



# Altamont Reformed Church

Second Sunday After Christmas

January 3, 2021

## **WE GATHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD!**

*Welcome*

*Call to Worship*

Let us go, in heart and mind, to see what has come to pass.

Let us go with the shepherds:

**Let us go to find the Savior!**

Let us go with the wise ones:

**Let us go to find God's promise, born for us!**

Let us go with the poor and humble:

**Let us go to find our King, born in a lowly manger.**

Let us go with all the world, with all the peoples of the nations.

Come, let us worship; come, let us adore him:

**Christ the Lord!**

*Prayer of Confession*

O God, in the beginning you spoke,  
and creation was born, the object of your loving care.

In the fullness of time you spoke,  
and the Word became flesh, gift of your love.

We wonder at the miracle of creation;  
we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation.

**Forgive us earthbound creatures, feeble in faith,  
empty of hope, lacking in love.**

This year let the miracle and mystery of Christmas happen for us again. We wait up on you with ready hearts, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon:* Luke 2:10-11

*The Law of God*

*Ministry of Music*                    “Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child”

Jesus, Jesus, O what a wonderful child.  
Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek and mild;  
new life, new hope the child will bring.  
Listen to the angels sing;  
“Glory, glory, glory!”  
Let the heavens ring.

## GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

*Prayer for Illumination*

*Scripture Text:* John 1:1-18

*Sermon*

## WE RESPOND WITH GRATITUDE

*Announcements*

*Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession*

*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.

*Choral Benediction*

*Benediction*

## LOOKING FORWARD

### **Sunday, January 10**

10:30 a.m. Worship Service on Zoom. The homepage of our website ([altamontreformed.org](http://altamontreformed.org)) will direct you to the link and phone number. We have added the weekly bulletin as a download. The bulletin will usually be available by Friday afternoon.

### **Friday, Jan. 15 through Monday, Jan. 18**

Collection for Altamont Community Food Pantry. We will be collecting hot and cold cereals on Dr. Martin Luther King weekend. Bins will be located inside the church at the top of the back staircase near the kitchen door when the church is open. Another bin will be placed inside the back-entry door when the church is locked.

### *Thank You for Your Contributions*

More than \$400 was collected to support Dreams Alive in the printing and distribution of a discipleship manual in Arabic.

### *Updates Requested*

Because we do not see each other on a regular basis, it is very important that you email ([nancymacarc@gmail.com](mailto:nancymacarc@gmail.com)) or call (518-861-8711) the office if you have an update or an addition to our prayer corner, address and phone number changes, and requests for our *ARCLite* via email.

### *Save the Dates!*

From Friday, Feb. 5 through Monday, Feb. 8 the Congregational Life Committee is sponsoring a pet food collection drive in honor of our beloved chairperson, Dr. Joel Edwards. Watch for more information in future bulletins and the *ARCLite*.

### *Weekly Offering*

We will continue to offer the options of online payments (link on the ARC website homepage) or you may send your offering to the church office.

*Altamont Reformed Church*  
*Statement of Purpose*

The Altamont Reformed Church is a community of Christian believers called by God to be part of the living Body of Christ, to worship God our King and to obey Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Enabled by the Holy Spirit, we pledge to study the Bible and live the Good News. We endeavor to serve and care for each other and to reach out to the world, sharing God's love and inviting all to join in joyful discipleship.

**2021 Consistory**

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