

Worship for the Lord's Day

September 17, 2017 – 24th 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 Love of God* arr. Robert Thygerson

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

Congregational Introit *The Summons (v. 3)* **Sing the Faith #2130**

To Praise God's Name

Call to Worship

Give praise to God!

Praise the Lord, for it is God who saves.

It is God who forgives.

It is God who delivers.

Give thanks and praise to the Lord!

* **Hymn** *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* **Sing the Faith #2146**

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, you lived for us—we have not lived for you. You have called us—we have not heeded your call. You have loved us—we have not loved you nor one another. Take pity on us and forgive us, God. Help us to live for you. Help us to respond. Help us to love through Christ our Lord. 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 14:19-25* **p.58**

Choral Anthem *Light of My Soul* Tchaikovsky/Fettke

Second Scripture Lesson *Exodus 14:26-31* **p.58**

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

Sermon *"God's Protection"*

To Thank God

* **Hymn** *God the Sculptor of the Mountains* **Sing the Faith #2060**

* **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 *O How He Loves You and Me* Kurt Kaiser
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

Minister: Loving God

People: Hear our 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** *Though I May Speak* Hymnal #335

* **Charge and Benediction**

* **Congregational Amen** *Lord, Make Us More Holy* (v. 3) Hymnal #536

Postlude *Who is on the Lord's Side?* John Goss



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	Alex Eubank, Garry Taylor Gary & Barbie Andrews
Lay Reader, Sept. 24	Kelly deBernard
Lay Reader, Oct. 1	Ron Coleman
Nursery, Sept. 24	Martha Moore
Nursery, Oct. 1	Alice Barkdoll

September 18-23, Daily Lectionary Reading

MONDAY	Morning: Pss. 135; 145 Evening: Pss. 97; 112 1 Kings 21:1-16 1 Cor. 1:1-19 Matt. 4:1-11	THURSDAY	Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12-20 Evening: Pss. 80; 27 1 Kings 22:29-45 1 Cor. 2:14-3:15 Matt. 5:1-10
TUESDAY	Morning: Pss. 123; 146 Evening: Pss. 30; 86 1 Kings 21:17-29 1 Cor. 1:20-31 Matt. 4:12-17	Friday	Morning: Pss. 130; 148 Evening: Pss. 32; 139 2 Kings 1:2-17 1 Cor. 3:16-23 Matt. 5:11-16
WEDNESDAY	Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1-11 Evening: Pss. 48; 4 1 Kings 22:1-28 1 Cor. 2:1-13 Matt. 4:18-25	SATURDAY	Morning: Pss. 56; 149 Evening: Pss. 118; 111 2 Kings 2:1-18 1 Cor. 4:1-7 Matt. 5:17-20

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.
- All those affected by Hurricane Irma.
- 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 Soddors, Tim Coleman.
- Our nation and all our elected leaders.

Today's Prayers and Sermon Notes

Announcements

Welcome to Altavista Presbyterian Church! Our church exists to proclaim the good news of God's love made known in Jesus Christ, to build a fellowship of Christian love, and to serve this community and the world in the way of compassion. If you would like information concerning membership in this church or information about the Presbyterian tradition, the pastor or a greeter would be happy to assist you.

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

The **Session** meets today at 1 PM for its monthly stated meeting. If you have a prayer concern for which your elders could pray, we invite you to write it on the insert and place it in the offering.

The Presbyterian Men will meet for our **Men's lunch** at Noon this Tuesday, September 19, at El Cazador.

Pastor Ed's Bible Study will meet Tuesday at 6:30 PM and Thursday at 10 AM in the Adult Sunday School Room.

We will be helping to serving lunch at the **Lynchburg Daily Bread** located at 721 Clay Street this 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**, this Wednesday, September 20. Volunteers are needed to serve and provide menu items. Please sign-up on the bulletin board.

We will have a **Coffee Hour** with light refreshments in the fellowship hall Sunday, September 24, at 9:00 AM.

September 25, is the deadline for articles for the **October "Link" newsletter**. Items for the Link may be e-mailed to the church office.