

Worship for the Lord's Day

January 6, 2019 – Epiphany of the Lord
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 *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* arr. Anna L. Page

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

Call to Worship

Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;
now God has spoken to us by a Son.

God made the world through the Son,
He has been appointed heir of all things
and the perfect reflection of God's glory.

*The Son is the exact representation of God's being,
sustaining all things by his powerful Word.*

Praise God for the gift of the Son.

We welcome the light of the world!

* **Hymn** *We Three Kings of Orient Are* Hymnal #66

Prayer of Confession

O God, our guide, who once used a star to lead people to Christ, we confess our poor sense of direction. We let ourselves become confused, easily distracted, and lose our way. We fail to follow the signs you provide. Forgive our waywardness, O God. Lead us to the Christ so that we may follow his way to you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Let us be guided by the light of salvation!
Thanks be to God!

* **Passing the Peace of Christ**

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

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

* **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.*

Offering *Bread of the World* arr. Gilbert 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**

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** *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee* Hymnal #282

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson *Isaiah 60:1-6* p.639

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

Anthem *In the Bleak Midwinter* Joseph Martin

Second Scripture Lesson *Matthew 2:1-12* p.835

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

Sermon *"G.P.S.: God Positioning System"*

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing in the Bread and the Cup

Prayer after the Meal

* **Hymn** *Arise, Your Light Is Come!* Hymnal #411

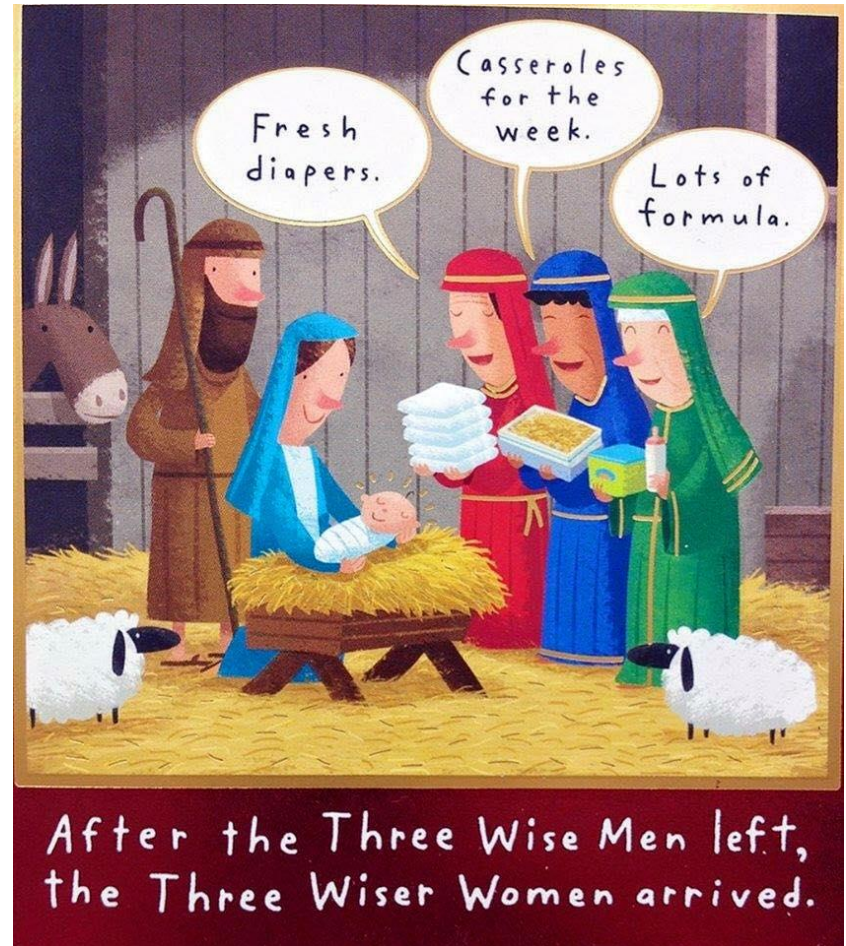
* **Charge and Benediction**

* **Postlude** *Joyful!* arr. Ruth Schram

Announcements

The **2019 Flower Calendar** has been posted on the bulletin board. Please take a moment to sign up to place flowers in the sanctuary for the Sunday morning of your choosing.

The Session would like to thank everyone who submitted a **pledge for 2019**. Thank you again for all you do to support the ministry of APC.



