

The Lord's Day Worship
January 5, 2025
The Second Sunday of Christmas

The congregation's responses are in **bold**.
*Please stand as you are able

THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

Prelude *Tidings of Joy - Duet* arr. Lloyd Larson

Welcome

Call to Worship *Ephesians 1:3 & 4*

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places."

"Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him."

* **Hymns of Grace #222** *Angels, from The Realms of Glory*

At this time, please bring up your Two Cents A Meal Offering.

THE CHURCH APPROACHES THE THRONE OF GRACE

Confession of Sin Please be seated.

God of glory, You sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal Your love for all people. We confess our sin and pride which dim the brightness of Your light in us. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In Your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with Your Holy Spirit that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth Your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Let us take a moment for silent confession

Assurance of Pardon *I John 1:8-10*

* **The Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

* **Response of Praise** *Gloria Patri* **Presbyterian Hymnal #579**

THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading *Psalms 72: 1-7, 10-14* pg. 504

Anthem *Seekers of the Light* arr. Lloyd Larson

New Testament Reading *Matthew 2:13-23* Pg. 836

Sermon *In the Shadow of Evil*

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD

* **Presbyterian Hymnal #507** *I Come With Joy*

* **Communion** *The Huron Carol: 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime*

* **Confession of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed*

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.

Call To Offering *Luke 6:38*

Offertory *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* arr. John w. Work, III

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

Prayer of Dedication

Announcements

Prayers of the People

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 CHURCH DEPARTS TO SERVE

* **Hymns of Grace #179** *Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

* **Charge & Benediction**

* **Postlude** *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* arr. George F. Handel

Sermon Notes

Servers

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| Today’s Lay Reader | Cynthia Coleman |
| Usher(s) | Gary Andrews & Sang-il Lee |
| Communion | Gary Andrews & John Erb |

Prayer Requests

God’s guidance at APC
 Our Session, Church Leaders & Musicians
 All of our Church Families and Visitors
 Our Nation & Elected Leaders
 Our Homeless and Displaced
 All of our Active and Veteran Military Personnel & Families

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| Evan Adcock | Aaron Albrecht | Silas Allen |
| Alice Barkdoll | Sue Boring | Karen & Joey Cook, & family |
| Jeff DeSantos | Payton Emore | Cecile Farmer Family |
| Justin Fulton | Granddaughter Shirley | Rosa Hall |
| Jo Ann Houchins | Mike Jennings | Margaret Liebchen |
| Mayhew Family | Essie Moore | Lindsay Orme |
| Sue Pearson | William (Jo Jo) Phillips | Andrea Rice |
| Linda Riley | Shane Roach | Janie Roark |
| Billy Robertson | Marie Hicks Smith | Mike Smith |
| Wayne Stafford | Tammy | Susan & Mo Vetter |
| Barbara Walker | | |

People at APC

| Session Elders | Staff |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Mark Younkin (’25) Administration | Rev. Glenn Coleman, Interim Pastor |
| Barbie Andrews (’25) Outreach | Nancy Dalton, Church Secretary |
| Ron Coleman (’25) Discipleship | Stephanie Moehlenkamp, Choir Director |
| Cynthia Coleman (’26) Congregational Care | Linda Giles, Organist & Pianist |
| Randy Dunn (’26) Congregational Care | Gary Andrews, Co-Treasurer |
| Davis Hewett (’26) Congregational Care | Mark Younkin, Co-Treasurer |
| John Erb, Clerk of Session | |

Calendar of Events

January 5 10 AM Worship/ Communion
Two Cents-A-Meal Offering

January 6 Epiphany of the Lord

January 7 5 PM Outreach Committee Meeting

January 8 5:30 PM Bible Study

January 12 10 AM Worship

January 14 4 PM Administration Committee Meeting

January 15 12 PM Men’s Lunch – Hibachi Grill
4:30 PM Discipleship Committee Meeting

January 19 10 AM Worship
Session Meeting after Worship

January 20 Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 26 10 AM Worship

January 27 February Link Deadline

Announcements

- * The **2025 Sunday Worship Participant & Flower Calendar** sign-up sheets are up on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please take a moment to sign up to serve and/or place flowers in the sanctuary for the Sunday morning of your choosing and thank you to all volunteers for serving during worship.
- * **Outreach Committee Meeting** will be on January 7th, 5 PM.
- * There will be **Bible Study** on January 8th. Further scheduling is TBD.
- * **Administration Committee Meeting** will be on January 14th, 4 PM.
- * **Discipleship Committee Meeting** will be on January 15th, 4:30 PM.
- * **Men’s Lunch Schedule** January 15th, the men of the church will be meeting at 12 PM at The Hibachi Grill in Lynchburg. A full schedule of “Men’s Lunch” is posted on the bulletin board.
- * **February Link newsletter** deadline to submit articles is January 27th.
- * **Inclement Weather Policy** In the event of inclement weather, please consult <https://wset.com/weather/closings> for APC info before leaving home for worship, Sunday morning.
- * **Visitor/Prayer card:** If you are new to or visiting Altavista Presbyterian Church today, we extend our “Welcome.” Please find a in the seat pocket in front of you.

10:00 AM
 Welcome to worship at
**ALTAVISTA PRESBYTERIAN
 CHURCH**



Greetings!

We welcome all to this service of worship. If you are a Christian visiting with us today, we greet you in the name of our common Lord. If you are not a believer, we greet you as a friend and trust that you will sense the warmth and genuineness of our reception. We invite everyone here to participate with our congregation as we sing, pray, and give attention to God’s Word.

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*Equipping the saints for ministry,
 Building up the body of Christ.
 Eph. 4:12*