

Worship for the Lord's Day

September 10, 2017 – 23rd 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 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* arr. Callahan

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

Congregational Introit *The Summons (v. 2)* **Sing the Faith #2130**

To Praise God's Name

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord!

**Sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful,
for the Lord takes pleasure in the people.**

Let the faithful sing for joy.

* **Hymn** *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* **Hymnal #220**

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord God, while we were still slaves to sin, you died for our salvation. Yet we still worship the false gods of the world, forgetting that you are Lord. Loving worldly wealth, we seek after our own gains and ignore your call of stewardship. Trusting worldly strength, we have not trusted your word nor followed the Word-made-flesh. Living by worldly norms, we have not shown the good fruits of our salvation. Forgive us yet again, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Choral 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

First Scripture Lesson *Exodus 12:1-6* **p.55**

Choral Anthem *The Prayer with Lead Us Lord* **Fettke**

Second Scripture Lesson *Exodus 12:7-13* **p.55**

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

Sermon *"God's Precept"*

To Thank God

* **Hymn** *What Wondrous Love Is This* **Hymnal #85**

* **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.

Schedules

Ushers, September	Alex Eubank, Garry Taylor Gary & Barbie Andrews
Lay Reader, Sept. 17	Beverly Eubank
Lay Reader, Sept. 24	Kelly deBernard
Nursery, Sept. 17	Anne Mabry
Nursery, Sept. 24	Martha Moore

September 11-16, Daily Lectionary Reading

MONDAY	Morning: Pss. 5; 145 Evening: Pss. 82; 29 1 Kings 13:1-10 Phil. 1:1-11 Mark 15:40-47	THURSDAY	Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12-20 Evening: Pss. 16; 62 1 Kings 18:1-19 Phil. 2:12-30 Matt. 2:13-23
TUESDAY	Morning: Pss. 42; 146 Evening: Pss. 102; 133 1 Kings 16:23-34 Phil. 1:12-30 Mark 16:1-8 (9-20)	Friday	Morning: Pss. 51; 148 Evening: Pss. 142; 65 1 Kings 18:20-40 Phil. 3:1-16 Matt. 3:1-12
WEDNESDAY	Morning: Pss. 89:1-18; 147:1-11 Evening: Pss. 1; 33 1 Kings 17:1-24 Phil. 2:1-11 Matt. 2:1-12	SATURDAY	Morning: Pss. 104; 149 Evening: Pss. 138; 98 1 Kings 18:41-19:8 Phil. 3:17-4:7 Matt. 3:13-17

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.
- 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.
- The Pittard family, in the death of Nancy Pittard.
- All those affected by Hurricane Irma.
- The Mason family, in the death of Joe Mason.
- All those who have been affected by Hurricane Harvey.
- 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, Janet & Jerry Sodders, 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 **Lay Reader** today is **Jenny Roark**.

The **Ministry Beyond Committee** will collect a special offering this morning designated for Hurricane Harvey Relief through the PDA. This offering 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 PDA.

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

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

The **Worship Committee** will meet this Monday, September 11, at 5:30 PM at the church.

The **Women's Fellowship** will meet this Tuesday, September 12, at 10:30 AM in the parlor, all women are invited.

The **Christian Education Committee** will meet this Tuesday, September 12, at 6:00 PM at the church.

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

The **Property Committee** will meet this Wednesday, May 10, at 5:30 PM at the church.

We will be helping to serve lunch at the **Lynchburg Daily Bread** located at 721 Clay Street Wednesday, September 20, from 9:30 AM to 12:45 PM. If you are interested, please sign up on the bulletin board by the church office.

Our Church will be serving the **Second Helping Lunch**, Wednesday, September 20. Volunteers are needed to serve and provide menu items. Please sign-up on the bulletin board.