

## To Praise God's Name

### Call to Worship

From water to wilderness:

*God's covenant continues;  
God's kingdom comes near.*

On stone and in hearts:

*God's covenant continues;  
God's kingdom comes near.*

From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:

*God's covenant continues;  
God's kingdom comes near.*

We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,

*for where he is, we would be also.*

\* **Hymn**      *O That I Had a Thousand Voices*      Hymnal #475

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

### Unison Prayer of Confession

*Merciful God, how fickle we are; we sin against you without even knowing it. Clear us, we pray, of any unknown sin, and save us from willfully ignoring your way. Let your commandments rule and guide us. Forgive us for worshiping anyone or anything except you; keep us faithful. Forgive us for thinking everything depends on our efforts and power, for you are the God who made us, led us out of slavery to sin, and brought us into the community of faith. Help us to depend on you alone and to rest in your peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.*

### Silent Prayers of Confession

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

### Assurance of Forgiveness

**Response**      Forgiveness is ours through 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**      *Deuteronomy 24:14-15*      p.173

**Choral Anthem**      *How Beautiful*      arr. Benjamin Harlan

**New Testament Reading**      *Matthew 20:1-15*      p.854

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

**Sermon**      *"The Parable of the Hired Laborers"*

## 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**      *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*      Craig Penfield

*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**     *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*     Hymnal #280

### 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**     *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*     Hymnal #81

### \* Charge and Benediction

\* **Congregational Amen**     *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* (vs. 1)     **Sing the Faith #2241**

**Postlude**     *Jesus Saves*     William Kirkpatrick

# Altavista Presbyterian Church

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



## Worship for the Lord's Day

March 4, 2018 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
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**     *There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood*     James Mansfield

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

**Congregational Introit**     *Lord of All Hopefulness* (vs. 1)     **Sing the Faith #2197**

## Schedules

Ushers, March	Janette Walker Kelly & Kiernan deBernard
Lay Reader, March 11	John Erb
Lay Reader, March 18	Mark Younkin
Nursery, March	Alice Barkdoll

## March Events

March 4	10 AM Worship/Communion & Children's Church
March 5	5 PM, Ministry Beyond Meeting 7 PM Boy Scouts Meeting
March 6	Noon – Men's Lunch at Taste of Italy 6:30 PM Bible Study
March 7	12:10 PM Lenten Service/Lunch (Rev. Ben Horrocks) 5:30 PM Property Meeting
March 8	10 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM COM Meeting in FH
March 10	7 PM Churchwide Movie Night in FH
March 11	10 AM Worship/Children's Church 5 PM Youth Group Meeting
March 12	7 PM Boy Scouts Meeting
March 13	10:30 AM Women's Fellowship Meeting 5 PM Worship Meeting 6 PM Christian Ed. Meeting
March 14	9:30 AM Prayer Fellowship 12:10 PM Lenten Service/Lunch (Rev. Wyatt Miles)
March 18	10 AM Worship/Children's Church/Congregational Mtg. 6 PM Koinonia Dinner/Panel Discussion
March 19	7 PM Boy Scouts Meeting
March 20	Noon – Men's Lunch at El Cazador 6:30 PM Bible Study
March 21	9:30 APC Serves Lunch at Lynchburg Daily Bread 12:10 Lenten Service/Lunch (Rev. Sam Knaus) 1 PM DAWN Board Meeting
March 22	10 AM Bible Study
March 24	8 AM Habitat for Humanity Pancake Breakfast in FH
March 25	10 AM Choral Cantata/Receive OGHS Offering 1 PM Session Meeting 5 PM Youth Group Meeting
March 26	7 PM Boy Scouts Meeting April Link Deadline
March 28	9:30 AM Prayer Fellowship 12:10 PM Lenten Service/Lunch (Rev. Dawn Compton)
March 29	7 PM Maundy Thursday Service

## People to Contact at APC

### Session (Active Elders)

Gary Andrews ('18)  
*Ministry Beyond the Congregation*

Ron Coleman ('19)  
*Christian Education*

Kelly deBernard ('19)  
*Ministry Within the Congregation*

Anne Mabry ('18)  
*Worship*

Stephanie Moehlenkamp ('19)  
*Worship*

Chip Roark ('18)  
*Ministry Support*

Dana Taylor ('18)  
*Christian Education*

Mark Younkin ('19)  
*Property*

Rev. Ed Soto  
*Moderator of Session*

### Staff

Rev. Ed Soto  
*Pastor*

Carolyn Doss  
*Church Secretary*

John Erb  
*Clerk of Session*

Dot Hogan  
*Organist*

Dennis Janiak  
*Treasurer*

Stephanie Moehlenkamp  
*Choir Director*

### Other Contacts

Dolores Drumheller  
*Prayer Fellowship Request*

Jack Ritzer  
*The Men of the Church*



## Our Mission

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



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*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.
- Dianne Emmett's health.
- Ted Phillips' health.
- David Lyons, cancer.
- Hospice patients and their caregivers.
- Ryan Hedgepeth, continued recovery from a severe accident.
- Joyce Coleman.
- John Erb.
- 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!** If you are a guest with us today, we extend to you the hand of fellowship in the name of Jesus Christ. We are glad you are worshipping with us, and hope you will return. If you are interested in more information about our congregation, please speak to the pastor or one of our ushers at the door.

The **sanctuary flowers** this morning are given by Kevin & Kelly deBernard for the glory of God and in celebration of Kiernan's 13<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Chip Roark**.

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

The Presbyterian Men will meet for our **Men's lunch** at Noon this Tuesday, March 6, at Taste of Italy.

**Pastor Ed's Bible Study** will meet this Tuesday, March 6, at 6:30 PM at the church, this meeting will be B.Y.O.D. Bring Your Own Dinner. The morning Bible Study will meet this Thursday, March 8, at 10 AM at the church.

Please join us this Saturday evening at 7 PM for a **Movie Night** in the fellowship hall as we watch "Hidden Figures." Light refreshments will be served.

Again this year APC will be hosting the weekly **Lenten Services**, sponsored by the Altavista Area Ministerial Association each Wednesday at 12:10 PM. Rev Ben Horrocks of Lane Memorial United Methodist Church will be the speaker this Wednesday.

Our spring **Congregational Meeting** will be held Sunday, March 18, immediately after worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a class of elders for the Class of 2020 and to conduct any business of the church corporation.

The 2018 **Mission Trip** is scheduled for June 17-23, in Colcord, West VA. Please sign-up on the bulletin board by **March 25<sup>th</sup>** if you would like to participate.

**March DAWN Donation:** Canned Green Beans & Corn