choral Cantata Collect Joy Offering
December 24	7 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Dec. 24-26	Church Office Closed
December 29	10 AM Worship/Children's Church Rachel Shepherd Preaching
December 30	December Link Deadline
Dec. 25-31	Pastor Ed out of Office

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 **Stephanie Moehlenkamp**.

The **Session** meets today immediately after worship for its monthly stated meeting. If you have a prayer concern for which your elders could pray, we invite you to write it on the insert and place it in the offering.

Our **Annual Christmas Koinonia Celebration** will take this evening at 5:00 PM, followed by the Children's Christmas Play. Please bring a dish to share.

The 2020 Pledge Cards are due to the church office no later than Monday, December 16th.

Tuesday morning **Bible Study** will meet December 17, at 10 AM in the adult classroom. This week's lesson is on the Wrath of God, Pr. 1:24-31; Rm. 1:18-32.

The Presbyterian Men will meet for our **Men's lunch** at Noon this Tuesday, December 17, at El Cazador.

The **Prayer Fellowship** will meet this Wednesday at 9:30 AM in the pastor's study.

Volunteers are needed to help serve lunch at the **Lynchburg Daily Bread** Wednesday, December 18, from 9:30 AM to 12:45 PM. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

Our **Choral Cantata** will be Sunday, December 22, at 10 AM. Invite a guest to this special Sunday Service.

The **Christmas Joy Offering** will be received Sunday, December 22nd. 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.

Our **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** will be Tuesday, December 24, at 7 PM.