

Worship for the Lord's Day

September 30, 2018 – 24th 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 *Breathe On Me, Breath of God* arr. David Lasky

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

Call to Worship

Upon this gathering of your people,

Pour out your Spirit, O Lord.

Be near to us and speak to us,

And we will proclaim your glory.

* **Hymn** *Amazing Grace* Hymnal #280

Prayer of Confession

God of steadfast love, we live in a world where we are surrounded by sinful desires and sinful approvals. Far too often we are drawn to sin. Forgive our love of sinning. Give us the eyes of our Teacher, who knows righteousness, truth, and love, that we may live as godly people in imitation of Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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*

Believers get the ability to do good works entirely from the Spirit of Christ. In addition to the other particular effects of God's grace already received, believers must be directed by the Holy Spirit in order to will and to do what pleases God. However, they are not therefore to grow spiritually lazy, waiting for some special guidance from the Spirit before doing anything commanded by God. Rather, they should diligently attempt to identify what good works God has commanded in his word and then try their best to do all of them, praying earnestly and daily for the empowering and enabling of the Holy Spirit, who lives in them. Amen.

Offering *We Walk By Faith and Not by Sight* arr. A. Giamanco

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** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* Hymnal #383

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson *Proverbs 24:23-26* p.566

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

Anthem *Flawless* arr. Ed Hogan
(Kelly deBernard & Ron Coleman)

Second Scripture Lesson *James 3:13-18* p.1055

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

Sermon *"A Wise Faith"*

* **Hymn** *Be Thou My Vision* Hymnal #339

* **Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* arr. Jonathan Noel



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	Sang-il Lee, Ron Coleman Anne Mabry
Lay Reader, October 7	Gary Andrews
Lay Reader, October 14	Stephanie Moehlenkamp
Nursery October 7	Martha Moore
Nursery October 14	Need Someone
Communion Servers, October 7	Kevin & Kelly deBernard Dennis & Linda Janiak

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	11-12:30 PM Second Helping Lunch 5:30 PM Ministry Within 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! If you are a guest with us today, we extend to you the hand of fellowship in the name of Jesus Christ. We are glad you are worshipping with us, and hope you will return. If you are interested in more information about our congregation, please speak to the pastor or one of our ushers at the door.

The **Lay Reader** today is Jeff Janiak.

The **sanctuary flowers** this morning are given by Jean Murphy for the glory of God and in honor of all those impacted by hurricane Florence in North and South Carolina.

The **Ministry Beyond Committee** will meet this Monday, October 1, at 6 PM at the church.

Pastor Ed's Bible Study will meet this Tuesday, October 2, at 10 AM at the church. This week's Bible Study will look at Paul's sermon in Antioch, Acts 13:26-52.

The Presbyterian Men will meet for our **Men's lunch** at Noon this Tuesday, October 2, at Hibachi Grill in Lynchburg.

The **Christian Education Committee** will meet this Tuesday, October 2, at 5:30 PM at the church.

The **Property Committee** will meet this Wednesday, October 3, at 5:30 PM at the church.

The **yard/bake sale** is Saturday, October 6th at 7 AM. A collection trailer will be open daily October 1st-4th from 6-7 PM. Kevin & John will pick up yard sale items Wednesday, October 3rd for those who cannot drop them off. Please call Kevin at 434.258.1713 if you have items for pick-up.

The **Peace & Global Witness Offering** for World Communion Sunday will be collected next Sunday, October 7th. This Offering will be matched by the ACT for Mission funds. Please make checks payable to APC and indicate on the memo line or the pew envelope as special offering.

October DAWN Donation: canned green beans and corn