



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

September 6, 2020
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
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 *Prelude in C Minor* F. Chopin

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

Call to Worship *Psalm 119:33-40 (NKJV)* p.532

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, you command us to speak, but we have been silent. You have called us to do what is just, but we have been fearful. Have mercy on us, your faithless servants. Keep before us faithful people for us to follow so that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson *Ezekiel 33:7-11 (ESV)* p.743

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

Call to Offering

Offertory *Glory of God in Nature* Beethoven

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

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.

New Testament Lesson *Mark 7:31-37 (NASB)* p.874

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

Sermon *"Ephphatha"*

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Andante* Grieg

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.



Since we have been diligent, prudent, and precautionous during this pandemic, starting today we are reintroducing unison prayers. If you are uncomfortable with this, the worship services will continue to be posted online.

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
- Kay & Chuck Gagnon
- Robert Lovelace
- Margaret Liebchen
- Anne Andrews
- 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 Dennis & Linda Janiak for the glory of God and in celebration of Keegan's 17th birthday.

The **Lay Reader** today is Harrison Bell.

The **church office** will be closed this Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day.

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

DAWN is switching to once a month food distribution on the fourth Wednesday of each month. APC is scheduled to help with the distribution in October, so look for more details then.

People to Contact at APC

Session (Active Elders)

Harrison Bell ('22)
Ministry Support

Keegan deBernard ('21)
Youth Elder

Kevin deBernard ('22)
Christian Education

Cynthia Erb ('22)
Worship

John Erb ('21)
Clerk of Session

Linda Janiak ('22)
Ministry Beyond the Congregation

Barbara Podrebarac ('21)
Ministry Beyond the Congregation

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



Schedules

Usher for September

Lay Reader, September 13

Lay Reader, September 20

Lay Reader, September 27

Sang-il Lee

Gary Andrews

Terry Walton

Samantha Janiak