



**Altamont Reformed Church
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
November 2, 2025**

**Prelude “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” J.S. Bach, ed. by Jack Schrader
Audrey Daly-Gilman, Organist**

THE LITURGY OF APPROACH

Votum

Call to Worship

God of all creation,
**we thank you for this world
and for all your good gifts to us.**
God of safe harbour,
**when we are afraid
we come to rest ourselves in your love.**
God of mission and provision,
**give us our daily bread
and prepare us for service
in your kingdom.**
Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

***Hymn: “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” (Purple) #32**

Prayer of Confession

God of grace and mercy,

At certain times the complexities of life and the weight of challenge dominates our lives. We find it hard to regain a sense of calm, a feeling of peace. We search this way and that; we expend our remaining energies, trying so hard to rescue ourselves from the feelings of despair that cling to us. Lord, if only we would turn to you; if only we had the sense to rely less on self and be more ready to turn to the source of strength that you promise.

Holy God, take that spark of faith in us, and make it grow, and grow and grow. Let your love explode within our hearts and let confidence, strength, hope and security, return to our lives, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 44:21-22

The Law of God

***Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

***Gloria Patri (Purple) #581**

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 with-out end. Amen, Amen.

Ministry of Music

“This Is Love”

R. Kevin Boesiger

Repeat: **This is My body, this is My blood, this is rememb’rance of what I’ve done. This is My body, this is My blood, this is love.**

Take this bread and remember Me. My body was broken for you. This cup is the covenant of My blood poured out for you. This is love, this is love.

Repeat

Do this to remember, my death you proclaim. Do this till I come back
triumphant to reign. *Repeat*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Children's Message

***Hymn:** "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" (Purple) #418

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 19:1-18 Old Testament p. 326

Sermon

***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Meaning of the Sacrament

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving (Insert)

Communion Hymn: "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"
(Purple) #516

Words of Institution

THE LITURGY OF RESPONSE

Thanksgiving After Communion (Insert)

Announcements

Offering

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below: Praise God above, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People with the Lord's 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, for ever. Amen.

***Closing Hymn: "For All the Saints" (Blue) #546**

***Benediction**

Postlude: "God of Grace" Cwm Rhondda, Setting by Paul Manz

**indicates the congregation stands, if able*

WELCOME as we worship together. Please join us for Fellowship Time in Fellowship Hall after worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2, 2025

PLEASE SPEAK TO A GREETER ABOUT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

Youth Bulletins or Sheets, Sack Coloring Pages are available in the front of the sanctuary.

Assisted Listening Devices are in the back of the sanctuary.

Large Print Hymnal: A larger version of the *Glory to God* hymnal is available in the front or back of the sanctuary. The covers are black.

VOLUNTEERS FOR TODAY

Greeters.....Jim & Kristy Dame
Counters.....Jim Dame & Pam Fialkoff
AV Support.....Ryan Brewer
Fellowship Hour.....Natalie & John Dranzal

FUTURE VOLUNTEERS

	November 9	November 16	November 23
Greeters	Judi Dineen & Marianne Baratier	Michelle Stevens & Deb McKee	John & Natalie Drahzal
Offering Counters	Same as above	Same as above	John Drahzal & Jan Chisholm
AV Volunteer	Tom Boink	Michael Gilman	Ryan Brewer
Fellowship Time	Bety Ketcham & Dave Glass	Angie & Charlie Stewart	Noreen Novak & Barb Sargent

COMING UP

Today Fellowship Time

7-8pm Joint Book Study with HRC here at ARC

Mon. Nov. 3 5-7pm (last serving 6:30) First Monday of the Month Free Community Dinner

7:00 p.m. Men's Study Group

Sat. Nov. 8 9-noon ARC Fall Cleanup Morning

Sun. Nov. 9 9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

10:30 a.m. Worship Service; Second Sunday Storytime

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time; Faith Formation Committee in the lounge

JOIN US TOMORROW FOR OUR NEXT COMMUNITY DINNER

Please join us for our First Monday of the Month Free Community Dinner. We serve 5-6:30 p.m. Enjoy a time of good food and fellowship with other ARC friends and meet some wonderful people in our Altamont Community.