Altavista Presbyterian Church

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
in the Presbytery of the Peaks



Our Mission

As members of the Body of Christ is to be
His voice and hands helping all people.

Upcoming Events

January 1	New Year's Day, Church Office Closed
January 2	9:30 AM Prayer Fellowship
January 6	10 AM Worship/Communion/Children's Church
January 7	6 PM Ministry Beyond Committee Meeting
January 8	10 AM Bible Study 11:15 AM Women Fellowship meet in Parlor Men's Lunch at Noon - Hibachi Grill 6 PM Christian Ed. Committee Meeting
January 9	11-12:30 PM APC Serves the Second Helping 5:30 PM Property Meeting at the Church
January 12	6 PM Youth Group Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser
January 13	10 AM Worship/Children's Church Session Meeting after Church 5 PM Youth Meeting
January 15	10 AM Bible Stud
January 16	9:30 AM-APC serves lunch at the Daily Bread 9:30 AM Prayer Fellowship
January 20	10 AM Worship/Children's Church Pulpit Swap - Rev. Betsy Soto Preaching 5 PM Youth Meeting
January 21-27	Pastor Ed on Vacation
January 22	Men's Lunch at Noon -Applebee's
January 26	7 PM Hockey Outing at the Lahaye Center
January 27	10 AM Worship/Children's Church Guest Speaker
January 28	February Link Deadline
January 30	9:30 AM Prayer Fellowship

People to Contact at APC

Session (Active Elders)

Ron Coleman ('19) <i>Christian Education</i>
Kelly deBernard ('19) <i>Ministry Within the Congregation</i>
Kevin deBernard ('20) <i>Christian Education</i>
Susan Gilliam ('20) <i>Ministry Beyond the Congregation</i>
Carolyn Lees('20) <i>Worship</i>
Stephanie Moehlenkamp ('19) <i>Worship</i>
Jack Ritzer ('20) <i>Ministry Support</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>

Schedules

Ushers, January

Sang-il Lee, Jack Ritzer
Susan & Rob Gilliam

Lay Reader, January 13

Cynthia Erb

Lay Reader, January 20

Anne Mabry

Nursery, January 13

Keegan deBernard

Nursery, January 20

Kevin deBernard

Communion Servers, Today

Rob Gilliam, Jack Ritzer
Barbie & Gary Andrews

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
- Ted Phillips
- Ryan Hedgepeth
- Cynthia Erb
- Elaine Button
- The Ponzi Family
- Scottie Bennett
- Betty Walton
- Alline Ritzer
- Joyce Coleman
- LeeAnn Head
- Billy Robertson
- June Lee
- Our service members: Jeremy Larkin, Grant Martin.
- Our homebound members: Tim Coleman, Janet Soddors, Dean Smith, Essie Moore.

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The **Lay Reader** today is **Barbie Andrews**.

The **Ministry Beyond Committee** will meet this Monday, January 7, at 6 PM at the church.

The **Christian Education Committee** will meet this Tuesday, January 8, at 6:00 PM at the church.

Pastor Ed's Bible Study will meet this Tuesday, January 8, at 10 AM at the church. This week's Bible Study will look at life lessons from the Book of Ecclesiastes chapters 1-2.

The **Women's Fellowship** will meet this Tuesday, January 8, at 11:15 AM in the parlor, all women are invited.

The Presbyterian Men will meet for our **Men's lunch** at Noon this Tuesday, January 8, at Hibachi Grill.

Our Church will be serving the **Second Helping Lunch**, this Wednesday, January 9th. Volunteers are needed to serve and provide menu items. Please sign-up on the bulletin board.

The **Property Committee** will meet this Wednesday, January 9, at 5:30 PM at the church.

The Youth Group will be sponsoring a **Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser** this Saturday, January 12, at 6 PM in the fellowship hall. Contestant are needed, please sign-up on the bulletin board.

Volunteers are needed to provide **meals** for our **youth group** meetings in 2019, please sign-up on the bulletin board.

We are in need of **Sunday Participants** (Lay Readers, Nursery workers, Ushers, and Communion Servers) to serve in the ministry of the church for 2019. Please sign-up on the bulletin board.

The Ministry Within Committee has planned a church wide **evening of Hockey** for January 26, at 7 PM at the Lahaye Ice Center. The tickets are \$7 each for reserved seating. Please sign up on the bulletin board by January 12, and make checks payable to Kelly deBernard.

January DAWN Donation: Spaghetti Sauce & Noodles