



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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Worship for the Lord's Day

November 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent
10:00 AM

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 Come, O Come Emmanuel* Traditional Plain Song

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

Advent Call to Worship *Isaiah 2:2-5* p.587

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, forgive us. We imagine that we can live without you, when you give us our very breath. We seek control over others rather than bear witness to your love. We allow fear to overtake us, even though our lives are in your hands. Draw us back into your steadfast love and shape us into the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Redemption is ours through Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

Children's Lesson

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson *Isaiah 64:1-9 (ESV)* p.643

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

Call to Offering

Offertory

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

M. Ryan

During the offertory, you are invited to bring your offering to the communion table.

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.

New Testament Lesson

Mark 10:13-16 (NASB)

p.877

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

Sermon

"Like a Child"

* 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.

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

Rejoice Emmanuel Shall Come

J. Denton

December Events

- December 1** 10 AM Bible Study in Sanctuary
6 PM Ministry Beyond Meeting
- December 2** 6:30 PM Midweek Fellowship in Sanctuary
- December 5** 10-Noon Advent Workshop
- December 6** 10 AM Worship/Children's Church
Collect 2-Cents-A Meal Offering
Return Angel Tree Gifts
6 PM Youth Group Meeting at Moehlenkamp's
- December 8** 10 AM Bible Study in Sanctuary
- December 9** 6:30 PM Midweek Fellowship in Sanctuary
- December 12** 9 AM-7 PM Ring Bell Salvation Army at Wal-Mart
- December 13** 10 AM Worship/Children's Church
Collect Joy Offering
5 PM Youth Group Meeting at Church
- December 15** 10 AM Bible Study in Sanctuary
- December 16** 6:30 PM Midweek Fellowship in Sanctuary
- December 20** 10 AM Worship/Children's Church
Deadline to return Pledge Cards
- December 21** January Link Deadline
- December 23** 7 PM Christmas Eve Service
Church Office Closed
- December 24** Christmas Day
Church Office Closed
- December 27** 10 AM Worship/Children's Church
- December 29** 10 AM Bible Study in Sanctuary
- December 30** 6:30 PM Midweek Fellowship in Sanctuary
- December 31** Church Office Closed for New Year's Day

Joys and Concerns for Prayer

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
- Glenn Jefferson
- Carol Moorefield
- Al Smith
- Kay & Chuck Gagnon
- Robert Lovelace
- Caroline Peerman
- Margaret Liebchen
- Ann Andrews
- Alline Ritzer
- Joyce Coleman
- Billy Robertson
- Kathi Bogert
- Our service members: Jeremy Larkin, Grant Martin
- Our homebound members: Tim Coleman, Janet Soddors, Dean Smith, Essie Moore.



Announcements

The **Lay Reader** today is Gary Andrews.

The Advent Wreath Candle Lighters are the **Cuthbertson Family**.

Tuesday morning **Bible Study** meets December 1, at 10.

The **Ministry Beyond Committee** will meet this Tuesday, December 1, at 6 PM at the church.

Midweek Fellowship meets December 2, at 6:30 PM.

Our **Advent Workshop** for children up to the 5th grade will be Saturday, December 5, from 10 AM - Noon in the fellowship hall. Please sign-up on the bulletin board if your child will be attending.

APC has volunteered to ring the **Salvation Army** bell at the Altavista Wal-Mart Saturday Dec. 12, from 9 AM - 7 PM. Please sign-up on the bulletin board if you are interested in participating.

We are in need of **Lay Readers** to serve in the ministry of the church for the month of December. Please sign-up on the bulletin board.

People to Contact at APC

Session (Active Elders)

Harrison Bell ('22)
Ministry Support

Keegan deBernard ('21)
Youth Elder

Kevin deBernard ('22)
Christian Education

Cynthia Erb ('22)
Worship

John Erb ('21)
Clerk of Session

Linda Janiak ('22)
Ministry Beyond the Congregation

Barbara Podrebarac ('21)
Ministry Beyond the Congregation

Chip Roark ('21)
Property

Rev. Ed Soto
Moderator of Session

Staff

Rev. Ed Soto
Pastor

Carolyn Doss
Church Secretary

Linda Giles
Organist

Dennis Janiak
Treasurer

Stephanie Moehlenkamp
Choir Director

Other Contacts

Jack Ritzer
The Men of the Church



Schedules

Usher for December

Lay Reader December 13

Sang-il Lee

Martha Moore