

The Lord's Day Worship

December 24, 2024

Christmas Eve Candlelight

The congregation's responses are in **bold**.

* Please stand as you are able

THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

Prelude *Welcome to Our World* arr. Chris Rice

Welcome

Call to Worship *Daniel 2:22 & 23* Pg. 762

He reveals deep and mysterious things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him.

To thee, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, for thou hast given me wisdom and strength, and hast now made known to me what we asked of thee, for thou hast made known to us the king's matter.

Lighting of the Advent Candles Barbie and Gary Andrews

* **Presbyterian Hymnal #40** *Joy To The World*

THE CHURCH APPROACHES THE THRONE OF GRACE

Confession of Sin Please be seated.

Heavenly Father, our souls proclaim the greatness of the Lord, our spirits rejoice in God our Savior, for You, Lord, have looked with favor on Your lowly servants. We who walked in darkness have been blessed by the coming of light in our Savior Jesus Christ. All of us have sinned and come short of Your glory, but You have sent us Your very own Lamb, Your only Son, a sacrifice for our sin; that by faith we might obtain forgiveness and life eternal. Hear our praise and thanksgiving for we pray in the name of 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 61:1-3, 60: 1-7, 35:1-10, 7:10-16* pp. 641, 639, 615, 591

New Testament Reading *Luke 2:25-35* Pg. 890

Sermon *"Prophesy and Fulfillment"*

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD

* **Hymns of Grace #232** *Away in a Manger*

* **Confession of Faith**

LITANY FOR CHRISTMAS

The Word was made flesh,
and dwelt among us, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Jesus, Son of the living God,
Splendor of the Father, Light eternal, Alleluia!
Jesus, King of glory, Sun of righteousness,
born of the Virgin Mary: Glory to You, O Lord!
Jesus, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
the everlasting Lord: Glory to You, O Lord!
Jesus, Prince of Peace, Shepherd of souls,
Perfect in holiness: Glory to You, O Lord!
Jesus, Friend of all people, Protector of the Poor,
Treasure of the faithful: Glory to You, O Lord!
Jesus, inexhaustible Wisdom,
our Way, our Truth, our Life: Glory to You, O Lord!
Jesus, joy of the angels and crown of the saints:
Our Alpha and Omega, Glory to You, O Lord! Alleluia! Amen!

CELEBRATION OF THE LIGHT

As we begin to sing *Silent Night, Holy Night, Hymns of Grace #236*, the ushers will come down the center aisle and light the candle of the first person at each pew. As your candle is lit hold your candle erect and turn to the person on your left so that the person on your left may hold their candle horizontal to it and once lit hold theirs vertically and repeat the process. This process exemplifies the manner in which the Light of Christ is shared with the world. Watch as the light spreads and brings a glow to every face.

(Please hold the candle erect after lighting to minimize dripping wax.)

THE CHURCH DEPARTS TO SERVE

* **Hymns of Grace #236** *Silent Night, Holy Night*

***Charge & Benediction**

Following the benediction extinguish your candle and place it in the box provided as you exit the sanctuary and have a very Merry Christmas!

***Postlude** *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day* arr. John Calkin

Sermon Notes

Servers

Usher(s) Sang-il Lee & Gary Andrews
 Advent Readers & Candle Lighting Barbie & Gary Andrews

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

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| 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 | Mayhew Family |
| Joanne Midkiff | Essie Moore | Lindsay Orme |
| Sue Pearson | William (Jo Jo) Phillips | Andrea Rice |
| Linda Riley | Shane Roach | Janie Roark |
| Billy Robertson | Marie Hicks Smith | Mike Smith |
| Wayne Stafford | Tammy | Susan & Mo Vetter |
| Barbara Walker | Wilson Family | |

Sharing of Joy

Cecil Farmer

People at APC

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| 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 25 Christmas Day
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
January 7 5 PM Outreach Committee Meeting
January 12 10 AM Worship
January 14 4 PM Administration Committee Meeting
January 15 12 PM Men's Lunch – Hibachi Grill
 4:30 PM Discipleship Committee Meeting
January 19 10 AM Worship
 Session Meeting

Announcements

* **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

* **Christmas Day** We wish each of you and yours, a very blessed and Merry Christmas!

* **Dec. 29th Worship will be held** in the Fellowship Hall. This is not a covered dish Sunday.

* **January 1st** APC office will be closed News Year Day. If you should need spiritual assistance, please feel free to reach out to Rev. Coleman. RevGColeman@gmail.com 540-817-9266

* 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.

4:00
PM

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