

Worship for the Lord's Day

March 12, 2017 – 2nd 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 *When I Look Into Your Holiness* arr. Carl Seal

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

Congregational Introit *If Thou but Trust in God
to Guide Thee (v.1)* Hymnal #282

To Praise God's Name

Call to Worship

The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

The journey begins in the wilderness.

We follow the way of Jesus,
who faced trials, trouble,
temptation, and testing.

Like Jesus, we are not alone.

The Holy Spirit is with us.

God's Word is on our lips.

Our call is to trust in God alone,
to do God's will in all things.

*For God leads us not only into the wilderness,
but also through the wilderness.*

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

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in you. We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own. We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world. In turning from you, we settle for a lifestyle of disobedience. Forgive us, we pray. Do not let us be put to shame, O God. Hear us as we call to you and show us salvation in Christ. 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 *Rock of Ages (Forgiven and Free)* arr. Sorenson

To Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading Luke 15:11-24 p.909

Second Scripture Reading Luke 15:25-32 p.909

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

Sermon "The Way of the Cross: Self-Examination"

To Thank God

* **Hymn** *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* Insert

* **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 *In The Garden* C. Austin Miles

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

* **Charge and Benediction**

* **Congregational Amen** *If Thou but Trust in God
to Guide Thee (v.3)* Hymnal #282

Postlude *Crown Him King of Kings* arr. Carl Seal



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	Sang-il Lee Mary Woodie Alex & Beverly Eubank
Lay Reader, March 19	Martha Moore
Lay Reader, March 26	Barbie Andrews
Nursery, March 19	Darlene Robertson Ron Coleman
Nursery, March 26	Alice Barkdoll, Cynthia Erb
CC Teachers, March	Cynthia Erb
CC Assistant, March 19	David Sease
CC Assistant, March 26	Aline Ritzer

March 13-18, Daily Lectionary Reading

MONDAY	Morning: Pss. 119:73-80; 145 Evening: Pss. 121; 6 Jer. 1:11-19 Rom. 1:1-15 John 4:27-42	THURSDAY	Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12-20 Evening: Pss. 126; 102 Jer. 4:9-10, 19-28 Rom. 2:12-24 John 5:19-29
TUESDAY	Morning: Pss. 34; 146 Evening: Pss. 25; 91 Jer. 2:1-13, 29-32 Rom. 1:16-25 John 4:43-54	FRIDAY	Morning: Pss. 22; 148 Evening: Pss. 105; 130 Jer. 5:1-9 Rom. 2:25-3:18 John 5:30-47
WEDNESDAY	Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1-11 Evening: Pss. 27; 51 Jer. 3:6-18 Rom. 1:(26-27) 28-2:11 John 5:1-18	SATURDAY	Morning: Pss. 43; 149 Evening: Pss. 31; 143 Jer. 5:20-31 Rom. 3:19-31 John 7:1-13

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>
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>
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 new Pastor and his Wife.
- Hospice patients and their caregivers.
- David Etheridge, pastor at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, as he has aggressive treatment for a rare stomach cancer.
- The Hogan family in the death of Ted Hogan (Dot Hogan's husband.)
- Billy Robertson, as he recovers from eye surgery.
- Nancy Pittard, cancer.
- Julie Dalton Dollyhite (LeeAnn Sease Robinson's friend) as she recovers from surgery.
- 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.

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 **sanctuary flowers** this morning are given by Preston & Ann Andrews for the glory of God and in celebration of our new pastor and his wife.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Beverly Eubank**.

The **Women's Fellowship** will meet this Tuesday, March 14, at 10:00 AM in the parlor, all women are invited.

The **Christian Education Committee** will meet this Tuesday, March 14, at 6:00 PM at the church.

The **Worship Committee** will meet this Tuesday, March 14, at 6:00 PM at the church.

Again this year we will be hosting the weekly **Lenten Lunches**, each Wednesday at 12:10 PM during Lent.

We will be serving lunch at the **Lynchburg Daily Bread** this Wednesday, March 15, from 9:30 AM to 12:45 PM. If interested, please sign up on the bulletin board by the church office.

The Ministry Within the Congregation will host a **Bingo night** at the church this Saturday, March 18, at 6:30 PM.

Our spring stated **Congregational Meeting** will be held Sunday, March 26, immediately after worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the 2019 class of elders and to conduct any business of the APC Corporation.

A **reception** will be held in memory of Bob Steele April 9, immediately after worship in the fellowship hall.

Everyone is invited to our **Easter Koinonia Breakfast** Sunday, April 16th at **9:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share. Your extended family and guests are welcome to join us for our meal!

March DAWN Donation: Canned Green Beans and Corn