

**The Lord's Day Worship**  
December 1, 2024  
**First Sunday of Advent "Hope"**

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

**THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP**

**Prelude** *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* arr. Mark Hayes

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship** *Isaiah 60 1-2, 2-3* Pg. 639

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;

**But the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.**

\* **Hymns of Grace #218** *O Come O Come Emmanuel*

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.

**Heavenly Father, Most Holy God, signs are everywhere pointing to Your coming day of reckoning. Yet we continue in our sin as though Your day were far off; we chart our course by worldly wisdom, as though our destiny lies in our own hands. O God, remember Your steadfast love and look upon us with mercy. Forgive our sin and inspire our hearts by the power of Your Holy Spirit to lift up our heads in trust, looking eagerly and gladly for the coming our our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Lord. For we pray in His name. Amen.**

*Let us take a moment for silent confession*

**Assurance of Pardon** *Colossians 1:13-14, 12*

\* **The Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you!  
**And also with you!**

\* **Response of Praise** *Gloria Patri* **Presbyterian 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.**

**THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR GOD'S WORD**

**Old Testament Reading** *Jeremiah 33:14-16* pg. 683

**Anthem** *I Wonder As I Wander* arr. Mark Rice

**New Testament Reading** *Luke 21:25-36* Pg. 915

**Sermon** *"Lift up your heads, your redemption is drawing near."*

**THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD**

\* **Hymns of Grace #214** *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

\* **Communion** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

\* **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** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* arr. Mark Rice

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

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Almighty God, all that we have, we have received from Your hand. You provide our every need and fulfill our deepest desire in Jesus Christ. Please receive these tithes and offerings as a loving response representing our hearts given to You through Him. Amen**

**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 #216** *Come, Thou Long- Expected Jesus*

\* **Charge & Benediction**

\* **Postlude** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* arr. Lewis H. Redner

**Sermon Notes**

**Advent Volunteers:** Families and individuals are asked to participate in the weekly reading and lighting of the Advent candles. Sign-up sheet will be on the hallway bulletin board.

Please help us to maintain accurate and up to date prayer requests. If the person is not an immediate family member, please get permission from that person to have their name published on the list. No other details are published, even if provided. Prayer recipient's name will remain on the list for four weeks unless otherwise requested.

Visitor/Prayer Card: If you are new to or visiting Altavista Presbyterian Church today, we extend our "Welcome." Please feel free to fill out the card in the seat pocket in front of you.

### Servers

Today's Lay Reader Donna Dunn  
 Usher(s) Sang-il Lee & Gary Andrews  
 Communion Servers Martha Moore & Ron Coleman

### 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  
 Victims of Helene, Milton, and all other disasters

Evan Adcock	Aaron Albrecht	Silas Allen
Alice Barkdoll	Sue Boring	Kwasi Clark
Karen & Joey Cook, & family	Payton Emore	Granddaughter Shirley
Rosa Hall	Jo Ann Houchins	Mike Jennings
Kemp & his Family	Margaret Liebchen	Jimmy Mayhew
Essie Moore	Lindsay Orme	Sue Pearson
William (Jo Jo) Phillips	Emily Ragsdale	Andrea Rice
Shane Roach	Janie Roark	Billy Robertson
Marie Hicks Smith	Mike Smith	Wayne Stafford
Tim Storey	Tammy	Susan & Mo Vetter

### People at APC

#### Session Elders

Mark Younkin ('25)  
Administration  
 Barbie Andrews ('25)  
Outreach  
 Ron Coleman ('25)  
Discipleship  
 Cynthia Coleman ('26)  
Congregational Care  
 Randy Dunn ('26)  
Congregational Care  
 Davis Hewett ('26)  
Congregational Care  
 John Erb  
Clerk of Session

#### Staff

Rev. Glenn Coleman  
Interim Pastor  
 Nancy Dalton  
Church Secretary  
 Stephanie Moehlenkamp  
Choir Director  
 Linda Giles  
Organist & Pianist  
 Gary Andrews  
Co-Treasurer  
 Mark Younkin  
Co-Treasurer

