



# **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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# Worship for the Lord's Day

May 24, 2020  
Seventh Sunday of Easter  
10:00 AM

*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**    *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*    arr. Robert J. Hughes  
*In order to prepare for worship, you are invited to pray silently during the prelude.*

**Call to Worship**    Psalm 68:1-10 (NASB)    **p.500**

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

In Jesus Christ we find the forgiveness we seek.

*Thanks be to God!*

**Installation and Ordination of Elders**

**Renunciations**

**Constitutional Questions**

**Prayer of Ordination**

**Declaration of Ordination**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Lesson**            *Zephaniah 3:14-20 (NIV)*            **p.816**

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

**Offering**            *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*            arr. Lani Smith

*During the offertory, you are invited to  
bring your offering to the communion table.*

## **Prayer of Dedication**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

**New Testament Lesson**            *I Thessalonians 5:1-11 (ESV)*            **p.1031**

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

**Sermon**    *"Past Teaching for Present Trial, On the End Times"*

### **Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**            *Fanfare and Trumpeting*            arr. David Paxton

## **Recommendations for a safe Return to Worship**

1. There is no obligation to come to worship. We will continue to post services online, I will continue to post short Bible Study videos, and the office will continue to receive pledges by mail.
2. Only come if you are healthy and consider staying home if you have a pre-existing condition that could be worsened by coronavirus or are anxious about being around others.
3. The choir is not obligated to sing, but is at liberty to reconvene at the discretion of the choir director and accompanist.
4. Household units are to maintain a six-foot distance between other, non-relative households.
5. Masks are encouraged for the sake of the peace of mind of others.
6. Please do not shake hands or come in physical contact with persons outside of your household, this includes myself and our musicians.
7. The offering will be collected at the front, where the plates will remain. Congregants are invited to come forward during the offertory.
8. Our sexton, Mr. Joe Barbour, will be instructed to thoroughly clean the sanctuary, especially doorknobs.

*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
- Ryan Hedgepeth
- Carol Moorefield
- Al Smith
- Carolyn Lees
- Margaret Liebchen
- Alline Ritzer
- Joyce Coleman
- Billy Robertson
- Kathi Bogert
- Our service members: Jeremy Larkin, Grant Martin
- Our homebound members: Tim Coleman, Janet Soddors, Dean Smith, Essie Moore.



## Announcements

The **sanctuary flowers** this morning are given by Ed & Betsy for the glory of God and in celebration of Teddy's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday.

We are in need of **Sunday Participants** (Lay Readers and Ushers) to serve in the ministry of the church for the month of June. Please sign-up on the bulletin board if you are available.

The **church office** will be closed Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.

# People to Contact at APC

## **Session (Active Elders)**

Kevin deBernard ('20)  
*Christian Education*

John Erb ('21)  
*Clerk of Session*

Susan Gilliam ('20)  
*Ministry Beyond the Congregation*

Carolyn Lees ('20)  
*Worship*

Barbara Podrebarac ('21)  
*Ministry Beyond the Congregation*

Jack Ritzer ('20)  
*Ministry Support*

Chip Roark ('21)  
*Property*

Janette Walker ('21)  
*Ministry Within the Congregation*

Rev. Ed Soto  
*Moderator of Session*

## **Staff**

Rev. Ed Soto  
*Pastor*

Carolyn Doss  
*Church Secretary*

Linda Giles  
*Organist*

Dennis Janiak  
*Treasurer*

Stephanie Moehlenkamp  
*Choir Director*

## **Other Contacts**

Jack Ritzer  
*The Men of the Church*