

Worship for the Lord's Day

December 20, 2020
Fourth 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 *Joy to the World* L. Mason

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

Advent Call to Worship *Isaiah 7:10-14* p.591

Hymn *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have been disobedient to your commands. We have not built up our neighbors with words of kindness but have indulged in evil gossip. We have not lived in imitation of Jesus Christ. Heal us, O God, and give us the grace to love and teach as Christ loved and taught. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Forgiveness is ours through Jesus Christ!

Thanks be to God!

Song of Praise *Gloria Patri*

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.

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.

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson *II Samuel 7:1-11 (ESV)* p.269

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

Anthem *Christmas Medley* J. Purifoy

Song of Thanksgiving Doxology

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.

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 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Sermon *"Christmas Characters"*

Hymn *O Come All Ye Faithful*

* **Charge and Benediction**

* **Postlude** *Sleepers Wake! A Voice Astounds Us* J. S. Bach

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** Church Office Closed
- December 24** 7 PM Christmas Eve Service
Church Office Closed
- December 25** Christmas Day
- 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
- 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.



The 2021 Pledge Cards are due to the church office 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.

Our **Christmas Eve Service** will be Tuesday, December 24th, at 7 PM.

The **Church office** will be closed December 23rd. & 24th for the Christmas Holiday.

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 27

Sang-il Lee

John Erb