

Worship for the Lord's Day

September 23, 2018 – 23rd 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 O Jesus, I Have Promised arr. Lani Smith

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

Call to Worship

Happy are the people

*Who do not follow the advice of the wicked
or take the path that they follow,
or sit in the seat of people who make fun of others.*

Their delight is in the law of the Lord,

And they meditate on God's law day and night.

The Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

But the way of the wicked will perish.

* **Hymn** Thine Is The Glory Hymnal #122

Prayer of Confession

God of wisdom, forgive our foolishness. We desire what we do not need and corrupt our very being with envy. You urge us to gentleness, but we stir up distress. Give us your grace, that we may harvest righteousness and peace, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Teacher, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and we can live in peace.

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** Westminster Confession of Faith

These good works, done in obedience to God's commandments, are the fruit and evidence of a true and living faith. By them believers show their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance of salvation, edify their brothers in the Lord, and become ornaments of all those who profess the gospel. Good works in believers silence the criticism of the enemies of the gospel. They also glorify God by showing that believers are the workmanship and creation of Jesus Christ, because their aim is that holiness of living which leads to eternal life. Amen.

Offering Praise to the Lord of Heaven David Paxton

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** Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds Hymnal #412

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson *Proverbs 29:11-14* p.570

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

Anthem *All Good Gifts* David Schwoebel

Second Scripture Lesson *James 2:1-7* p.1054

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

Sermon *"An Impartial Faith"*

* **Hymn** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* Hymnal #438

* **Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* Edward Broughton



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 30	Jeff Janiak
Lay Reader, October 7	Gary Andrews
Nursery September 30	Need Someone
Nursery October 7	Martha Moore

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
- Cynthia Erb
- Joyce Coleman
- LeeAnn Head
- Billy Robertson
- June Lee
- Our service members: Jeremy Larkin, Grant Martin.
- Our homebound members: Tim Coleman, Janet Soddors, Dean Smith, Essie Moore.
- Those impacted by hurricane Florence.

Today's Prayers and Sermon Notes

Announcements

Welcome to Altavista Presbyterian Church! Psalm 122 says, "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" If you are a guest among us this morning, we extend a warm greeting to you on behalf of the elders and members of this congregation. We are glad you are here to worship with us today. Please speak to one of our ushers or the pastor if there is any way this congregation can assist you.

The **sanctuary flowers** this morning are given by Jeff & Samantha Janiak for the glory of God and in celebration of their 6th wedding anniversary.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Dana Taylor**.

Pastor Ed's Bible Study will meet this Tuesday, September 25, at 10 AM at the church. This week's Bible Study will look at Peter's sermon at Cornelius' house, Acts 10:34-48.

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

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

Our Church will be serving the **Second Helping Lunch**, this Wednesday, September 26. Volunteers are needed to serve and provide menu items. Please sign-up on the bulletin board.

Intercept Youth Services will hold a foster parent information session and brunch at APC Saturday, September 29, from 10 AM – 2 PM for those who wish to know more about foster care. To RSVP please contact Sherry McCormick at 434.989.8866.

New Prospect Baptist Church in Hurt will hold a community **fundraiser** Saturday, September 29, **for Ryan Hedgepeth**. Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM followed by a movie at 6:30.

September DAWN Donation: mac & cheese, jelly