NEXT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 9AM-NOON- ARC FALL CLEANUP

Help members of our Property Committee prepare our outside for the winter months. If you can, please bring a pair of gloves and a rake. We will provide refreshments. Thank you!

SECOND SUNDAY STORYTIME NEXT WEEK

Worship next Sunday, (November 9) will feature Children's Storytime, following Pastor Matthew's message for children. Downstairs in our story room we will talk about how Jesus was a friend to the children and hear a story Jesus told about how we all can be helpful friends.

NOMINATION FORMS DUE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

The 2025 Nominating Committee is seeking nominations to fill one position for elder on Consistory and two at-large members to serve on the 2026 Nominating Committee. The information and nomination forms are in the back of the sanctuary. Please take a packet and submit your nominations to anyone on the committee or the church office.

ARC PLEDGE LETTER WITH PLEDGE FORM AVAILABLE

Consider pledging to our annual church budget. One does not need to be a member to pledge. Pledge letters including a pledge form are available in the back of the sanctuary. If you have pledged before, the material will be in an envelope on the table in the back of the sanctuary. **Please return pledge forms to Financial Secretary Russ Twaddell, ARC, P.O. Box 671, Altamont, NY 12009, or via an offering plate by Sunday November 16.**

ARC CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Our annual meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall after our 10:30 a.m. worship service. Needed documents will be sent out via email shortly before the meeting, and some hard copies will be available at the meeting. Items on the agenda include electing a new elder to our consistory and two new members to our Nominating Committee, a discussion on the projected 2026 church budget, and committee reports.

ADOPT-a-FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS BEGINS NOVEMBER 23

The Benevolence Committee will once again coordinate adopting a local family (or two) for the holidays. Look for the list of suggested gift items to be posted on November 23.

ARC ADVENT/POTLUCK NIGHT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 4:00-6:00 P.M.

Come and help decorate the church for the coming Advent. Season. We will decorate the sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, and the outside of the church building from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Following the decorating we will share in a potluck dinner and then end our time together with some singing of our favorite Advent/Christmas carols. Bring your whole family. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall to let us know how many people to expect, and what you will share at the potluck. Bring a friend! The first Sunday of Advent is November 30.

PRAYERS FOR: **Hannah Walters**, 22-year-old granddaughter of Natalie and John, diagnosed with cancer, and under the care of Sloan-Kettering in NYC; Natalie's brother-in-law, **Michael Frey**, experiencing serious respiratory issues; **Sallie Townsend**, readjusting to life at home

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR:

Clara Lasselle and family, as Clara is now in hospice care at Kingsway; **Kim Gurney and family** as Kim continues rehab at Greene Meadows in Catskill; **Joan**, elderly relative of Nancy Twaddell living alone in Florida; **Gerry Starr**, cousin of the Sargents; **Ann Feidner**, sister of Rich Lasselle; **Jackie Gregory**

LONG-TERM HEALTH ISSUES:

Bea Smith; **Mona Shuker**; **John & Marlene Williams**; **Paige and Eric Tooker** (Cystic Fibrosis); **Patti Percoski**; **Lois Wood**; **Nancy Harrigan**, Jackie Greory's sister; **Linda**, Kitt's sister-in-law; **Paula Eagan**

IN LONG-TERM CARE:

Clara and Ralph Lasselle, in Kingsway Community Assisted Living; **Chris Tucker**, at the Washington Center Nursing and Rehab; **Jeanne Picard-Fish**, at Daughters of Sarah; **Joan Whinnery**, at Judson Meadows Ass't Living in Glenville; **Keith Baratier's father, Paul**

PRAYER REQUESTS AND UPDATES

Please call or email the church office if you have a name to add to our prayer corner list or have an update.

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