

The Lord's Day Worship
December 15, 2024
Third Sunday of Advent "Joy"

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

THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

Prelude *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Call to Worship *Philippians 4:4-5, & 6-7* Pg. 1024

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice! Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand.

Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Lighting of the Advent Candles Kevin & Kelly deBernard

* **Presbyterian Hymnal #41** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

THE CHURCH APPROACHES THE THRONE OF GRACE

Confession of Sin Please be seated.

Heavenly Father, God of Strength and might, we proclaim, "The Lord is near!" Yet we fret over our future, clutching Your good gifts anxiously, afraid to share those gifts with others. Forgive us for living as though You were not among us, and Your good promises meant nothing. Renew us with Your Spirit's fire, that we may bear good fruit of justice, mercy, peace, and gladness. Help us to express the Good News to all through our Savior Christ the Lord. 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 *Isaiah 12:2-6* pg. 596

Anthem *Carol of the Lamb* arr. David von Kampen

New Testament Reading *Matthew 11:2-11* Pg. 844

Sermon *"Are you the one? Should we look for another?"*

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD

* **Hymns of Grace #238** *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

* **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 *Away in a Manger* 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 #227** *Angels We Have Heard on High*

* **Charge & Benediction**

* **Postlude** *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* arr. Henry T. Smart

Sermon Notes

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.

Servers

Today's Lay Reader Cynthia Erb
 Usher(s) Sang-il Lee & Gary Andrews
 Advent Readers & Candle Lighting Kevin & Kelly deBernard

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	Karen & Joey Cook, & family
Wilson Dickerson & Family	Luther "Mark" Eades Family	Payton Emore
Granddaughter Shirley	Rosa Hall	Jo Ann Houchins
Mike Jennings	Margaret Liebchen	Jimmy Mayhew
Joanne Midkiff	Essie Moore	Lindsay Orme
Sue Pearson	William (Jo Jo) Phillips	Ragsdale & Dunn Family
Andrea Rice	Linda Riley	Shane Roach
Janie Roark	Billy Robertson	Marie Hicks Smith
Mike Smith	Wayne Stafford	Tim Storey
Tammy	Susan & Mo Vetter	Barbara Walker
Terry & Betty Walton		

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

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
 Stewardship Pledge Due

December 23 December Link newsletter articles due

December 24 4 PM Christmas Eve Worship

Dec. 24th-27th APC office will be closed in observance of the Christmas Holiday

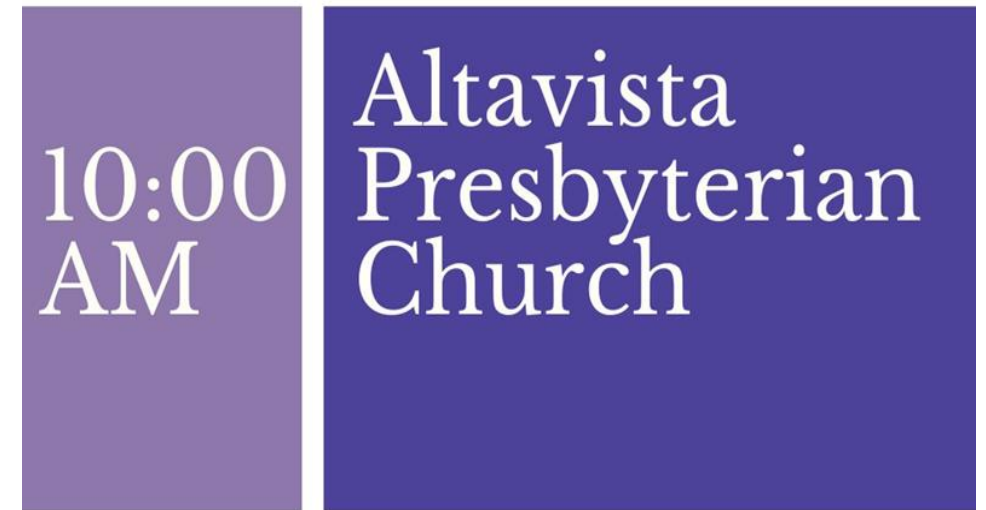
December 29 10 AM Worship/ First Sunday of Christmas
 Fifth Sunday Service in fellowship Hall

January 1 APC office will be closed on New Year's Day

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

Announcements

- * **Bible Study** is scheduled through December 18th.
- * **Christmas Koinonia Dinner** will be served at 4 p.m. on Dec. 15th. Please bring a covered dish to share.
- * **Christmas Joy Offering** collection Dec. 22nd, will be matched by the ACT for Missions funds.
- * **Stewardship Pledge** Please consider making a pledge for 2025 by filling out an APC 2025 Pledge Card. Please return to the office no later than **Dec. 22nd**.
- * **Christmas Eve Service:** Please join us for Worship on Dec. 24th at 4 PM.
- * **Dec. 24th – 27th** APC office will be closed in observance of the Christmas holiday. If you should need spiritual assistance, please feel free to reach out to Rev. Coleman. RevGColeman@gmail.com 540-817-9266
- * **Dec. 29th Worship will be held** in the Fellowship Hall
- * **The 2025 Sunday Participant** sign up sheet is up in the hallway. Thank you to all volunteers for serving during worship.
- * **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.
- * **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.



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