

Worship for the Lord's Day

September 9, 2018 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 AM

*An asterisk * indicates standing, as you are able.
The congregation's responses are in bold italics.*

Welcome The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Announcements *Please see the bulletin insert for all announcements.*

Prelude *Glory and Grace* arr. Ruth Schram

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

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

*I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.*

Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man,
in whom there is no salvation.

*Blessed is the one whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord his God.*

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.

*The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion,
to all generations. Praise the Lord!*

* **Hymn** *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* Hymnal #384

Prayer of Confession

God of life and truth, we have not been true to you. Our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Open us to a future in which we can be changed; to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

In God's mercy we proclaim. *Thanks be to God!*

* **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.

* **Song of Praise** *Gloria Patri* Hymnal #567

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen. Amen. Amen.*

* **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 *Still, Still with Thee* Harriet B. Stowe

During the offertory, you are invited to offer silent prayers of gratitude.

* **Song of Thanksgiving** *Doxology* Hymnal #593

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Pastoral Prayer & 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.*

* **Hymn** *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* **Hymnal #345**

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson *Psalms 125:1-5* **p.537**

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

Anthem *Unbroken Praise* arr. Richard Kingsmore

Second Scripture Lesson *Mark 7:24-30* **p.874**

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

Sermon *"A Dose of Discernment"*

* **Hymn** *If Thou but Trust in God To Guide Thee* **Hymnal #282**

* **Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *Forward Through the Ages* arr. Lyndell Leatherman



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, September	Frank & Barbara Podrebarac Rob & Susan Gilliam (Sept. 2 & 16) Jean Murphy
Lay Reader, September 16	Linda Janiak
Lay Reader, September 23	Dana Taylor
Nursery September 16	Kevin deBernard
Nursery September 23	Charlotte or Anne Mabry

Upcoming Events

September 2	10 AM Worship/Communion & Children's Church
September 3	Office Closed for Labor Day
September 4	10 AM Bible Study Noon - Men's Lunch-Taste of Italy
September 5	10 AM AAMA Meeting @ APC 11-12:30 PM Second Helping Lunch 5:30 PM Ministry Within Meeting 6 PM Christian Ed Meeting
September 9	10 AM Worship/Children's Church 11:30 AM Koinonia Luncheon 5 PM Youth Group Meeting @ Church
September 10	7 PM Boy Scouts Meets in FH
September 11	10 AM Bible Study
September 12	9:30 AM Prayer Fellowship 10:30 AM Women's Fellowship in Adult SS Room 11-12:30 PM Second Helping Lunch 5:30 PM Property Meeting 6 PM Worship Meeting
September 16	10 AM Worship/Children's Church Session Meeting after Worship
September 17	7 PM Boy Scouts Meets in FH
September 18	10 AM Bible Study Noon - Men's Lunch-El Cazador
September 19	9:30 APC Serves Lunch @ Daily Bread 11-12:30 PM Second Helping Lunch 1 PM DAWN Board Meeting
September 23	10 AM Worship/Children's Church Youth Sub-Sunday Fundraiser after Worship
September 24	7 PM Boy Scouts Meets in FH October Link Deadline
September 25	10 AM Bible Study
September 26	9:30 AM Prayer Fellowship 11-12:30 PM APC Serves Second Helping Lunch
September 29	Intercept Foster Parent Session and Brunch in FH
September 30	10 AM Worship/Children's Church

People to Contact at APC

Session (Active Elders)

Ron Coleman ('19) <i>Christian Education</i>
Kelly deBernard ('19) <i>Ministry Within the Congregation</i>
Kevin deBernard ('20) <i>Christian Education</i>
Susan Gilliam ('20) <i>Ministry Beyond the Congregation</i>
Carolyn Lees ('20) <i>Worship</i>
Stephanie Moehlenkamp ('19) <i>Worship</i>
Jack Ritzer ('20) <i>Ministry Support</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.
- Our nation and all our elected leaders.
- Hospice patients and their caregivers.
- Dianne Emmett
- Ted Phillips
- Arleatha Payne
- Ryan Hedgepeth
- Joyce Coleman
- LeeAnn Head
- Billy Robertson
- Brenda Cuthbertson
- Our service members: Jeremy Larkin, Grant Martin.
- Our homebound members: Tim Coleman, Janet Soddors, Dean Smith, Essie Moore.

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 **Martha Moore**.

APC members and guests are invited to our **Koinonia Luncheon** immediately following worship today in the fellowship hall.

Pastor Ed's **Bible Study** will meet this Tuesday, September 11, at 10 AM at the church. This week's Bible Study will look at Peter's speech at Solomon's colonnade, Acts 3:11-26.

The **Women's Fellowship** will meet this Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 10:30 AM in the adult Sunday School room, all women are invited.

The **Property Committee** will meet this Wednesday, September 12, at 5:30 PM at the church.

The **Worship Committee** will meet this Wednesday, September 12, at 6 PM at the church.

The Ministry Beyond Committee will be collecting items for the **UVA Altavista Dialysis Facility** to increase the unit's patient engagement. A list of needed items are posted on the bulletin board. Please bring all items to APC by September 16th and place them in the bin in the hall.

We will be helping to serve lunch at the **Lynchburg Daily Bread** September 19, from 9:30 AM to 12:45 PM. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the church office.

Our Church will be serving the **Second Helping Lunch**, Wednesday, September 26. Volunteers are needed to serve and provide menu items. 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.

September DAWN Donation: mac & cheese, jelly