

Worship for the Lord's Day

September 24, 2017 – 25th 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 *Break Thou the Bread of Life* Winifred Winans

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

Congregational Introit *The Summons (v. 4)* **Sing the Faith**
#2130

To Praise God's Name

Call to Worship

O give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the cries of the people.

Give thanks to the Lord.

The works of the Lord are great. Remember what God has done.

Give thanks to the Lord.

God has done miracles,
and the Lord always remembers God's covenant.

Give thanks to the Lord. Glory and praise is due to the Lord!

* **Hymn** *Thanks to God Whose Word Was Written* Hymnal #331

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we have turned our ears away from your Word and toward the words of the world. We heed not your commands nor do we anchor ourselves in Scripture. Forgive us, Author of salvation. Ignite within us a desire to seek your will through your revealed Word. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Word himself. 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

Old Testament Reading *Nehemiah 8:1-8* p.420

Choral Anthem *I Put My Hope In You* Cindy Berry

New Testament Reading *II Timothy 3:14-17* p.1039

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

Sermon *"Five Solae of the Reformation: Sola Scriptura"*

To Thank God

* **Hymn** *O Word of God Incarnate* Hymnal #327

* **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 *Wonderful Words of Life* P. P. Bliss

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

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** *I Love to Tell the Story* **Insert**

* **Charge and Benediction**

* **Congregational Amen** *Lord, Make Us More Holy (v. 4)* Hymnal #536

Postlude *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations* H. E. Nichol



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, October	Janette Walker, Beverly Eubank Anne Mabry, Joyce Coleman
Lay Reader, Oct. 1	Ron Coleman
Lay Reader, Oct. 8	Martha Moore
Nursery, Oct. 1	Alice Barkdoll
Nursery, Oct. 8	Charlotte Mabry
Communion Servers, Oct. 1	Gary & Barbie Andrews Anne Mabry, Martha Moore

September 25-30, Daily Lectionary Reading

MONDAY	Morning: Pss. 57; 145 Evening: Pss. 85; 47 2 Kings 5:1-19 1 Cor. 4:8-21 Matt. 5:21-26	THURSDAY	Morning: Pss. 143; 147:12-20 Evening: Pss. 81; 116 2 Kings 9:1-16 1 Cor. 6:12-20 Matt. 6:1-6, 16-18
TUESDAY	Morning: Pss. 54; 146 Evening: Pss. 28; 99 2 Kings 5:19-27 1 Cor. 5:1-8 Matt. 5:27-37	Friday	Morning: Pss. 88; 148 Evening: Pss. 6; 20 2 Kings 9:17-37 1 Cor. 7:1-9 Matt. 6:7-15
WEDNESDAY	Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1-11 Evening: Pss. 125; 91 2 Kings 6:1-23 1 Cor. 5:9-6:11 Matt. 5:38-48	SATURDAY	Morning: Pss. 122; 149 Evening: Pss. 100; 63 2 Kings 11:1-20a 1 Cor. 7:10-24 Matt. 6:19-24

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 member, Tim Coleman.
- Our nation and all our elected leaders.
- The Soddors family, in the death of Jerry Soddors.

Today's Prayers and Sermon Notes

Announcements

Welcome to Altavista Presbyterian Church! We open wide the doors of our church to anyone who is eager to join our shared discipleship in Jesus Christ. We receive members into our church in the following ways: profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, transfer by letter of membership from other churches, or a reaffirmation of Christian faith. The Pastor or any Active Elder would be glad to discuss membership with you.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Kelly deBernard**.

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

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

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

On Sunday October 8, we will have our **Koinonia Luncheon** immediately following worship, please bring a dish to share.

Rev. Ed Soto will deliver a **five-week sermon series** on the Five Solae (Latin for "alone" or "only") of the Reformation. The Five Solae were doctrinal areas in which the Reformers saw the Medieval Church had gone astray. This is in celebration of and will lead up to Reformation Sunday, which is October 29.