

Worship for the Lord's Day

December 16, 2018 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

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 *He Shall Feed His Flock* "The Messiah"

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

Call to Worship

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment
for us to wake from sleep.

*For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became
believers; the night is far gone, the day is near.*

Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on
the armor of light. Come, let us worship God.

Lighting of Advent Candles The Taylor Family

* **Hymn** *The King of Glory Comes* Sing the Faith #2091

Prayer of Confession

*O promised Christ: We are a sinful people. Our pardon depends on
your coming. We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping
promises; our only hope of doing God's will is that you should come
and help us do it. Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for
your pardon and for your grace. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. 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.*

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

* **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.

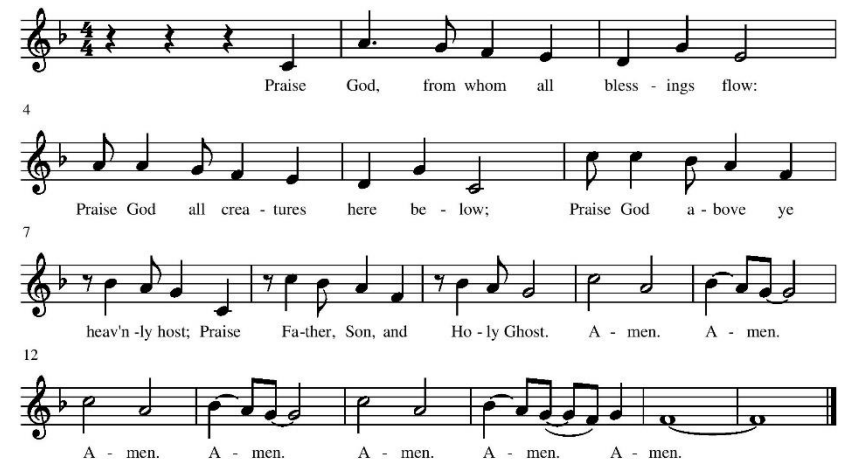
* **Profession of Faith** *Apostles' Creed (Traditional)*

*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 *The Advent Choral* Philipp Nicolai

During the offertory, you are invited to offer silent prayers of gratitude.

* **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**

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** *Savior of the Nations, Come* **Hymnal #14**

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson *Matthew 1: selected verses* **p.835**

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

Anthem *Prophets Knew* Lloyd Larson

Second Scripture Lesson *Luke 3: selected verses* **p.890**

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

Sermon *"Genealogy, Not Genetics"*

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** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* **Hymnal #5**

* **Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *Jesus, Dwell Thou With Us* Roger C. Wilson

Announcements

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

The **Lay Reader** today is **Kelly deBernard**.

The **Christmas Joy Offering** will be received this morning. 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.

Upcoming Events

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| 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)

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| 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

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| 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

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| Dolores Drumheller <i>Prayer Fellowship Request</i> |
| Jack Ritzer <i>The Men of the Church</i> |

Schedules

Ushers, December

Lay Reader, December 23

Lay Reader, December 30

Nursery December 23

Nursery December 30

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| Chip & Jenny Roark |
| Gary & Barbie Andrews |
| Samantha Janiak |
| Stephanie Moehlenkamp |
| Need Someone |
| Need Someone |

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
- Elaine Button
- Alline Ritzer
- 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.

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Our **Annual Christmas Koinonia Celebration** will take place this evening at 5:30. Please bring a dish to share.

Pastor Ed's Bible Study will meet this Tues., Dec. 18, 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 18, at El Cazador.

The **Prayer Fellowship** will meet this Wednesday, 9:30 AM in the pastor's study.

APC will serve lunch at the **Lynchburg Daily Bread** this Wednesday, December 19, from 9:30 AM to 12:45 PM. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the church office.

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

December 23, at 5 PM the Youth Group will be going **Christmas Caroling** and would like to invite the congregation to join them to carol to our fellow church members.

Our **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** will be Monday, December 24, at 7 PM. As always, your visiting friends and family are invited and encouraged to attend.

Dec. 27, is the deadline for articles for the Jan. "**Link**" newsletter. Items for the Link may be e-mailed to the church office.

Our Church will be serving the **Second Helping Lunch**, Wednesday, January 9th. Volunteers are needed to serve and provide menu items. 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.

December DAWN Donation: Flour & Canned Green Beans