### Calendar of Events

10 AM Worship/ Communion First Day of Advent "Hope"  
 Two Cents-A-Meal Offering  
 Angel Tree Offerings Due

**December 1**

**December 4** 12 PM Men's Lunch Colonial  
5:30 PM Adult Bible Study

**December 5** 3:30 PM The Reflective Woman

**December 8** 10 AM Worship/ Second Day of Advent "Peace"  
Chicken and Rice Casseroles for NCHV/Valor Farms due

**December 11** 5:30 PM Adult Bible Study

**December 12** 3:30 PM The Reflective Woman

**December 14** 5 PM Claire Parker Deck the Heels Run - streets close early

**December 15** 10 AM Worship/ Third Day of Advent - "Joy"  
4 PM Christmas Koinonia Dinner / Covered Dish

**December 18** 12 PM Men's Lunch Taste of Italy  
5:30 PM Adult Bible Study

**December 22** 10 AM Worship/ Fourth Day of Advent "Love"  
Christmas Cantata and Joy Offering

### Announcements

\* **Angel Tree Offerings** are due today, Sunday, December 1st.

\* **Chicken and Rice Casseroles** for National Center for Healthy Veterans/Valor Farms. Please bring to APC by Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>.  
 Details and Sign-up are on the bulletin board.

\* **Bible Study** is scheduled through December 18<sup>th</sup>.

\* **The Reflective Woman** is scheduled through December 12<sup>th</sup>.  
 Standard Time hours 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

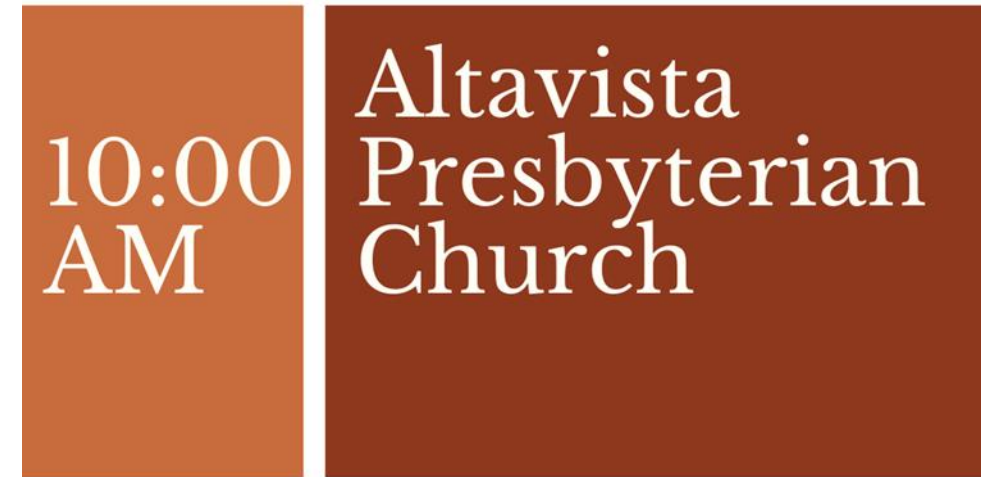
\* **Claire Parker Deck the Heels Run:** Please join us Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> to cheer on participants. Race starts at 5pm, arrive a little early before streets are closed off. Encouragement station set up at the corner of Amherst and Main Streets (on the Subway side). Wear Christmas attire and feel free to bring signs, noise makers, etc.

\* **Christmas Koinonia Dinner** will be served at 4 p.m. on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.  
 Please bring a covered dish to share.

\* **Christmas Joy Offering** collection Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>, will be matched by the ACT for Missions funds.

\* **Christmas Eve Service:** Please join us for Worship on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM.

\* **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.



1<sup>st</sup> | SUNDAY OF ADVENT **Hope**