

The Lord's Day Worship
December 8, 2024
Second Sunday of Advent "Peace"

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

THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

Prelude *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Call to Worship *Isaiah 40 7&8* Pg. 619

The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;

The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

* **Advent Candle Ceremony** Jerry & Martha Moore

* **Presbyterian Hymnal #24** *Away in a Manger*

THE CHURCH APPROACHES THE THRONE OF GRACE

Confession of Sin Please be seated.

Heavenly Father, Holy Savior, You are coming in power to bring all nations under Your rule. But who can endure the day of Your coming? We confess You as Lord, yet our paths remain crooked, our ways, rough. Show us the tender mercy of our God; break in upon us from Your holy heights. Refine us with the fire of Your Spirit, that we may live as people of light, and walk in ways of peace, to Your glory and praise. For we pray in the name of our Savior, 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 *Isaiah 11:1-10* pg. 595

Anthem *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem* arr. Reba Snyder

New Testament Reading *Romans 15:4-13* Pg. 988

Sermon *"Snails or Heaven?"*

Sermon Notes

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD

* **Hymns of Grace #242** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

* **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 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* 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

* **Presbyterian Hymnal #56** *The First Nowell*

* **Charge & Benediction**

* **Postlude** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* John Francis Wade

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.

Visitor/Prayer Card: If you are new to or visiting Altavista Presbyterian Church today, we extend our "Welcome." Please feel free to fill out the card in the seat pocket in front of you.

Servers

Today's Lay Reader	Gary Andrews
Usher(s)	Sang-il Lee & Gary Andrews
Advent Readers & candle Lighting	Jerry & Martha Moore

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
Luther "Mark" Eades Family	Payton Emore	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	Shane Roach
Janie Roark	Billy Robertson	Marie Hicks Smith
Mike Smith	Wayne Stafford	Tim Storey
Tammy	Susan & Mo Vetter	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 8 10 AM Worship/ Second Day of Advent "Peace"
Chicken & Rice Casseroles for NCHV/Valor Farms due today

December 11 5:30 PM Adult Bible Study

December 12 3:30 PM The Reflective Woman

December 14 5 PM Claire Parker Deck the Heels Run - streets close early

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

December 23 December Link newsletter articles due

December 24 4 PM Christmas Eve Worship

December 29 10 AM Worship/ First Sunday of Christmas

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* **Bible Study** is scheduled through December 18th.

* **The Reflective Woman** scheduled through Dec. 12th. Please note time change of 3:30p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

* **Claire Parker Deck the Heels Run:** Please join us Saturday, Dec. 14th to cheer on participants. Race starts at 5pm, arrive early before streets are closed off. Encouragement station set up at the corner of Amherst and Main Streets (on the Subway side). Wear Christmas attire and feel free to bring signs, noise makers, etc.

* **Christmas Koinonia Dinner** will be served at 4 p.m. on Dec. 15th. Please bring a covered dish to share.

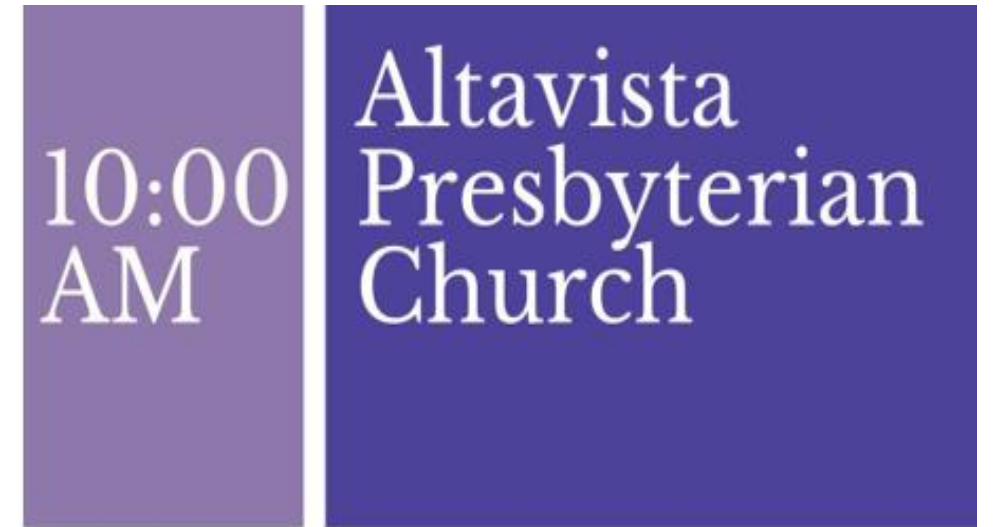
* **Christmas Joy Offering** collection Dec. 22nd, will be matched by the ACT for Missions funds.

* **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.

* **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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