

Prayer Requests

Place in the offering baskets  
or the offering boxes near the  
Worship Center doors or  
at the Welcome Center.  
☐ Prayer Team ☐ Confidential

This Week At ACV:

Sunday - December 21st

8:45 am Worship Rehearsal - WC  
9:15 am MASK'd Prayer  
10:00 am Sunday Service - WC

Wednesday - December 24th

4:00 pm Christmas Eve Service - WC  
6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service - WC

Thursday - December 25th

Merry Christmas  
Office Closed

Friday - December 26th

Office Closed

Saturday - December 27th

7:00 am Men's Group - CR

Key:

WC- Worship Center GR- Great Room  
SC - Student Center CR- Conference  
D- Classroom D C- Classroom C  
5- Classroom 5 P- Pavilion

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Looking Ahead...

December 24th Christmas Eve Services  
December 31st CYAH New Years Party  
January 4th 40 Days of Prayer Begins  
January 4th M.A.S.K'd Prayer  
January 7th Wednesday Night Programs  
January 15th JOY Group Lunch  
January 23-25th HS Winter Retreat  
January 24th WM Dinners of Six  
February 7th Men's Conference  
February 14th Valentine's Day Event

Next Sunday, December 28th, 2025

Greeters: Brian & Brandi Hacken  
Children's Church: Camey Bevens  
Addie Anderson & Aria Madrigal  
Nursery: Katie Lineker

Stewardship Update

Attendance for December 14th, Service: 375

Giving For December 14th, 2025

General Fund Weekly Budget	\$	12,846.15
General Fund Giving	\$	16,604.01
Missions Giving	\$	400.00
Year To Date Missions Giving	\$	14,061.94
Last Year To Date Giving	\$	22,877.00
General Fund Budget (thru 20 wk)	\$	256,923.00
General Fund Offering (thru 20 wk)	\$	262,969.32

There are many ways to give;  
the offering baskets, the offering boxes  
located at the Worship Center Exits,  
and online through stcroixalliance.com  
Thank you for your faithful generosity!

12/21/2025



Welcome to Alliance Church of the Valley  
We're glad you're here.

2025  
Koinonia Café Open  
10:00 am Worship Services

Cry Room/Nursing  
Mother's Room

A glass enclosed sound proof  
room is available at the back of  
the upper level of the  
Worship Center for parents  
with children or nursing  
mothers. It contains an audio  
feed from the sound booth.

Nursery 10:00 AM

Our well staffed nursery is  
available on the upper level  
across from the Worship  
Center doors for children who  
are infant to 36 months.

Children's Church  
10:00 AM

We provide an age suitable  
learning environment for our  
families in Classroom #3 on the  
lower level. Kids age 3-6 years  
old are welcome to participate.  
Please arrive prior to the start  
of service.

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SERMON

Sermon Series: Advent - Heaven Came Down  
Sunday, December 21st, 2025  
Title: Love Came Down - From Lost To Found  
Text: Luke 15  
Speaker: Pastor Chris Folkestad

**-First Time Visitors-**  
We are so glad you’ve come this morning to seek the Lord Jesus Christ and worship Him together with us. Please take a moment to complete the Connection Card attached to this worship folder. Please bring it to the Welcome Center to receive a *complimentary gift bag* and information about the ministries of our church.

**Advent Service**  
**Our Advent Journey**  
The light of our Advent wreath grows brighter today as we enter the fourth week of the season. Joining us to celebrate this final step of our preparation are Wayne and Norma Beaström. As they light The Candle of Love, we reflect on the divine love that entered the world through Jesus Christ.



**Connecting With Our Church Family**  
**Christmas Eve Services**  
Amidst the busyness of the season, find a moment of peace. Please join us for our Christmas Eve Candle Light Services on December 24th, at 4:00 pm or 6:00 pm. Through song, scripture, and the glow of hundreds of candles, we will honor the arrival of the Greatest Gift. Come as you are and experience the wonder of the Savior’s birth.

**Merry Christmas**  
We would like to wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas! May your homes be filled with the joy, peace, and love of Christ through this season. Please note, to allow us time to celebrate with our families, the church office and buildings will be closed on Thursday, December 25th, and Friday, December 26th. We look forward to seeing you back for worship next Sunday!



