

Worship for the Lord's Day

January 1, 2017 – 1st Sunday after Christmas Day
10:00 AM

*An asterisk * indicates standing, as you are able.
The congregation's responses are in bold italics.*

The Church is Gathered

Welcome The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Announcements *Please see the bulletin insert for all announcements.*

Prelude *If With All Your Heart You Truly Love Him* F. Mendelssohn

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

Congregational Introit *Bring We the Frankincense (v. 1)* Hymnal #62

To Praise God's Name

Call to Worship Based on Psalm 29: 2-4

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of His name;

Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

***The God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over mighty waters.***

The voice of the Lord is powerful;

The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

Indeed, let us come and worship the Lord our God,
who gives strength to His people;
who blesses His people with peace,
whose voice is heard throughout the nations.

* **Hymn** *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright* Hymnal #68

Unison Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ Your Son. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response Forgiveness is ours in Jesus Christ. *Thanks be to God!*

* **Song of Praise** *Gloria Patri* Hymnal #579

*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.*

* **Passing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ is with you. *And also with you.*

Choral Anthem *Come Down to Bethlehem* Pepper Choplin

All children through the 5th grade are invited to depart for Children's Church.

To Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 52:7-10* p.633

New Testament Reading *John 1:1-14* p.922

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

Sermon *Sing a New Song*

To Thank God

* **Hymn** *'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime* Hymnal #61

* **Profession of Faith** *Apostles' Creed (Traditional)* Hymnal p.14

Offering *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* K. Thomerson

During the offertory, you are invited to offer silent prayers of gratitude.

* **Song of Thanksgiving** *Doxology* **Hymnal #592**

*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.*

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers by and for the People • The Lord's Prayer (*...debtors...debtors*)

To Depart to Serve God

* **Hymn** *Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow* **Hymnal #50**

* **Charge and Benediction**

* **Congregational Amen** **Hymnal #586**

Postlude *Once in Royal David's City* Henry Gauntlett



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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Schedules

Ushers, January	Jerry Moore Mark Younkin Jack & Alline Ritzer
Lay Reader, January 8	Dana Taylor
Lay Reader, January 15	Jane Strebel
Nursery, January 8	Anne & Charlotte Mabry
Nursery, January 15	Garry & Dana Taylor
CC Teachers, January	Barbie Andrews
CC Assistant, January 8	Jean Murphy
CC Assistant, January 15	Alline Ritzer
Communion Servers, Jan. 8	David & Sally Sease Gary & Barbie Andrews

January 2-7, Daily Lectionary Reading

MONDAY	Morning: Pss. 48; 145 Evening: Pss. 9; 29 Gen. 12:1-7 Heb. 11:1-12 John 6:35-42, 48-51	THURSDAY	Morning: Pss. 99; 147:12-20 Evening: Pss. 96; 110 Josh. 1:1-9 Heb. 11:32-12:2 John 15:1-16
TUESDAY	Morning: Pss. 111; 146 Evening: Pss. 107; 15 Gen. 28:10-22 Heb. 11:13-22 John 10:7-17	FRIDAY	Morning: Pss. 72; 148 Evening: Pss. 100; 67 Isa. 52:7-10 Rev. 21:22-27 Matt. 12:14-21
WEDNESDAY	Morning: Pss. 20; 147:1-11 Evening: Pss. 93; 97 Exod. 3:1-5 Heb. 11:23-31 John 14:6-14	SATURDAY	Morning: Pss. 46 or 97; 149 Evening: Pss. 27; 93 or 114 Isa. 52:3-6 Rev. 2:1-7 John 2:1-11

People to Contact at APC

Session (Active Elders)

Gary Andrews ('18) <i>Ministry Beyond the Congregation</i>
Beverly Eubank ('17) <i>Property</i>
Linda Janiak ('17) <i>Ministry Within the Congregation</i>
Anne Mabry ('18) <i>Worship</i>
Martha Moore ('17) <i>Christian Education</i>
Chip Roark ('18) <i>Ministry Support</i>
Dana Taylor ('18) <i>Christian Education</i>
Mark Younkin ('17) <i>Property</i>
Mikel Pugh <i>Moderator of Session</i>

Staff

Carolyn Doss <i>Church Secretary</i>
John Erb <i>Clerk of Session</i>
Dot Hogan <i>Organist</i>
Dennis Janiak <i>Treasurer</i>
Stephanie Moehlenkamp <i>Choir Director</i>

Other Contacts

Dolores Drumheller <i>Prayer Fellowship Request</i>
Jack Ritzer <i>The Men of the Church</i>
Jane Strebel <i>Women's Fellowship Study Leader</i>

Presbyterian Church strives to show compassion to all people within our Congregation and beyond our doors just as Jesus showed compassion to all those in need.

Joys and Concerns for Prayer

Please contact the church office if you have prayer concerns.

Prayers For....

- God's church here at APC and for His guidance.
- Our Session & Church Leaders.
- Dean Smith's health.
- Ted Phillips' health.
- Our Pastor Nominating Committee.
- Hospice patients and their caregivers.
- Jon Boyd (Lauren Sease Vanacore's father-in-law) having chemo for non-Hodgkins Lymphoma.
- Kim Steinhorst's daughter (Allison) as she goes through treatments for cancer.
- David Etheridge, pastor at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, as he has surgery and aggressive treatment for a rare stomach cancer.
- The Steele Family, in the death of Bob Steele.
- Ted Hogan's health.
- Chris Smith (Dianne Emmett's son-in-law) as he has test on his pancreas.
- Julie Dalton Dollyhite (LeeAnn Sease Robinson's friend) as she goes through treatments for breast cancer.
- Linda & Craig Reilly (Mark Younkin's mother & stepfather) health concerns.
- David Lyons, cancer.
- Our homebound members, Joe Mason, Janet & Jerry Soddors, Tim Coleman.
- Our nation and all our elected leaders.

Announcements

Welcome to Altavista Presbyterian Church! Psalm 122 says, "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" If you are a guest among us this morning, we extend a warm greeting to you on behalf of the elders and members of this congregation. We are glad you are here to worship with us today. Please speak to one of our ushers if there is any way this congregation can assist you.

The Session is delighted to **welcome to our pulpit** our very own Cynthia Erb. Cynthia has served as an Elder on our Session and also was a member of the Transition Team. She sings in our choir and also with the Jefferson Choral Society.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Ron Coleman**.

Thank you to the choir, Stephanie Moehlenkamp, and Dot Hogan for the beautiful **Christmas Music Program** December 18th. What a blessing it was to all of us!

The **Church Office** will be closed Monday in observance of New Year's Day.

The Presbyterian Men will meet for our **Men's lunch** this Tuesday, January 3, at 12 Noon at Hibachi Grill in Lynchburg.

A **reception** will be held in memory of Bob Steele next Sunday, January 8, immediately after worship in the fellowship hall.

The **Women's Fellowship** will meet Tuesday, January 10, at 10:00 AM in the parlor, all women are invited.

The **Christian Education Committee** will meet Tuesday, January 10, at 6:00 PM at the church.

The **Ministry Within Committee** will meet Tuesday, January 10, at 7:00 PM at the church.

The **Property Committee** will meet Wednesday, January 11, at 5:30 PM at the church.

The **2017 Flower Calendar** has been posted in the hallway. Please take a moment to sign up to place flowers in the sanctuary for the Sunday morning of your choosing.