

Worship for the Lord's Day

December 17, 2017 – 3rd 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 *Mary Did You Know?* arr. Fred Bock

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

Congregational Introit *Like a Child* (vs.2) **Sing the Faith #2092**

To Praise God's Name

Lighting of the Advent Candles The deBernard Family

Call to Worship

The Lord has done great things for us!

***Our mouths are filled with laughter,
Our tongues with shouts of joy!***

Restore our fortunes, O Lord!

***Those who sow in tears shall reap shouts of joy,
Those who go out weeping shall return with shouts of joy!***

* **Hymn** *Savior of the Nations, Come* **Hymnal #14**

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you love obedience; yet we persist in wrongdoing and every form of evil. You have given us the words of the prophets and the Word himself; yet we despise and ignore what we have heard from you. You have sent the light into the world; yet we love darkness rather than light. Forgive us and tend us as your garden until righteousness and praise spring up, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. 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 *II Samuel 7:8-17* p.269

Choral Anthem *"Christmas Lullaby"* John Rutter

New Testament Reading *Luke 1:26-33* p.887

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

Sermon *"David's Heir"*

To Thank God

* **Hymn** *Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending* **Hymnal #6**

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

Christ insures with absolute certainty that everyone for whom he purchased redemption actually accepts and receives it. He makes intercession for them, reveals the mysteries of salvation to them in and by the word, and effectively persuades them to believe and obey by his Spirit. He governs their hearts by his word and Spirit and overcomes all their enemies by his almighty power and wisdom in such ways as are most in agreement with his wonderful and unknowable administration of things.

Schedules

Ushers, December	Carolyn Lees, Darlene Robertson Ron Coleman, Jack Ritzer Samantha Janiak (Dec. 3 & 17)
Lay Reader, Dec. 24	Ron Coleman
Lay Reader, Dec. 31	Cynthia Erb
Nursery, Dec. 24	No Nursery
Nursery, Dec. 31	Charlotte Mabry

December 18-23, Daily Lectionary Reading

MONDAY	Morning: Pss. 122; 145 Evening: Pss. 40; 67 Gen. 3:8-15 Rev. 12:1-10 John 3:16-21	THURSDAY	Morning: Pss. 18:1-20; 147:12-20 Evening: Pss. 126; 62 2 Sam. 7:1-17 Titus 2:11-3:8a Luke 1:39-48a (48b-56)
TUESDAY	Morning: Pss. 33; 146 Evening: Pss. 85; 94 Zeph. 3:14-20 Titus 1:1-16 Luke 1:1-25	Friday	Morning: Pss. 102; 148 Evening: Pss. 130; 16 2 Sam. 7:18-29 Gal. 3:1-14 Luke 1:57-66
WEDNESDAY	Morning: Pss. 50; 147:1-11 Evening: Pss. 53; 17 1 Sam. 2:1b-10 Titus 2:1-10 Luke 1:26-36	SATURDAY	Morning: Pss. 90; 149 Evening: Pss. 80; 72 Jer. 31:10-14 Gal. 3:15-22 Luke 1:67-80 or Matt.1:1-17

People to Contact at APC

Session (Active Elders)

Gary Andrews ('18)
Ministry Beyond the Congregation

Ron Coleman ('19)
Christian Education

Kelly deBernard ('19)
Ministry Within the Congregation

Anne Mabry ('18)
Worship

Stephanie Moehlenkamp ('19)
Worship

Chip Roark ('18)
Ministry Support

Dana Taylor ('18)
Christian Education

Mark Younkin ('19)
Property

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Moderator of Session

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Pastor

Carolyn Doss
Church Secretary

John Erb
Clerk of Session

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Organist

Dennis Janiak
Treasurer

Stephanie Moehlenkamp
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Other Contacts

Dolores Drumheller
Prayer Fellowship Request

Jack Ritzer
The Men of the Church

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 Sodders, 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 **Beverly Eubank**.

We will receive the **Christmas Joy Offering** 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 Annual **Christmas Koinonia Celebration** will take place this evening at 5:00 pm. Please bring a dish to share.

The Presbyterian Men will meet for our **Men's lunch** at Noon this Tuesday, December 19, at El Cazador.

Pastor Ed's Bible Study will meet this Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 6:30 PM at the church, this meeting will be B.Y.O.D. Bring Your Own Dinner. The morning Bible Study will meet this Thursday, Dec. 21, at 10 AM at the church.

Pastor Ed and Betsy would like to invite everyone to their **Christmas Open House** at the Manse, Friday December 22nd, from 4-8 PM.

Wednesday, December 27, is the deadline for articles for the **January "Link" newsletter**. Items for the Link may be e-mailed to the church office.

December DAWN Donation: Flour & Canned Green Beans

Reminders:

- **Choral Cantata**, Sunday December 24th at 10 AM
- **Christmas Eve Service**, Sunday December 24th at 7 PM