

Worship for the Lord's Day

December 30, 2018 – 1st Sunday after Christmas Day
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 *The Birthday of a King* W. H. Neidlinger

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

Call to Worship

Our hearts are ready, O Lord, our hearts are ready!

We will sing and make melody!

We will awaken the dawn!

We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,
we will sing praises to you among the nations.

*For your steadfast love is great above the heavens,
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.*

Lighting of Advent Candles The deBernard Family

* **Hymn** *What Child Is This* Hymnal #53

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not obeyed your commands. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sins. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Be assured that God is with us even now.

Thanks be to God!

* **Passing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ is with you. *And also with you.*

* **Song of Praise** *Gloria Patri* Hymnal #567

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Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly
Spir - it: as it was in the be - gin - ning is now, and will be for
ev - er A - men. A - - men. A - Men.

* **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.

Offering *Beside the Cradle Here I Stand* Martin Luther

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

* **Song of Thanksgiving** *Doxology* Hymnal #593

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Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow:
Praise God all crea - tures here be - low; Praise God a - bove ye
heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men. A - men.
A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men.

* **Prayer of Dedication**

* **Hymn** *The First Nowell* Hymnal #56

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 Sing

During this portion of the service, you are invited to share your favorite Christmas carol or hymn. If you feel so moved, please share why you like that particular hymn or carol.

* **Charge and Benediction**

* **Postlude** *How Great My Joy* Hugh Jungst

Upcoming Events

January 1	New Year's Day, Church Office Closed
January 2	9:30 AM Prayer Fellowship
January 6	10 AM Worship/Communion/Children's Church
January 7	6 PM Ministry Beyond Committee Meeting
January 8	10 AM Bible Study Men's Lunch at Noon - Hibachi Grill 6 PM Christian Ed. Committee Meeting
January 9	10:30 Women Fellowship 11-12:30 PM APC Serves the Second Helping 5:30 PM Property Meeting at the Church
January 12	6 PM Youth Group Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser
January 13	10 AM Worship/Children's Church Session Meeting after Church 5 PM Youth Meeting
January 15	10 AM Bible Stud
January 16	9:30 AM-APC serves lunch at the Daily Bread 9:30 AM Prayer Fellowship
January 20	10 AM Worship/Children's Church Pulpit Swap - Rev. Betsy Soto Preaching 5 PM Youth Meeting
January 21-27	Pastor Ed on Vacation
January 22	Men's Lunch at Noon -Applebee's
January 26	7 PM Hockey Outing at the Lahaye Center
January 27	10 AM Worship/Children's Church Guest Speaker
January 28	February Link Deadline
January 30	9:30 AM Prayer Fellowship

People to Contact at APC

Session (Active Elders)

Ron Coleman ('19) <i>Christian Education</i>
Kelly deBernard ('19) <i>Ministry Within the Congregation</i>
Kevin deBernard ('20) <i>Christian Education</i>
Susan Gilliam ('20) <i>Ministry Beyond the Congregation</i>
Carolyn Lees('20) <i>Worship</i>
Stephanie Moehlenkamp ('19) <i>Worship</i>
Jack Ritzer ('20) <i>Ministry Support</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>

Schedules

Ushers, January

Sang-il Lee, Jack Ritzer
Susan & Rob Gilliam

Lay Reader, January 6

Barbie Andrews

Lay Reader, January 13

Cynthia Erb

Nursery, January 6

Need Someone

Nursery, January 13

Keegan deBernard

Communion Servers, January 6

Rob Gilliam, Jack Ritzer
Barbie & Gary Andrews

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
- Ted Phillips
- Ryan Hedgepeth
- Cynthia Erb
- Elaine Button
- The Ponzi Family
- The Beahm Family
- Betty Walton
- Alline Ritzer
- Joyce Coleman
- LeeAnn Head
- Billy Robertson
- June Lee
- Jack Humphreys
- Moses Gilbert (cancer)
- Our service members: Jeremy Larkin, Grant Martin.
- Our homebound members: Tim Coleman, Janet Sodders, Dean Smith, Essie Moore.

Announcements

Welcome to Altavista Presbyterian Church! We are glad that you have come to worship our saving Lord, Jesus Christ, with us today. We hope you join us as we serve God today and throughout the week.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Stephanie Moehlenkamp**.

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

Prayer Fellowship will meet this Wednesday, January 2, in the Pastor's office.

Our Church will be serving the **Second Helping Lunch**, Wednesday, January 9th. 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 12, at 6 PM in the fellowship hall. Please sign-up on bulletin board if you would like to be a contestant.

Volunteers are needed to provide **meals** for our **youth group** meetings in 2019, please sign-up on the bulletin board.

We are in need of **Sunday Participants** (Lay Readers, Nursery workers, Ushers, and Communion Servers) to serve in the ministry of the church for 2019. Please sign-up on the bulletin board.

The Ministry Within Committee has planned a church wide **evening of Hockey** for January 26, at 7 PM at the Lahaye Ice Center. The tickets are \$7 each for reserved seating. Please sign up on the bulletin board by January 12, and make checks payable to Kelly deBernard.

The **2019 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.

The Session would like to thank everyone who submitted a **pledge for 2019**. Thank you again for all you do to support the ministry of APC.

January DAWN Donation: Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce