

Worship for the Lord's Day

December 29, 2019
First Sunday after Christmas
10:00 AM

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

Welcome The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Announcements Please see the bulletin insert for all announcements.

Prelude O Little Town of Bethlehem arr. Ira Wilson
Pianist: Dot Hogan, Organist: Linda Giles

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

Call to Worship Psalm 148 p.546

* **Hymn** Good Christian Friends, Rejoice Hymnal #28

Prayer of Confession

Almighty Father, You demand full obedience, yet we are not fully obedient. Holy God, You command righteousness, but we appeal to iniquity. Forgive our insolence, and help us to think Your thoughts before us, that we may be found acceptable in Your sight through Jesus our Messiah. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

He promises to bring us to everlasting life.

Thanks be to God!

* **Passing the Peace of Christ**

May the peace of Christ be with you. *And also with you.*

* **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.*

* **Profession of Faith** Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

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.

A Time For Young Christians

All children 6 and younger are invited to Children's Church in the nursery.

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 63:7-9 p.642

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

Offering In the Bleak Midwinter Gustav Holst

During the offertory, you are invited to offer silent prayers of gratitude.

* **Song of Thanksgiving** Doxology Hymnal #592

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Pastoral Prayer & 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.

* **Hymn** *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* Hymnal #22

* **New Testament Lesson** *Matthew 2:13-23* p.836

Please remain standing for the reading of God's Word.

The word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *"A God Who Carries Us"* Rev. Rachel Shepherd

* **Hymn** *Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow* Hymnal #50

* **Charge and Benediction**

* **Postlude** *Angels We Have Heard on High* French Carol



Altavista Presbyterian Church

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
in the Presbytery of the Peaks



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.
- Our nation and all our elected leaders.
- Hospice patients and their caregivers.
- Dianne Emmett
- Ryan Hedgepeth
- Cynthia Erb
- Carol Moorefield
- Al Smith
- Cherie Maulbeck – cancer
- Margaret Liebchen
- Alline Ritzer
- Joyce Coleman
- Billy Robertson
- Our service members: Jeremy Larkin, Grant Martin
- Our homebound members: Tim Coleman, Janet Soddors, Dean Smith, Essie Moore.

People to Contact at APC

Session (Active Elders)

Kevin deBernard ('20)
Christian Education

John Erb ('21)
Clerk of Session

Susan Gilliam ('20)
Ministry Beyond the Congregation

Carolyn Lees ('20)
Worship

Barbara Podrebarac ('21)
Ministry Beyond the Congregation

Jack Ritzer ('20)
Ministry Support

Chip Roark ('21)
Property

Janette Walker ('21)
Ministry Within the Congregation

Rev. Ed Soto
Moderator of Session

Staff

Rev. Ed Soto
Pastor

Carolyn Doss
Church Secretary

Dot Hogan
Organist

Dennis Janiak
Treasurer

Stephanie Moehlenkamp
Choir Director

Other Contacts

Dolores Drumheller
Prayer Fellowship Request

Jack Ritzer
The Men of the Church

Schedules

Ushers, January

Sang-il Lee, Jean Murphy

Lay Reader, January 5

John Erb

Lay Reader, January 12

Barbie Andrews

Nursery, January 5

Need Someone

Nursery, January 12

Kevin deBernard

Communion Servers, Jan. 5

Kevin deBernard, John Erb
Ron Coleman, Martha Moore

January Events

January 1	Church Office Closed, Happy New Year!
January 4	4-8 PM Ed & Betsy's Open House
January 5	10 AM Worship/Communion/Children's Church
January 6	6 PM Ministry Beyond Meeting
January 7	10 AM Bible Study Men's Lunch at Noon – Hibachi Grill 4:30 PM Ministry Within Meeting 5:30 PM C.E. Meeting
January 8	9:30 AM Prayer Fellowship 11-12:30 PM - APC Serves the Second Helping Lunch
January 11	6:00 PM Chili Cook-Off
January 12	10 AM Worship/Children's Church Confirmation Classes Begin 5 PM Youth Group Meeting
January 14	10 AM Bible Study
January 15	9:30 AM APC Serves Lunch at Daily Bread 10:30 AM Women's Fellowship 5:30 PM Property Meeting
January 19	10 AM Worship/Children's Church Session Meeting after Worship
January 21	8:30 AM Bingo at Dialysis Center 10 AM Bible Study Men's Lunch at Noon – Applebee's 1:00 PM Bingo at Dialysis Center
January 22	8:30 AM Bingo at Dialysis Center 9:30 AM Prayer Fellowship Men's Lunch at Noon – Applebee's 1:00 PM Bingo at Dialysis Center
January 26	10 AM Worship/Children's Church 5 PM Youth Group Meeting
January 27	February Link Deadline
January 28	10 AM Bible Study
January 29	9:30 AM Prayer Fellowship

Announcements

We welcome **Rev. Rachel Shepherd** as our preacher today. Rachel is our Associate Presbyter for Discipleship with the Presbytery of the Peaks. She works with youth, young adults, campus ministries, and camp and outdoor ministries. She lives in Lynchburg and enjoys art, yoga, hiking, and Netflix. Rachel is happy to be worshipping with us today!

The **Lay Reader** today is **Brenda Cuthbertson**.

There will be no Tuesday Morning Bible Study this week.

December 30th is the deadline for the January "**Link**" **newsletter articles**. Items for the Link may be e-mailed to the church office.

The **Church Office** will be closed, January 1, in observance of New Year's Day.

Our Church will be serving the **Second Helping Lunch**, Wednesday, January 8th. Volunteers are needed to serve and provide menu items. Please sign-up on the bulletin board.

The Youth Group will be sponsoring a **Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser** Saturday, January 11, at 6 PM in the fellowship hall. Contestants are needed, please sign-up on the bulletin board.

Volunteers are needed to provide **meals** for our **youth group** meetings in 2020, please sign-up on the bulletin board.

The **2020 Flower Calendar** has been posted on the bulletin board. Please take a moment to sign up to place flowers in the sanctuary for the Sunday morning of your choosing.

We are in need of **Sunday Participants** (Lay Readers, Nursery workers, Ushers, and Communion Servers) to serve in the ministry of the church for 2020. Please sign-up on the bulletin board.

The Session would like to thank everyone who submitted a **pledge for 2020**. Thank you again for all you do to support the ministry of APC.

January DAWN Donation: Spaghetti Sauce and Noodles