

Worship for the Lord's Day

December 10, 2017 – 2nd Sunday of Advent
10:00 AM

*An asterisk * indicates standing, as you are able.
The congregation's responses are in bold italics.*

The Church is Gathered

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 Like a Shepherd* "The Messiah"

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

Congregational Introit *Like a Child* (vs.1) Sing the Faith #2092

To Praise God's Name

Lighting of the Advent Candles The Moehlenkamp Family

Call to Worship

Let us hear what God the Lord will speak,

For God speaks peace to his people.

Surely God's salvation is near to those who fear him,

Yes, the Lord will give what is good.

Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;

righteousness goes before him.

Let us worship the Lord our God!

* **Hymn** *Creator of the Stars of Night* Hymnal #4

Unison Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, we confess that we have not led lives of holiness. We suffer from impatience, apathy, and greed; we have not been at peace. We repent of these offenses and turn to you in love. Forgive our iniquity and pardon our sins, that we may walk in righteousness to the glory of your name. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Choral Kyrie *Lord, Have Mercy, Christ, Have Mercy*

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response Forgiveness is ours in Jesus Christ. *Thanks be to God!*

* **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.*

* **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.

To Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading *Jeremiah 31:31-34* p.680

Choral Anthem *Advent Alleluia* arr. Keith Christopher

New Testament Reading *Mark 1:1-8* p.867

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

Sermon "The New Covenant"

To Thank God

* **Profession of Faith** *Westminster Confession*

Q. How is God's grace revealed in the second covenant?

A. *His grace is revealed in the second covenant by God freely providing and making available to sinners a mediator and through him life and salvation. God uses faith as the only way for sinners to become united to him, he promises and gives his Holy Spirit to all his elect in order to bring about this faith in them along with all the other saving graces and in order to make it possible for them to be holy and obedient, as proof of the truth of their faith and thankfulness to God and as the way he has established for them to be saved.*

To See God's Word in Sacrament

* **Hymn** *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* Hymnal #10

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest...

...With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service. According to Christ's commandment:

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory...

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing in the Bread and the Cup

Prayer after the Meal

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Schedules

Ushers, December	Carolyn Lees, Darlene Robertson Ron Coleman, Jack Ritzer Samantha Janiak (Dec. 3 & 17)
Lay Reader, Dec. 17	Beverly Eubank
Lay Reader, Dec. 24	Ron Coleman
Nursery, Dec. 17	Gary Taylor
Nursery, Dec. 24	Martha Moore
Communion Servers Today	Beverly Eubank, Jeffrey Janiak Dennis & Linda Janiak

December 11-16, Daily Lectionary Reading

MONDAY	Morning: Pss. 122; 145 Evening: Pss. 40; 67 Amos 7:1-9 Rev. 1:1-8 Matt. 22:23-33	THURSDAY	Morning: Pss. 18:1-20; 147:12-20 Evening: Pss. 126; 62 Amos 9:1-10 Rev. 2:8-17 Matt. 23:13-26
TUESDAY	Morning: Pss. 33; 146 Evening: Pss. 85; 94 Amos 7:10-17 Rev. 1:9-16 Matt. 22:34-46	Friday	Morning: Pss. 102; 148 Evening: Pss. 130; 16 Hag. 1:1-15 Rev. 2:18-29 Matt. 23:27-39
WEDNESDAY	Morning: Pss. 50; 147:1-11 Evening: Pss. 53; 17 Amos 8:1-14 Rev. 1:17-2:7 Matt. 23:1-12	SATURDAY	Morning: Pss. 90; 149 Evening: Pss. 80; 72 Hag. 2:1-9 Rev. 3:1-6 Matt. 24:1-14

People to Contact at APC

Session (Active Elders)

Gary Andrews ('18) <i>Ministry Beyond the Congregation</i>
Ron Coleman ('19) <i>Christian Education</i>
Kelly deBernard ('19) <i>Ministry Within the Congregation</i>
Anne Mabry ('18) <i>Worship</i>
Stephanie Moehlenkamp ('19) <i>Worship</i>
Chip Roark ('18) <i>Ministry Support</i>
Dana Taylor ('18) <i>Christian Education</i>
Mark Younkin ('19) <i>Property</i>
Rev. Ed Soto <i>Moderator of Session</i>

Staff

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

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

Our Mission

As members of the Body of Christ is to be
His voice and hands helping all people.



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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.
- Dean Smith's health.
- Dianne Emmett's, health.
- Ted Phillips' health.
- David Lyons, cancer.
- Hospice patients and their caregivers.
- Elaine Button, health concerns.
- Ryan Hedgepeth, recovering from a severe accident.
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- The Fauver Family, in the death of Joseph "Tim" Fauver.
- Jeremy Larkin, as he serves in the military as a helicopter pilot.
- Grant Martin (Dennis & Linda Janiak's son-in-law) deployed to Korea.
- Our homebound members, Tim Coleman, Janet Soddors, Dean Smith, Essie Moore.
- Our nation and all our elected leaders.

Today's Prayers and Sermon Notes

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 **Martha Moore**.

There will be a **Called Session Meeting** immediately after worship today.

The **Christian Education Committee** will meet this Tuesday, December 12, at 6:00 PM at the church.

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

We will be helping serve lunch at the **Lynchburg Daily Bread** Wed., Dec. 20, from 9:30 AM to 12:45 PM. If you are interested, please sign up on the bulletin board by the church office.

December DAWN Donation: Flour & Canned Green Beans

December Reminders:

- Christmas Party for the clients at the **Otter River Resource Center** Tuesday December 12th, 1:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited!
- Receive **Christmas Joy Offering** Dec. 17th. 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.
- **Annual Christmas Koinonia Celebration** will take place Sunday Dec. 17th, at 5:00 PM. Please bring a dish to share
- **Choral Cantata**, Sunday December 24th at 10 AM
- **Christmas Eve Service**, Sunday December 24th at 7 PM.
- Ed & Betsy will have a **Christmas Open House** at the Manse on Friday, Dec. 22nd from 4-6 PM.