

Worship for the Lord's Day

October 21, 2018 – 27th 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 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* arr. Jack Schrader

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

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord, for God is great indeed!

Let us sing praises for God's glorious works.

We give glory, honor, and thanksgiving to the Lord,

God makes and sustains all things. Glory to his name!

* **Hymn** *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* Hymnal #429

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we seek after reward without sacrifice. We seek to be served without first humbling ourselves. Forgive our hubris. Correct our ignorance. Guide us to be true followers of your way, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Reconciliation is ours through Jesus Christ.

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** *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 *Is Your All on the Altar?* Elisha Hoffman

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.

* **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** *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* Hymnal #372

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson *Proverbs 2:1-5* p.548

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

Anthem *Grace Us, O Lord* Joseph Martin

Second Scripture Lesson *Matthew 7:7-8* p.840

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

Sermon "Keep Seeking Answers" Elder Richard Boswell

* **Hymn** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* **Hymnal #356**

* **Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *All Creatures of Our God and King* St. Francis of Assisi

Announcements

The Session is delighted to welcome back to our pulpit **Richard Boswell**. Richard is an Elder at First Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg. He is the First Confirmed Lay Pastor trained in Our Presbytery. He is now in the First "Missional" CRE Position and has served numerous Presbyterian Churches throughout our Presbytery, including Altavista. He owns and operates an engineering sales firm. He and His Wife Elaine have two children and six grandchildren.

The **sanctuary flowers** this morning are given by the deBernard family for the glory of God and in honor of Linda Janiak's birthday.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Mark Moehlenkamp**.



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, Jean Murphy
Lay Reader, October 28	Keegan deBernard
Lay Reader, November 4	Linda Janiak
Nursery October 28	Need Someone
Nursery November 4	Martha Moore

Upcoming Events

October 1	7 PM Boy Scouts Meets in FH 6 PM Ministry Beyond Meeting @ Church
October 2	10 AM Bible Study Noon - Men's Lunch-Hibachi Grill 5:30 PM Christian Ed Meeting @ Church
October 3	11-12:30 PM Second Helping Lunch 5:30 PM Property Meeting
October 6	7 AM-1PM Yard/Bake Sale at Altavista Fire Dept.
October 7	10 AM Worship/Communion & Children's Church Collect Peace & Global Witness Offering
October 8	7 PM Boy Scouts Meets in FH
October 9	10 AM Bible Study
October 10	9:30 AM Prayer Fellowship 10:30 AM Women's Fellowship in Adult SS Room 11-12:30 PM Second Helping Lunch
October 14	10 AM Worship/Children's Church 5 PM Youth Group Meeting @ Church
October 15	7 PM Boy Scouts Meets in FH
October 16	10 AM Bible Study Noon - Men's Lunch-Applebee's
October 17	9:30 APC Serves Lunch @ Daily Bread 11-12:30 PM Second Helping Lunch 1 PM DAWN Board Meeting
October 21	10 AM Worship/Children's Church Richard Boswell Preaching
October 22	7 PM Boy Scouts Meets in FH
October 23	10 AM Bible Study
October 24	9:30 AM Prayer Fellowship 11-12:30 PM Second Helping Lunch 6 PM Session Meeting at Church
October 25	November Link Deadline
October 28	10 AM Worship/Children's Church 11:30 AM Koinonia Luncheon 5 PM Youth Group Meeting @ Church
October 29	7 PM Boy Scouts Meets in FH
October 30	10 AM Bible Study
October 31	9:30 AM Prayer Fellowship 11-12:30 PM Second Helping Lunch

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 and Michael.

Today's Prayers and Sermon Notes

Announcements

Pastor Ed's Bible Study will meet this Tuesday, October 23, at 10 AM at the church. This week's Bible Study will look at Paul's speech to the Tribunal, Acts 22:1-21.

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

The **Session** meets Wednesday, October 24, at 6 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.

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

Faith Christian Academy will host their annual **Widow and Widower Luncheon**, Monday, November 12, 11:30 AM -12:30 PM. Please contact the school at 434.324.8276 to RSVP by Thursday, November 8th.

APC have two opportunities to go to Charlotte to volunteer at the **Operation Christmas Child** Processing Center. The first is Tuesday, November 20, from 1-5 PM and the second is Saturday, November 24, from 2-6 PM. Youth must be at least 13 years old to participate. Please sign-up on the bulletin board by Sunday, November 11th.

Dinner for Eight, will be Saturday, November 17th, please sign-up on the bulletin board by November 11th, if you wish to participate.

October DAWN Donation: canned green beans and corn