

Worship for the Lord's Day

December 22, 2019
Fourth 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 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel arr. James Denton
Pianist: Dot Hogan, Organist: Linda Giles

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

Advent Call to Worship

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

Prayer of Confession

God our Savior, we ask for Your mercy. Though we hear Your call, we still seek pride, power, and possessions. We turn our heads in disobedience to Your commands. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to follow Your commandments. As we wait for You, replace our apathy with righteousness. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God forgives our sins and promises to bring us to everlasting life.

Thanks be to God!

* **Passing the Peace of Christ**

May the peace of Christ be with you. *And also with you.*

* **Song of Praise** Gloria Patri 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.*

* **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.

A Time For Young Christians

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

Offering Love Came Down at Christmas arr. Benton Price

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

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

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* **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.

Choral Cantata *Sing Christmas*
by Joel Raney & Mary McDonald

* **Charge and Benediction**

* **Postlude** *Born is He, The Divine Christ-child* arr. P. Harris

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
- Ryan Hedgepeth
- Cynthia Erb
- Carol Moorefield
- Al Smith
- Cherie Maulbeck – cancer
- Margaret Liebchen
- Alline Ritzer
- Joyce Coleman
- Billy Robertson
- Our service members: Jeremy Larkin, Grant Martin
- Our homebound members: Tim Coleman, Janet Soddors, Dean Smith, Essie Moore.

People to Contact at APC

Session (Active Elders)

- Kevin deBernard ('20)
Christian Education
- John Erb ('21)
Clerk of Session
- Susan Gilliam ('20)
Ministry Beyond the Congregation
- Carolyn Lees ('20)
Worship
- Barbara Podrebarac ('21)
Ministry Beyond the Congregation
- Jack Ritzer ('20)
Ministry Support
- Chip Roark ('21)
Property
- Janette Walker ('21)
Ministry Within the Congregation
- Rev. Ed Soto
Moderator of Session

Staff

- Rev. Ed Soto
Pastor
- Carolyn Doss
Church Secretary
- Dot Hogan
Organist
- Dennis Janiak
Treasurer
- Stephanie Moehlenkamp
Choir Director

Other Contacts

- Dolores Drumheller
Prayer Fellowship Request
- Jack Ritzer
The Men of the Church

Schedules

Ushers, December

Chip & Jenny Roark
Jeff Janiak, Sang-il Lee

Lay Reader, December 29

Brenda Cuthbertson

Lay Reader, January 5

John Erb

Nursery, December 29

Need Someone

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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 **Samantha Janiak**.

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.

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

The **Church office** will be closed December 24th-26th for the Christmas Holiday.

Pastor Ed will be out of town December 25th-31st, if you have a pastoral concern, please contact the church office or your cluster elder.

Rev. Rachel Shepherd will be preaching next Sunday.

December 30th is the deadline for the January **"Link" newsletter articles**. Items for the Link may be e-mailed to the church office.

Our Church will be serving the **Second Helping Lunch**, Wednesday, January 8th. Volunteers are needed to serve and provide menu items. Please sign-up on the bulletin board.

The Youth Group will be sponsoring a **Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser** Saturday, January 11, at 6 PM in the fellowship hall. Contestants are needed, please sign-up on the bulletin board.

Volunteers are needed to assist dialysis patients in a bingo activity the third Tuesday and Wednesday of each month at the Altavista Dialysis Center. Please sign-up on the bulletin board if you are interested in helping.

The **2020 Flower Calendar** has been posted on the bulletin board. Please take a moment to sign up to place flowers in the sanctuary for the Sunday morning of your choosing.



Ed & Betsy invite you to an

Epiphany Open House

January 4th 4:00 – 8:00
2153 Laurel Lane, Altavista

*As a casual, pot luck event,
we ask that you please bring a
small dish of hors d'oeuvres to share.*