



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 13, 2020
Third 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 *What Child is This? with* M. McDonald
 Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring

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

Advent Call to Worship *Isaiah 35:4-8* p.615

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we have not been humble. We have not sought your wisdom. Forgive us, O God, and teach us to boast only of you. Give us the light of your wisdom and ways. May we be humble disciples of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven!.

Thanks be to God!

Children's Lesson

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson *Isaiah 61:8-11 (ESV)* p.641

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

Call to Offering

Offertory

Fantasia on the First Noel

R. Hughes

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 10:23-27 (NASB)

p.878

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

Sermon

"Earthly Riches, Eternal Denial"

* 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

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

L. Mason

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 24** 7 PM Christmas Eve Service
Church Office Closed
- December 25** 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 Soddors, Dean Smith, Essie Moore.



Announcements

The **Lay Reader** today is Martha Moore.

Jerry & Martha Moore will be assisting with the candle lighting of the **Advent Wreath** and the scripture reading today.

The rose that has been placed in our sanctuary this morning is in celebration of the **birth of Kemp William Janiak**, born Sunday, December 6th. Proud parents are Jeff & Samantha Janiak.

The **Youth Group** meets at 5 PM today at the Church.

Tuesday morning **Bible Study** meets December 15, at 10.

Midweek Fellowship meets December 16, at 6:30 PM.

The **Christmas Joy Offering** will be received this morning. 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.

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

Sang-il Lee

Lay Reader December 20

Terry Walton



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

December 21, is the deadline for the **January "Link" newsletter articles**. Items for the Link may be e-mailed to the church office.