

To Praise God's Name

Call to Worship

The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

*The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?*

One thing have we asked of the Lord, that will we seek after:

*That I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.*

Teach us your way, O Lord, and lead us on a level path.

*Wait for the Lord; be strong,
and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!*

- * **Hymn** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Hymnal #464

*The Presbyterian Two-Cents-a-Meal offering
will be collected at the communion table during the hymn.*

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, Light of the world, we confess that we have not resisted the darkness of sin. You call us into righteousness, but we have ignored your cry. You command us to turn from iniquity, but our hearts are hard in the face of your orders. Awaken in us sincere repentance that we may shine with the light of your saving grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Choral Kyrie *Lord, Have Mercy, Christ, Have Mercy*

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.*
All children 6 and younger are invited to Children's Church in the nursery.

To Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 60:1-3, 16-18* p.639

Choral Anthem *Would I Miss the Miracle?* Douglas Nolan

New Testament Reading *Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11* p.835

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

Sermon *"More Precious Than Gold"*

To Thank God

- * **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.

Offering *Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love* arr. Carmichael

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

To See God's Word in Sacrament

- * **Hymn** *Jesus, Priceless Treasure* Hymnal #365

Invitation to the Lord's Table The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest...

...With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service. According to Christ's commandment:

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory...

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing in the Bread and the Cup

Prayer after the Meal

To Depart to Serve God

- * Hymn *We Three Kings of Orient Are* Hymnal #66
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Congregational Amen *The Summons (vs. 1)* Sing the Faith #2130
- Postlude *Christians, We Have Met to Worship* arr. D. Wagner

Altavista Presbyterian Church

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
in the Presbytery of the Peaks



Worship for the Lord's Day

January 7, 2018 – Epiphany Sunday
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 *Bread of the World* arr. Robert Lau
In order to prepare for worship, you are invited to pray silently during the prelude.

Congregational Introit *Carol of the Epiphany (vs. 1)* **Sing the Faith #2094**

Schedules

Ushers, January	Jack Ritzer, Gary Taylor Kevin & Keegan deBernard
Lay Reader, January 14	Gary Andrews
Lay Reader, January 21	Chip Roark
Nursery, January	Gary Andrews
Communion Servers Today	John & Cynthia Erb, Dennis & Linda Janiak

Our Mission

As members of the Body of Christ is to be
His voice and hands helping all people.



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Chip Roark ('18)
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Dana Taylor ('18)
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Other Contacts

Dolores Drumheller
Prayer Fellowship Request

Jack Ritzer
The Men of the Church

Altavista 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.
- Dianne Emmett's, health.
- Ted Phillips' health.
- David Lyons, cancer.
- Hospice patients and their caregivers.
- Elaine Button, health concerns.
- Ryan Hedgepeth, recovering from a severe accident.
- The Fauver Family, in the death of Joseph "Tim" Fauver.
- Jeremy Larkin, as he serves in the military as a helicopter pilot.
- Grant Martin (Dennis & Linda Janiak's son-in-law) deployed to Korea.
- Our homebound members, Tim Coleman, Janet Soddors, Dean Smith, Essie Moore.
- Our nation and all our elected leaders.

Today's Prayers and Sermon Notes

Announcements

Welcome to Altavista Presbyterian Church! I Thessalonians 2:8 says, "We are delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well..." If you are a guest with us this morning, we are grateful for your presence among us. Please speak to the pastor or one of our ushers if you have any questions about our church or our community.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Barbie Andrews**.

The **Ministry Beyond Committee** will meet this Monday, January 8, at 5 PM at the church.

The **Women's Fellowship** will meet this Tuesday, January 9, at 10:30 AM in the parlor, all women are invited.

The **Christian Education Committee** will meet this Tuesday, January 9, at 6:00 PM at the church.

The **Prayer Fellowship** will meet this Wednesday, 9:30 AM in the pastor's study.

The **Property Committee** will meet this Wednesday, January 10, at 5:30 PM at the church.

The **Ministry Within Committee** will meet this Wednesday, January 10, at 6 PM at the church.

Rev. Soto will be **out of the office** January 11-16. We welcome to our pulpit Rev. Dick Boswell on January 14.

Our Church will be serving the **Second Helping Lunch**, next Wednesday, January 10. Volunteers are needed to serve and provide menu items. Please sign-up on the bulletin board in the hall.

The **2018 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.

The Session would like to thank everyone who submitted a **pledge for 2018**. Thank you again for all you do to support the ministry of APC.

January DAWN Donation: Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce