

Worship for the Lord's Day

December 2, 2018 – 1st Sunday of Advent
10:00 AM

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

Announcements Please see the bulletin insert for all announcements.

Prelude *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* arr. John Scriveyner

Call to Worship

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on God's holy hill.

*Let all who live in the land tremble,
for the day of the Lord is coming.*

It is close at hand. Come, let us worship God.

* **Hymn** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* Hymnal #8

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, our lives are filled with sin. We forget our neighbor's needs and do not love you above all else. We need a Savior. Help us to be ready for Jesus in our own hearts. O come, O come, Savior of the world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

People of God, our sins are pardoned; the penalty is paid.
Thanks be to God!

* **Passing the Peace of Christ**

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

* **Song of Praise** *Gloria Patri* Hymnal #567

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly
6 Spir - it; as it was in the be - gin - ning is now, and will be for
10 ev - er A - men. A - - men. A - Men.

Introduction of Hanging of the Greens

Paraments and Banners

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

* **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.

Offertory *Waiting for a King* Joseph M. Martin

* **Song of Thanksgiving** *Doxology* Hymnal #593

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow:
4 Praise God all crea - tures here be - low; Praise God a - bove ye
7 heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men. A - men.
12 A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men.

* **Prayer of Dedication**

The Advent Wreath

Sanctuary Candles

The Advent Candles

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

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.

Evergreen Garland

Wreaths

Poinsettias

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

Chrismons and Tree

Tree Lights

Nativity Scene

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

* **Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying* Francis Heinz

Upcoming Events

December 2	10 AM Hanging of the Greens Service Return Angel Tree Gifts & Food Boxes
December 3	7 PM Boy Scouts Meets in FH
December 4	10 AM Bible Study Noon Men's Lunch at Taste of Italy
December 5	11-12:30 PM Second Helping Lunch
December 6	8 AM Life Line Screening in Fellowship Hall
December 7	4-8 PM Open House at the Manse
December 9	10 AM Worship/Communion/Children's Church Pledge Card Deadline Youth Group Progressive Dinner
December 10	7 PM Boy Scouts Meets in FH
December 11	10 AM Bible Study
December 12	9:30 AM Prayer Fellowship 11-12:30 PM Second Helping Lunch 5:30 PM Property Meeting at the Church
December 13	1-2 PM ORRC Christmas Party in the fellowship hall
December 15	9 AM - 7 PM Ring the Salvation Army Bell at Wal-Mart
December 16	10 AM Worship/Children's Church Receive the Joy Offering Session Meets after Worship 5:30 PM Koinonia Christmas Celebration
December 17	7 PM Boy Scouts Meets in FH
December 18	10 AM Bible Study Men's Lunch at Noon - El Cazador
December 19	9:30 APC Serves Lunch @ Daily Bread 9:30 AM Prayer Fellowship <u>No</u> Second Helping Lunch 1 PM DAWN Board Meeting
December 23	10 AM Worship/Choral Cantata 5 PM Christmas Caroling
December 24	7 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Church Office Closed
December 25	Merry Christmas! Church Office Closed
December 26	Church Office Closed
December 27	January Link Deadline
December 30	10 AM Worship/Children's Church
December 31	7 PM Boy Scouts Meets in FH

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, December

Lay Reader, December 9

Lay Reader, December 16

Nursery December 9

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Communion Servers December 9

Chip & Jenny Roark
Gary & Barbie Andrews
Dana Taylor
Kevin deBernard
Need Someone
Need Someone
Chip & Jenny Roark
Stephanie Moehlenkamp
John Erb

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
- Arleatha Payne
- Ryan Hedgepeth
- Cynthia Erb
- Joyce Coleman
- LeeAnn Head
- Billy Robertson
- June Lee
- Jack Humphreys
- Moses Gilbert (cancer)
- Our service members: Jeremy Larkin, Grant Martin.
- Our homebound members: Tim Coleman, Janet Soddors, Dean Smith, Essie Moore.

Announcements



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

Pastor Ed's Bible Study will meet this Tuesday, December 4, at 10 AM at the church. This month's Bible Study will look at various hymns.

The Presbyterian Men will meet for our **Men's lunch** at Noon this Tuesday, December 4, at Taste of Italy.

The 2019 Pledge Cards are due back to the church office no later than December 10th. Pledge cards are available in the church office.

Our church will host a Christmas Party for the clients at the **Otter River Resource Center** Thursday, December 13, at 1:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited!

APC has volunteered to ring the **Salvation Army** bell at the Altavista Wal-Mart Sat. December 15, from 9 AM - 7 PM. Please sign-up on the bulletin board if you are interested in participating.

The **Christmas Joy Offering** will be received Sunday, December 16th. 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 **Annual Christmas Koinonia Celebration** will take place Sunday December 16, at 5:30 PM. Please bring a dish to share.

Our **Choral Cantata** will be Sunday, December 23, at 10 AM

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

December DAWN Donation: Flour & Canned Green Beans