

The Lord's Day Worship

December 29, 2024

First Sunday of Christmas

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 *Psalm 147:5&1* Pg. 545

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is seemly.

* **Hymns of Grace #249** *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*

THE CHURCH APPROACHES THE THRONE OF GRACE

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, loving God, thank You for caring for us so deeply that You sent Your only Son to save us. Thank You, because You cause all things to work out for our good. Still, we worry whether all shall be well for us. The world around us is threatening, and many regard Christ's followers as enemy. Forgive us when we doubt Your continuing care for us, we become anxious, and fret over how to take care of ourselves and all that we hold dear. Forgive our lack of trust, and by Your Holy Spirit rekindle our faith in You, to the honor and glory of our Lord, Jesus Christ. 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 3:6-10 & 29:4-14* pp. 649, 676

New Testament Reading *John 14:1-7* pg. 891

Sermon *"Faithless Bride and Faithful Groom"*

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD

* **Hymns of Grace #231** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

* **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 *Please feel free to drop your offering in the collection plate following service today.*

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 #224** *Joy to the World*

***Charge & Benediction**

Sermon Notes

Servers

Today's Lay Reader Terry Walton
Usher(s) Sang-il Lee & 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

Evan Adcock	Aaron Albrecht	Silas Allen
Alice Barkdoll	Sue Boring	Karen & Joey Cook, & family
Wilson Dickerson & Family	Luther "Mark" Eades Family	Payton Emore
Justin Fulton	Granddaughter Shirley	Rosa Hall
Jo Ann Houchins	Mike Jennings	Margaret Liebchen
Mayhew Family	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 Joys

Cecil Farmer

Leadership 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

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 8 5:30 PM Bible Study
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

- * The **2025 Sunday Participant** sign up sheet is up in the hallway. Thank you to all volunteers for serving during worship.
- * **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
- * **Outreach Committee Meeting** will be on January 7th, 5 PM.
- * **January 8th Bible Study.** Further scheduling is TBD.
- * **Administration Committee Meeting** will be on January 14th, 4 PM
- * **Discipleship Committee Meeting** will be on January 15th, 4:30
- * **2025 Men's Lunch Schedule** is on the bulletin board and included in the monthly calendars.
- * **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.

10:00 AM

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

ALTAVISTA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