**Women’s Prayer Group**  
There will be no Women’s Prayer Group this week as we take time to celebrate the Christmas holiday. We look forward to gathering again the next week. Enjoy the time with your families!



**Year End Giving**  
We are so grateful for your heart for Alliance Church of the Valley. Your generosity is what allows our ministries to thrive and helps us care for our community throughout the year. If you’re planning to make a year-end gift, just a quick reminder that they need to be received or postmarked by December 31st to be included in your 2025 giving statement. Thank you for your continued support to ACV!

**J.O.Y. Group Lunch(55+)**  
Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for our next JOY Group lunch on Thursday, January 15th. More information coming out soon.



**Men’s Conference**  
Men, join us on February 7th, for the No Regrets Conference Simulcast. The day begins with a hearty breakfast followed by world-class speakers, biblical teaching, and breakout sessions focused on spiritual growth and leadership. Registration is available online.

**Dinners of Six**  
Ladies, as we turn our hearts toward Christmas and all the joy that brings, remember to sign up for the January 24th, Dinners of Six! If you've been longing for meaningful friendships and deeper connection at ACV, this fun, low-stress and intimate setting is a great start. If you would like to attend or be a host, please register online or at the Welcome Center.



**MASK’d Prayer**  
**Meeting And Seeking Kingdom Direction...** In Prayer. Join us as we gather to seek the Lord and pray for our nation. Whether you are a seasoned prayer warrior or just getting started, no special skill is required—just a willing heart. Our next meetings will be held on January 4th and 18th starting at 9:15 am.

**Connecting to the Community**  
**Open Arms Dinner**  
A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our recent Open Arms Dinner! We are so grateful for the volunteers who served with such joy and for every person who shared a meal and conversation with us—it was a beautiful night of food and fellowship. We would love to see you at our next gathering! Please mark your calendars and invite a friend to join us for the next Open Arms Dinner on Thursday, January 22. We look forward to seeing you around the table again soon!

**Young Adults**  
**New Year Celebration**  
CYAH is inviting all the young adults (18-33) for a fun New Year's Eve Celebration. Join us December 31st, at 7:00 pm in the ACV Student Center for an evening of games, trivia, fellowship, delicious food, and raffles as we celebrate the past year and look forward to what comes next. The signups are located online or at the Welcome Center.



**Youth Ministry**  
**Youth Group**  
Youth Group will not be meeting for the next two weeks to allow our students and leaders time to enjoy the holidays with their families. We look forward to seeing everyone back for our first gathering of the year on Wednesday, January 7th! Have a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.



**HS Winter Retreat**  
High schoolers, get ready for an unforgettable weekend at Camp Forest Springs from January 23-25th! It’s going to be an amazing weekend featuring a great speaker, life-changing interactions with Jesus, and tons of fun with friends. Don’t miss out on this incredible weekend; register online today and invite a friend!

**Children’s Ministry**  
**AWANA**  
Please note that AWANA will not be meeting for the next two weeks as we take a break to celebrate the Christmas season with our families. We hope you have a wonderful time rejoicing in the birth of Jesus! We look forward to seeing all of our clubbers and leaders back on Wednesday, January 7th. Merry Christmas!



**Connection Card**  
Please sign, tear off, and place in the offering.

☐ 1st time guest  
☐ 2nd time guest  
☐ 3rd time guest  
☐ Regular Attender  
☐ Member  
☐ Visiting with family/friends  
☐ New Address/Phone/ Email

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Age Group**

☐ Jr./ Sr High                      ☐ 40-50’s  
☐ College (18-24)                ☐ 60-70’s  
☐ 20-30’s                              ☐ 80+

Name(s) of children living at home and ages: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**I’d Like information on:**

☐ How to begin a relationship with Christ  
☐ How to become a church member  
☐ Youth Ministries  
☐ Children Ministries  
☐ Small Groups (Life Groups)  
☐ Interested in Baptism  
☐ Women’s Ministries  
☐ Men’s Ministries  
☐ Music Opportunities  
☐ I’d like to talk to a pastor  
☐ I’d like to subscribe to the newsletter  
☐ I’d like a church mailbox

Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
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