

Worship for the Lord's Day

March 11, 2018 – 4th 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 *The Blood Will Never Lose It's Power* Andre Crouch
In order to prepare for worship, you are invited to pray silently during the prelude.

Congregational Introit *Lord of All Hopefulness* **Sing the Faith**
(vs. 2) #2197

To Praise God's Name

Lenten 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** *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* **Hymnal #483**

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy of our complaints. We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we commit evils in your sight. We protest the problems of our world, but we do not seek your will in the midst of them. Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace. Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways that we may know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ, in whose 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 *Leviticus 25:35-38* p.108

Choral Anthem *There Is a Green Hill Far Away* M. Armstrong

New Testament Reading *Luke 18:9-14* p.911

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

Sermon *"The Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican"*

To Thank God

* **Hymn** *Just as I Am, Without One Plea* **Hymnal #370**

* **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 *The Wayfaring Stranger* Old Southern Melody

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

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.

To Depart to Serve God

* **Hymn** *My Song Is Love Unknown* Hymnal #76

* **Charge and Benediction**

* **Congregational** *The Spirit Sends Us Forth* **Sing the Faith**
Amen *to Serve* (vs. 2) **#2241**

Postlude *Hallelujah For the Cross* James McGranahan



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, March	Janette Walker Kelly & Kiernan deBernard
Lay Reader, March 18	Mark Younkin
Lay Reader, March 25	Keegan deBernard
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) <i>Ministry Beyond the Congregation</i>
Ron Coleman ('19) <i>Christian Education</i>
Kelly deBernard ('19) <i>Ministry Within the Congregation</i>
Anne Mabry ('18) <i>Worship</i>
Stephanie Moehlenkamp ('19) <i>Worship</i>
Chip Roark ('18) <i>Ministry Support</i>
Dana Taylor ('18) <i>Christian Education</i>
Mark Younkin ('19) <i>Property</i>
Rev. Ed Soto <i>Moderator of Session</i>

Staff

Rev. Ed Soto <i>Pastor</i>
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>

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 and move to Connecticut.
- Hospice patients and their caregivers.
- Ryan Hedgepeth, continued recovery from a severe accident.
- Joyce Coleman.
- Jean Murphy.
- Garrett Janiak, (Dennis Janiak's brother) recovery from heart surgery.
- 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! We are glad that you have come to worship our saving Lord, Jesus Christ, with us today. We hope you join us as we serve God today and throughout the week.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Cynthia Erb**.

The **Youth Group** will meet today at 5 PM at the church.

The **Women's Fellowship** will meet this Tuesday, March 13, at 10:30 AM in the parlor, all women are invited.

The **Worship Committee** will meet this Tuesday, March 13, at 5 PM at the church.

The **Christian Education Committee** will meet this Tuesday, March 13, at 6:00 PM at the church.

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

APC will be hosting the weekly **Lenten Services**, sponsored by the Altavista Area Ministerial Association each Wednesday at 12:10 PM. Rev Wyatt Miles of Monte Vista Baptist Church will be the speaker this Wednesday.

Our spring **Congregational Meeting** will be held next 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.

Our church will host eleven students from Germany who are in the United States on a tour of the American Religious Experience. They will join us Sunday, March 18, for worship and that evening we will have a **Koinonia Dinner** at 6:00 PM and a **Panel Discussion** at 7:00 PM. Please bring a dish to share.

The **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** will be received Sunday, March 25, and will be matched by our ACT for Missions trust. Please make checks payable to APC and indicate in the memo line that it's for the OGHS.

March DAWN Donation: Canned Green Beans & Corn