

# Worship for the Lord's Day

December 31, 2017 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day  
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** *Gesu Bambino* arr. Frank Bock

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

**Congregational Introit** *The Baby in a Manger Stall* (vs. 1) **Sing the Faith** #2098

## To Praise God's Name

### Call to Worship

Praise the Lord from the heavens:

***Praise him all his angels,  
Praise him all sun and moon!***

Praise the Lord from the earth:

***Fruit trees and all cedars,  
Kings of the nations and all peoples!***

Let us praise the name of the Lord:

***His name alone is exalted;  
His majesty is above earth and heaven!***

\* **Hymn** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* **Hymnal #41**

### Unison Prayer of Confession

*Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have kept silent in midst of unrighteousness. We have not been a light to the nations. Our lives have not revealed your glory. Forgive us, Merciful God. Repair the ugliness of our sin and restore in us your beautiful grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.***

*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** *Isaiah 61:10-62:3* **p.641**

**Choral Anthem** *Christmas Lullaby* John Rutter

**New Testament Reading** *Galatians 4:1-7* **p.1014**

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

**Sermon** *"Abba! Father!"*

## To See God's Word in Sacrament

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

### Presentation of Candidate for Baptism

\* **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.*

## Thanksgiving Over the Water

### Sacrament of Baptism

#### Welcome

#### \* Passing the Peace of Christ

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

### To Thank God

**Offering**                      *Still, Still, Still*                      Austrian Carol

*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

#### Prayers by and for the People • The Lord's Prayer

(Minister) Loving God

*(People) Hear our 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.*

### To Depart to Serve God

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

#### \* Charge and Benediction

\* **Congregational**                      *The Baby in a Manger Stall*                      **Sing the Faith**  
**Amen**    *(vs. 6)*    **#2098**

**Postlude**                      *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*                      Spiritual

## Schedules

Ushers, January	Jack Ritzer, Gary Taylor Kevin & Keegan deBernard
Lay Reader, January 7	Barbie Andrews
Lay Reader, January 14	Gary Andrews
Nursery, January	Gary Andrews
Communion Servers Jan. 7	John & Cynthia Erb, Dennis & Linda Janiak

## Our Mission

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



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## 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*

Rev. Ed Soto  
*Moderator of Session*

### **Staff**

Rev. Ed Soto  
*Pastor*

Carolyn Doss  
*Church Secretary*

John Erb  
*Clerk of Session*

Dot Hogan  
*Organist*

Dennis Janiak  
*Treasurer*

Stephanie Moehlenkamp  
*Choir Director*

### **Other Contacts**

Dolores Drumheller  
*Prayer Fellowship Request*

Jack Ritzer  
*The Men of the Church*

*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!** If you are a guest with us today and are searching for a church home, we encourage you to join us in the great adventure of Christian discipleship. Our mission is to proclaim God's kingdom begun in Jesus Christ, and to live lives which point to its coming fulfillment in Him. Simply speak to the pastor or one of our ushers if you are interested in joining us in this work.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Cynthia Erb**.

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

The Presbyterian Men will meet for our **Men's lunch** at Noon this Tuesday, January 2, at Hibachi Grill.

**Pastor Ed's Bible Study** will meet this Tuesday, January 2, 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, January 4, at 10 AM at the church.

Our Church will be serving the **Second Helping Lunch**, Wednesday, January 10. Volunteers are needed to serve and provide menu items. Please sign-up on the bulletin board in the hall.

The **2018 Flower Calendar** has been posted in the hallway. 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 2018**. Thank you again for all you do to support the ministry of APC.

**January DAWN Donation:** Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce