

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

December 6, 2020 Second Sunday of Advent 10:00 AM

The congregation's responses are in **bold italics**.

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

Please see the bulletin insert for all announcements. Announcements

Carol of the Bells Prelude

C. Reed

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

Advent Call to Worship *Isaiah* 11:1-10

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we seek after reward without sacrifice. We seek to be served without first humbling ourselves. Forgive our hubris. Correct our ignorance. Guide us to be true followers of your way, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Children's Lesson

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 40:1-11 (ESV)

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

Call to Offering

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* 10:17-22 (*NASB*)

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

Sermon

"One Thing Lacking"

* **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** Come Thou Long Expected Jesus S

December Events

| December 1 | 10 AM Bible Study in Sanctuary 6 PM Ministry Beyond Meeting |
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| 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
- Margaret Liebchen

- John Tucker
- Jack Ritzer
- Alline Ritzer
- Caroline Peerman
- Ann Andrews
- Joyce Coleman
- Billy Robertson
- Kathi Bogert
- Our service members: Jeremy Larkin, Grant Martin
- Our homebound members:
 Tim Coleman, Janet Sodders,
 Dean Smith, Essie Moore.



Announcements

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

John Erb will be assisting with the **candle lighting** of the Advent Wreath and scripture reading today.

The **Youth Group** meets at 6 PM today at the Moehlenkamp's.

Tuesday morning Bible Study meets December 8, at 10.

Midweek Fellowship meets December 9, at 6:30 PM.

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

The **Christmas Joy Offering** will be received Sunday, December 13th. 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.

The 2021 Pledge Cards are due to the church office no later than Monday, December 21st.

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
Lay Reader December 20

Sang-il Lee Martha Moore Terry Walton