

Worship for the Lord's Day

April 1, 2018 – Easter 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 *Hail Thee, Festival Day* Ralph Williams

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. 4) #2197

To Praise God's Name

Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

* **Hymn** *The Strife Is O'er* Hymnal #119

Unison Prayer of Confession

Omnipotent and Omniscient God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we struggle to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love. Forgive us and regenerate us in the name of your Son, our Savior. Amen.

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.*

To Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading *Psalms 22:22-31* p.475

Choral Anthem *I Am the Lord of the Dance!* arr. Joel Raney

New Testament Reading *John 20:11-18* p.944

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

Sermon "Can You Imagine"

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 *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth* J. H. Fillmore

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** *In the Garden* **Insert**

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...

With the saints of every age, we praise your name
and join their unending hymn:

*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...*

Remembering our Lord's selfless love,

we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

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** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!* **Hymnal #113**

* **Charge and Benediction**

* **Congregational** *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* **Sing the Faith**
Amen (vs. 4) **#2241**

Postlude *Easter Hymn ("Davidica")* arr. Will Stockton

Schedules

Ushers, April	Gary & Barbie Andrews Alex & Beverly Eubank
Lay Reader, April 8	Gary Andrews
Lay Reader, April 15	Cynthia Erb
Nursery, April	Darlene Robertson
Communion Servers Today	Gary & Barbie Andrews Alex & Beverly Eubank

Upcoming Events

April 1	Easter Sunday Worship, Communion Koinonia Luncheon after Worship
April 2	Church Office Closed 5 PM, Ministry Beyond Meeting 7 PM Boy Scouts Meeting
April 3	Noon – Men’s Lunch at Hibachi Grill 6:30 PM Bible Study
April 5	10 AM Bible Study
April 8	10 AM Worship/Children’s Church 5 PM Youth Group Meeting
April 9	7 PM Boy Scouts Meeting
April 10	10:30 AM Women’s Fellowship Mtg. at Barbara Podrebarac’s First National Bank Stockholder’s Mtg. and Luncheon 6 PM Christian Ed. Meeting
April 11	9:30 AM Prayer Fellowship 11-12:30 PM Second Helping Lunch 5:30 Property Meeting
April 15	10 AM Worship/Children’s Church Called Congregation Meeting 11:30 PM Session Meeting
April 16	7 PM Boy Scouts Meeting
April 17	Noon – Men’s Lunch at Mama Rosa’s 6:30 PM Bible Study
April 18	9:30 APC Serves Lunch at Lynchburg Daily Bread 11-12:30 PM Second Helping Lunch 1 PM DAWN Board Meeting
April 19	10 AM Bible Study
April 22	10 AM Worship/Children’s Church 5 PM Youth Group Meeting
April 23	7 PM Boy Scouts Meeting May Link Deadline
April 25	9:30 AM Prayer Fellowship 11-12:30 PM Second Helping Lunch
April 29	10 AM Worship/Children’s Church
April 30	7 PM Boy Scouts Meeting

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>



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.
- Hospice patients and their caregivers.
- Ryan Hedgepeth, continued recovery from a severe accident.
- Joyce Coleman.
- Ronald Vuncannon.
- Jean Murphy.
- The Woodie family, in the death of Les Woodie.
- LeeAnn Head.
- 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 Sodders, 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 joined us to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection. We gather here today to worship and praise our God who loves us, saves us, and is always present with us.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Keegan deBernard**.

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

A **special offering** will be collected this morning to benefit the Ryan Hedgepeth family. This offering will be matched by the ACT for Mission funds and the gift from Covenant Presbyterian Church. Please make checks payable to APC and indicate in the memo line that it's for the Hedgepeth family.

Everyone is invited to our **Easter Koinonia Luncheon** immediately after worship today in the Fellowship Hall. Your extended family and guests are welcome to join us for our meal!

The **church office** will be closed this Monday in observance of Easter.

The **Ministry Beyond Committee** will meet this Monday, April 2, at 5 PM at the church.

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

Pastor Ed's Bible Study will meet this Tuesday, April 3, 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, April 5, at 10 AM at the church.

April DAWN Donation: Mac & Cheese, Canned Tunafish