

Worship for the Lord's Day

August 20, 2017 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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 Lights of Home* Fanny J. Crosby

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

Congregational Introit *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* **Sing the Faith #2193**

To Praise God's Name

Call to Worship

God has forgiven us and drawn us close,

Reconciling us through Jesus Christ,

Who has lavished upon us

The fullness of the blessed Holy Spirit.

With glad and grateful hearts, praise the Lord!

* **Hymn** *The Earth and All that Dwell Therein* **Hymnal #176**

Unison Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on us, Lord Jesus! Our lives have been disrupted by the devil and by our own devilish desires and evil exploits. We cannot take back what we have said or undo what we have done or atone for the agony we have caused. We are haunted by the past, plagued by the present, and fearful of the future. Help us to seek your face and turn from our wicked ways.

Silent Prayers of Confession

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

New Testament Reading *Acts 8:32-39* p.955

Anthem

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 56:1-7* p.636

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

Sermon *"An Everlasting Home"*

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 *Freely, Freely, Go in My Name* Carol Owens
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**

To Respond in Faith

* **Hymn** *In Christ There Is No East or West* Hymnal #439

Call to Discipleship

Commissioning Prayer

Charge to the Commission

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** *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* Hymnal #417

* **Charge and Benediction**

* **Congregational Amen** *Lord, I Lift Your Name
on High* **Sing the Faith
#2088**

Postlude *When We All Get to Heaven* Emily Wilson



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, August	Mark Younkin, Ron Coleman Jack Ritzer, Sang-ill Lee
Lay Reader, August 27	Ron Coleman
Lay Reader, Sept. 3	Mark Younkin
Nursery, August 27	Gary Andrews
Nursery, Sept. 3	Linda Janiak

August 21-26, Daily Lectionary Reading

MONDAY	Morning: Pss. 135; 145 Evening: Pss. 97; 112 2 Sam. 17:24-18:8 Acts 22:30-23:11 Mark 11:12-26	THURSDAY	Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12-20 Evening: Pss. 80; 27 2 Sam. 19:1-23 Acts 24:1-23 Mark 12:28-34
TUESDAY	Morning: Pss. 123; 146 Evening: Pss. 30; 86 2 Sam. 18:9-18 Acts 23:12-24 Mark 11:27-12:12	Friday	Morning: Pss. 130; 148 Evening: Pss. 32; 139 2 Sam. 19:24-43 Acts 24:24-25:12 Mark 12:35-44
WEDNESDAY	Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1-11 Evening: Pss. 48; 4 2 Sam. 18:19-33 Acts 23:23-35 Mark 12:13-27	SATURDAY	Morning: Pss. 56; 149 Evening: Pss. 118; 111 2 Sam. 23:1-7, 13-17 Acts 25:13-27 Mark 13:1-13 Sunday, August 27

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>
Chip Roark ('18) <i>Ministry Support</i>
Stephanie Moehlenkamp ('19) <i>Worship</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.
- Dean Smith's health.
- Dianne Emmett's, health.
- Ted Phillips' health.
- David Lyon, cancer.
- Hospice patients and their caregivers.
- Elaine Button, health concerns.
- Scotty Bennett, leukemia.
- Al Smith, healing from heart bypass surgery.
- Cynthia Erb, recovery from knee surgery.
- Jeremy Larkin, as he serves in the military as a helicopter pilot.
- Grant Martin (Dennis & Linda Janiak's son-in-law) deployed to Korea.
- Nancy Pittard, cancer.
- Linda Riley (Mark Younkin's mother) health concerns.
- 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! 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 **sanctuary flowers** this morning are given by Gary & Barbie Andrews for the glory of God and in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Sally Sease**.

Everyone and anyone who has signed up for, or is interested in **volunteering in the nursery** is invited to a brief meeting after worship August 27.

The **Prayer fellowship** will not meet this Wednesday.

We will have a **Coffee Hour** with light refreshments in the fellowship hall next Sunday, August 27, at 9:00 AM.

Thursday, August 24, is the deadline for articles for the **August "Link" newsletter**. Items for the Link may be e-mailed to the church office.

The **Session** meets next Sunday, August 27, at 1:00 PM for its monthly stated meeting.

Volunteers are needed to help host our Koinonia Meals, please sign-up on the bulletin board.

Volunteers are needed to provide **meals for our Youth Group** meetings, please sign-up on the bulletin board. If you have questions, please contact Dana Taylor.

Pastor Ed's Bible Study will begin September 5, at 6:30 PM at the church, this meeting will be B.Y.O.D. Bring Your Own Dinner. The other bible study time will begin Thursday, September 7, at 10 AM at the church.

August DAWN Donation: Spaghetti Sauce and Noodles